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GLOBAL AND IR PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulations to Our Spring/Summer 2009 Graduates!

The faculty and staff of the Global and International Relations Program extend our enthusiastic congratulations to our spring and summer 2009 graduates!

We are particularly pleased to salute the first graduates to complete a Global Politics major.

Our graduating class of approximately 20 students includes our Global Politics primary and additional majors; students with additional majors or minors in International Relations; and minors in Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development.

This year’s graduates are pursuing a diverse range of “next steps,” such as continuing on to graduate school (including law, public policy, business, and information systems), teaching (abroad or through the Teach for America program), entering into government service, and working for major consulting firms or banks. Wherever the road takes them, we wish our graduates all the best!

Newsletter Switches to Monthly Service for the Summer

Today’s issue of the Global and International Relations Newsletter will be the last weekly installment for the academic year. During the course of the summer, we’ll send out the

newsletter on a monthly basis, and will resume weekly service at the beginning of the next academic year. Have a great summer!

EVENTS

Workshops: “The Politics of Development”

Sunday May 17, 2009 at 3:00pm

Monday, May 18, 2009, at 6:00pm

The Pittsburgh chapter of the Association for India's Development (AID) presents workshops on the politics of development, by Dwiji Guru & Sudha Nagavarapu.

Dwiji and Sudha are activists and AID volunteers who have traveled extensively in India, visiting a variety of development projects and organizations. They will organize informal workshops on the politics of development. These workshops will cover one or more of the following topics, depending on the interests of the attendees: (1) Negotiating life from the margins - to develop an appreciation of the lives of the marginalized and oppressed communities; (2) Politics of Food & Agriculture - to understand the politics of food - its production, distribution and the associated livelihoods; (3) Health and Technology - to understand community-oriented health programs, the associated costs and technological issues related to healthcare in rural India.

For venue details and to RSVP, contact S.P. Arun (sparun@gmail.com).

Luncheon/Discussion: “A Global Business Dialogue”

Thursday, May 28, 2009

12:00pm – 1:45pm

Duquesne Club, Main Dining Room, 325 Sixth Ave, downtown Pittsburgh

Discussion with Michael C. Maibach, President & CEO, European-American Business Council

2009 John T. Ryan, Jr. Memorial Lecture, On the Occasion of the 78th Annual Meeting: A Global Business Dialogue – With Support From a Grant From the European Commission

The Trans-Atlantic relationship is the most important commercial partnership in the world. With 11% of the world's population, this market produces 60% of the world's GDP and 40% of its trade. Trans-Atlantic investment, innovation, and trade foster prosperity in Europe, the United States and the world.

But as the global marketplace changes — and global wealth shifts from West to East — will this US-European nexus still drive future trade, innovation, and competitiveness?

Michael Maibach is President & CEO of the European-American Business Council, based in Washington DC. He previously served as vice president for government affairs at Intel, where he came to be known as a leading spokesman for America's electronics industry on trade and technology, testifying frequently before the U.S. Congress and publishing widely on policy

issues. Prior to joining Intel, Maibach served as a government affairs manager at Caterpillar, Inc. and served in government in both elected and appointed positions. Maibach earned a BA and MA from NIU, a BA from California State University, a BS from American University, and an MA from Georgetown University. He also serves on the national Board of Directors of the World Affairs Councils of America.

No refunds for cancellations after Tuesday, May 26th. Please advise in advance of any dietary restrictions. Visit <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org> for more details or to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

Summer Travel Program to North Korea

Only around 1000 Americans have visited North Korea over the last fifty years and this summer P'yongyang is opening up its doors to Americans for a limited time only.

Five Passes LLC. is a new company founded by three Brown University graduates specializing in educational expeditions and exchanges.

"Inside North Korea" will be our first educational trip organized as a new company and we are thrilled to introduce our program! Through our Chinese and Korean partners, we have been granted permission to take all non-South Korean citizens to North Korea this August to watch the Arirang Mass Games in P'yongyang in addition to traveling around other parts of the DPRK and northeast China. We will personally be leading each 11-day trip and have all graduated with degrees in East Asian Studies (China and Korea focused). Come and experience the Mass Games with us!

Please visit our temporary website at <http://5passes.wordpress.com> for additional information! On the website you can learn more about our planned itinerary, program costs, application process, etc.

If you are interested, or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at 5shankou@gmail.com. Also, remember to send in your applications (by e-mail) as soon as possible, as we will be admitting participants on a first come first serve basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

For scholarships/fellowships related to study abroad, please see "Announcements: Study Abroad."

Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development Fellowship

The Northeast Asia Economic Forum (NEAEF, www.neaef.org) has been conducting the *Young Leaders Training and Research Program in Regional Cooperation and Development Fellowship* since 2006 with support from the Freeman Foundation. NEAEF is pleased to announce the

Young Leaders Program (YLP) for 2009. This year's fifteen-day training program will take place from August 16 through 29 at Dong-A University in Busan, Korea.

The Northeast Asia Economic Forum awards fellowships to support potential leaders working on the challenges and progress in regional economic cooperation in Northeast Asia, including Northeast Asia relations with the United States. Awards are granted on a competitive basis. NEAEF welcomes applications from young professionals, junior faculty, postdoctoral researchers, and advanced graduate students in economics, history, law, sociology, political science, environmental sciences, computer sciences, and related disciplines.

Fellowships are awarded to persons from China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, the Russian Federation and the United States who have demonstrated potential leadership. Applicants must be affiliated with an academic, research or business institution, nongovernmental, governmental or international organization when applying for a fellowship. Other immediate post-docs/graduates will also be considered. Candidates from Northeast Asia who are studying or working in the United States may also apply, as may U.S. candidates studying or working abroad. Candidates must be proficient in English as seminars will be conducted in English. Candidates from the U.S. must have at least a basic proficiency level of a Northeast Asian language.

The purpose of the Training and Research Program is to:

- 1) Enhance knowledge of the social, economic, and political institutions of the individual countries of Northeast Asia and North America
- 2) Encourage young leaders to consider a wide range of perspectives on regional and multilateral economic cooperation
- 3) Prepare them to work collaboratively and internationally
- 4) Provide them with practical education in policymaking through opportunities for direct dialogue with policymakers and other experts
- 5) Promote a better understanding among young leaders of individuals, countries and cultures
- 6) Foster a sense of community among young leaders

The Training and Research Program consists of seminars devoted to regional and international issues and perspectives, two days' participation in the 18th annual Northeast Asia Economic Forum Conference (August 27-28), as well as a series of working group discussions, problem-solving exercises, participant presentations, and cultural and educational activities dedicated to the host country. Other activities may include visits to local government institutions, educational institutions, NGOs, research and policy institutes to promote greater understanding of the unique aspects of Busan and Korea in order to identify areas of potential cooperation. Seminars and working groups will be led by an international faculty of leading academics, representatives of international organizations, NGOs, government officials, parliamentarians, and heads of industry.

The fellowship includes accommodation in Busan, most meals, local transportation in Busan, seminars, tuition, a field trip, training materials, registration for the Northeast Asia Economic Forum Conference (August 27-28), and may include travel to Busan, Korea from the applicant's city of residence.

Fellows are encouraged to present their current research during the seminars; however applications without an accompanying research presentation will not be penalized. Papers for presentation will be selected through a competitive process.

Fellows are responsible for securing their own visas for travel to Korea (if required) and must provide evidence of medical and liability coverage. Cost-sharing is encouraged, especially in cases where the home organization is able to cost-share.

Applicants are required to submit:

- A cover letter identifying specific research interests and how the candidate will benefit from the Training and Research Program. Please indicate in your cover letter if you are interested in presenting a research paper during the seminars and include a copy of the paper or a summary of the research in progress. Also please indicate in your cover letter your anticipated location in August 2009.
- Curriculum vitae/resume
- Two letters of reference (letters in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean are also acceptable)

All fellowship applications must be received by Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Please submit applications to: admin@neaf.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS

Spring 2010 State Department Internships

The U.S. Department of State is now accepting applications for its 2010 Spring Student Internship Program.

Visit <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SIP> for more information and to start the online application process. Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is July 1, 2009.

You must be a U.S. Citizen and a student (a full- or part-time continuing college or university junior, or graduate student - including graduating seniors intending to go on to graduate school) to be eligible. Please read the program description and vacancy announcement for more information.

Internship: King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) Program

An independent nonprofit organization that was founded in 1919, IIE is among the world's largest and most experienced international education and training organizations. The KAUST Advising and Development unit at IIE is currently seeking an intern to assist with KAUST scholarship programs.

IIE currently administers two scholarship programs (The KAUST Discovery Scholars and King Abdullah Scholars Programs) for the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST). The Discovery Scholarship is a pre-enrollment award to provide a short-term stimulus

for identifying and attracting qualified candidates for entry into KAUST as Master's students beginning in September 2009 and onwards. The King Abdullah Scholar Award identifies and supports outstanding graduate students at leading research universities worldwide who combine attributes of leadership and scholarship that are relevant to KAUST.

The intern will assist the KAUST Advising and Development unit with the following tasks:

- Independently research and collect articles on Saudi culture to be shared with staff and/or an international community of students who will study abroad in Saudi Arabia
- Assist with the development and planning of workshops based on overall student needs
- Review student activity on the Online Community
- Develop content for the Online Community including possibly drafting articles profiling students, events, and other KAUST updates
- Assist the Senior Advisor for Leadership and Capacity-Building with the production of assessment tools for KAUST Scholarship recipients.
- Assist with the implementation, results tracking and reporting of assessment tools
- Assist with Individual Development Plans for KAUST students
- Assist in drafting correspondence, tracking receipt of documents, logging data, and maintaining hard and soft copy files.
- Assist with the overall organization and maintenance of student data and documents.
- Work closely with Advisors and Coordinators on other administrative duties as assigned.
- Other research projects as assigned

This position is ideal for a student interested in learning more about educational exchanges and student advising, especially within a Middle Eastern context. While working closely with KAUST advising staff, you will be able to enhance your computer and administrative skills, and, at IIE, work with one of the leading institutions in the area of international education. The internship is paid and approximately 15 hours per week. The intern will be supervised by program staff. Academic credit is possible.

Qualifications: Education/Experience/Skills

- Computer proficiency in MSWord, Excel, Adobe Acrobat, Internet research, experience with mail merges a plus
- Undergraduate or graduate student
- Interest in student advising, educational development, and Middle Eastern culture
- Experience traveling/living abroad
- Demonstrated research and writing ability, plus excellent communications skills
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Maturity and flexibility: Ability to learn quickly and follow instructions closely

TO APPLY:

Please submit a cover letter and a resume by email or fax to:

Serena Bearman
Program Coordinator, KAUST Scholarships

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Washington, DC 20005-2403
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sbearman@iie.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS

Communication Symposium: “Global Teaching, Global Learning”

June 29 – July 1, 2009

Please join us for this year’s Communication Symposium on June 29, 30, and July 1 (Mon-Wed) and let us know you’re coming!

Our theme is “Global Teaching, Global Learning,” and our guest speakers (and expert resources!) include Jodi Crandall from the University of Maryland (UMBC) and Vivian Zamel from the University of Massachusetts in Boston (UMass Boston).

Visit <http://english.cmu.edu/research/symposium/index.html> for brief information about the symposium.

The schedule is still in process, but here is a brief overview.

On Monday June 29—Admissions in Doha & Pittsburgh, talk by Jodi Crandall, and afternoon discussions about how we understand and interpret “culture” for designing academic and metacurricular experiences.

On Tuesday, June 30—Talk by Vivian Zamel, discussions about how our pedagogies interact with multilingual students’ needs in the global teaching and learning context.

On Wednesday, July 1—Presentations and discussions about understanding literacy as developmental across the curriculum and across the 4 undergraduate years. Wrap up by Jodi Crandall.

If you have questions about the program, please email the symposium coordinator Danielle Wetzel (dfz@andrew.cmu.edu).

Please send your RSVP to Emily McCall (emccall@cmu.edu), the Symposium Co-Coordinator.

FOR FACULTY

Workshop: “Understanding Islamic Frameworks in a Global Context”

Thursday, May 21, 2009

9:00am

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This workshop is open only to faculty.

Dr. Muqtedar Khan, University of Delaware, will give the keynote address, "Islam in the Age of Multiple Crises." Additional panel discussions to include Muslim Minority Population in Europe, Islamic Finance and Commerce, Islamic Law and Politics and the Muslim Brotherhood. This faculty development seminar is free and open to all faculty members in the region. For more information, contact Gina Pierce: gbpeirce@pitt.edu.

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