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## GLOBAL AND IR PROGRAM NEWS

### Spend a Semester in Washington DC!

Carnegie Mellon undergraduates from any course of study are invited to apply to **Carnegie Mellon University Washington Semester Program (Carnegie Mellon/WSP)**, which is being sponsored by Carnegie Mellon's International Relations and Politics Program. Through this semester-long program, students live, work, and study in Washington DC, coming into direct contact with political, business and community leaders and the most pressing political and policy issues of the day. Furthermore, the International Relations and Politics Program will sponsor policy events and forums in Washington for students participating in Carnegie Mellon/WSP.

The core curriculum for each Carnegie Mellon/WSP student centers on three interrelated elements: an *internship* that allows students to take advantage of the diverse and rich offerings available in Washington DC; an *elective research project or course*; and a *seminar* focused on a particular theme. Seminar topics include American Politics; Contemporary Islam; Economic Policy; Foreign Policy; International Business and Trade; International Environment and Development; International Law and Organizations; Journalism; Justice; Peace and Conflict

Resolution; Public Law; or Transforming Communities. Some programs include a study abroad component, and academic coursework is offered through American University.

Students with strong academic records who are accepted to Carnegie Mellon/WSP are also eligible to apply for *Friedman Fellowships*, which help defray the costs of a semester in Washington. In addition to their internships, coursework, and activities, Friedman Fellows will participate in special events and activities designed to complement their work and studies. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available.

For more information, contact Traci Sebastian at [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu).

### **Kiron Skinner Named to National Security Panel**

Dr. Kiron Skinner, director of the Global and International Relations Program, has been appointed to the National Academies Committee on Behavioral and Social-Science Research to Improve Intelligence Analysis for National Security.

Read the full press release at

[http://www.cmu.edu/news/archive/2009/July/july15\\_securitypanel.shtml](http://www.cmu.edu/news/archive/2009/July/july15_securitypanel.shtml)

### **Two New Mini Courses Approved for Global Politics**

Two new mini courses have been approved for Global Politics majors/minors, both in the “International Cultures” elective category. Each of these courses counts as 3 units toward the 9 (minimum) required for the category:

*99-333 BRAZIL Today (3 units)*

CMU-Pitt-LaRoche joint course, to be held at CMU. This is a weekend course (Oct 30-Nov 2), in the same style as our previous INDIA Today and CHINA Today courses. 3 units credit with full attendance and a paper (28 hours of work). Descriptions and details forthcoming.

*99-339 Passport to Global Awareness (3 units)*

This seminar course, with instructor Indira Nair, is intended to raise the awareness of global issues rather than to study these in depth. Students will attend 12 lectures/events (average of one per week) that focus on a global topic on our or other campuses and Pittsburgh- wide. In a weekly session on Fridays, the class will come together to discuss the week’s highlights. Over the weekend, each student will post to Blackboard course site a reflective paragraph on lessons learned.

## **EVENTS**

### **Seminar: “Afghanistan Assessment: New Strategy”**

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

12:00pm – 1:30pm

RAND Corporation, Pittsburgh office, conference room 6207

On June 10, 2009 General Stanley McChrystal was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to take command of ISAF in Afghanistan. Before departing that same week, McChrystal was charged by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary General of NATO to do a 60 day assessment of conditions in Afghanistan. As part of his assessment effort, he invited a small group of civilian experts to come to Afghanistan and do an assessment designed to answering three questions: (1) can we accomplish the mission? (2) if so, how? And (3) what resources will be necessary to do so? Terry Kelly was invited to be part of this panel of experts, and will discuss the panel's findings, and some additional observations.

Dr. Terrence Kelly is a Senior Researcher with the RAND Corporation, where his primary research areas are counterinsurgency, security force assistance and nation building, with particular expertise in Iraq and Afghanistan. From February 2006 to April 2007 he served as the Director of the Joint Strategic Planning and Assessment Office in U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. In 2004, he was the Director for Militia Transition and Reintegration Programs for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, where he developed policies and programs to demobilize militias, and negotiated agreements with several major Iraqi militia leaders. He served as the Senior National Security Officer in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, held many Army field and staff positions, was a White House Fellow and served as the Chief of Staff of the National Critical Infrastructure Assurance Office. He has held faculty positions in West Point's System Engineering Department and the Mathematical Sciences Department (visiting) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, from which he received a Ph.D. in Mathematics and an M.S. in Computer and Systems Engineering, and as an Adjunct Professor of Security Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College of Public Policy and Management. He is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and holds a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Maria Falvo at [mfalvo@rand.org](mailto:mfalvo@rand.org) if you are planning to attend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD**

### **Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership**

This \$5000 scholarship is open to any female student who would like to study abroad during the summer between her sophomore and junior years. Participants in the scholarship program will develop intercultural awareness, leadership skills, and a commitment to serving others. Participants will attend a leadership retreat in the spring semester before going abroad and another retreat in the fall upon returning from abroad. Applications are due on November 6, 2009, at 4pm to OIE- Warner Hall 3rd floor. An information session will be held in September. It is advisable to begin the process at that time or earlier as the application is lengthy. The scholarship application and more information about the program may be found on the Vira Heinz Scholarship Program website. Interviews will be scheduled in late November and the selection of 3 winners will be made upon completion of the interviews. For additional information contact the campus representative, Emily Half at 412-268-5231.

## Human Rights/Public Policy-Related Programs in Cape Town and Buenos Aires

Connect-123 assists students to find challenging internship and service learning projects in a wide range of fields. Specific human rights/public policy-related opportunities include working at a legal advice center, assessing the impact of community-based interventions, helping with HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, assisting case workers at refugee centers, researching human rights-related legislation both in South Africa and internationally, and writing research reports. Projects range from research to on-the-ground training and support.

Through an extensive network of local for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, Connect-123 can tailor experiences for both undergraduate and graduate students according to their career goals. We have also formed successful partnerships with several US-based universities and can develop customized programs around specific requirements in Cape Town and Buenos Aires.

To date, we've worked with students from over 130 universities and expect to have over 250 students from 20 countries participating on our programs during 2009. For additional information and testimonials, please visit our website at [www.connect-123.com](http://www.connect-123.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

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

### Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans: Support for Graduate Education

Deadline: November 1, 2009

The purpose of the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans is to provide opportunities for continuing generations of able and accomplished New Americans to achieve leadership in their chosen fields.

The fellowships are grants for up to two years of graduate study in the United States. A fellow may pursue a graduate degree in any professional field (e.g., engineering, medicine, law, social work) or scholarly discipline in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. The fine and performing arts are included.

Under the terms of the program, a "New American" is an individual who 1) is a resident alien (i.e., holds a Green Card); or 2) has been naturalized as a U.S. citizen; or 3) is the child of two parents who are both naturalized citizens. The program is open to individuals who retain loyalty and a sense of commitment to their country of origin as well as to the United States, but is intended to support individuals who will continue to regard the United States as their principal residence and focus of national identity.

To be eligible, applicants must not be older than thirty years of age as of November 1, 2009. The applicant must either have a bachelor's degree or be in her/his final year of undergraduate study.

Those who have a bachelor's degree may already be pursuing graduate study and may receive fellowship support to continue that study. Individuals who are in the third, or subsequent, year of study in the same graduate program are not, however, eligible for this competition. Students who have received a master's degree in a program and are pursuing a doctoral degree in the same program are considered to have been in the same program from the time they began their work on their master's degree.

Each year the Fellow receives a maintenance grant of \$20,000 (paid in two installments) and a tuition grant of one-half the tuition cost of the US graduate program attended by the Fellow (up to a maximum of \$16,000 per academic year).

Visit the program's Web site for complete guidelines. <http://www.pdsoros.org/>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS**

### **Fall 2009 Internship in Washington DC: The Dershowitz Group**

The Dershowitz Group (TDG), a Washington DC based public affairs and strategic communications firm servicing policy-based clients, has four intern positions available for fall 2009. Undergraduates, recent graduates and graduate students with an interest in international affairs or energy security are encouraged to apply.

TDG services a wide range of clients including think tanks, foreign television stations, international humanitarian awards, coalitions of NGO's and a press association.

Recently, TDG organized a presidential candidate speaker's series; an experts' policy series on security threats, such as terrorism and energy security; and developed content for the first museum on terrorism. TDG has extensive strategic communications expertise advising clients on democracy and counter-terrorism related issues.

Interns may be asked to develop databases of influencers for relevant policy areas, draft business letters, talking points and FAQ sheets, and prepare client materials. Interns are frequently asked to take ownership of their projects and are given additional responsibilities based upon their professionalism and level of productivity.

The ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate a knack for research, excellent time management skills and meticulous attention to detail. They will be able to follow instructions in a precise manner, work in a fast-paced professional environment and learn from a constructive work environment. Interns will have the opportunity to work closely with senior staff with expertise in foreign policy, media relations, and journalism.

Interns will interact with clients. Strong writing and oral skills are required. A strong understanding of government, contemporary issues in foreign affairs, and journalism are preferred. Familiarity with the Middle East, Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan is a bonus, as is fluency in additional languages. Applicants should indicate their proficiency in Microsoft Office and Adobe programs.

Interested candidates should submit a resume, a cover letter and a writing sample to Julia Nayfeld at [Julia@DershowitzGroup.com](mailto:Julia@DershowitzGroup.com). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

an unpaid internship for 15-20 hours a week in a DuPont circle office keeping a website, Facebook and YouTube channel updated.

### **Fall Internship in Washington DC: World Organization for Human Rights USA**

World Organization for Human Rights USA, a small (4 attorneys, 1 executive assistant, 1 director, half a dozen legal interns) human rights group, focuses on impact litigation. Our clients are refugees and asylum seekers in the United States fleeing FGM, forced marriage or human trafficking. We also file civil suits on behalf of our clients to hold governments and corporations accountable for torture and other human rights abuses. Our focus is on human rights in the United States.

We will be considering internship applications until the end of August. The most important skill an intern must have is clear, accurate, concise writing. She will be working with human rights attorneys, writing about legal issues, which makes attention to detail a must. She will also get to surf around YouTube looking for human rights videos to favorite for our YouTube channel, and find cool applications to use on our Facebook page.

This summer the intern, a CMU student, redesigned the website and blog, and created the YouTube channel and Facebook page from scratch—this new intern will be working with systems she created. This is a fun job with a lot of opportunity for learning about what it means to be a human rights attorney, and for truly helping some of the world's most vulnerable people.

For more information, visit the website (<http://humanrightsusa.org/>) or the blog (<http://humanrightsusa.blogspot.com/>, which includes a post that will direct you to our YouTube channel and Facebook page).

### **Fall Internships in Washington DC and Berkeley CA: Mobilize.org**

From an idea of one Millennial at UC Berkeley to a nationwide network of Millennials, Mobilize.org is the national civic engagement organization dedicated to Millennial Generation ideas, discussion, and empowerment.

Mobilize.org is an all-partisan civic engagement organization dedicated to educating, empowering, and energizing Millennials to increase our civic engagement and political participation. We work to show Millennials how public policy impacts our lives, and more importantly – how we can impact public policy.

Mobilize.org is seeking applicants to join our team as unpaid fall 2009 Interns.

#### **Intern Responsibilities**

\* Design, execute, and implement local and statewide programming in conjunction with

Mobilize.org's mission and under the advisement and direction of the Program Director

- \* Assist in designing and executing fundraising campaigns
- \* Assist in any programmatic or administrative endeavors of Mobilize.org

#### Qualifications

- \* Ability to self-regulate and work as part of a cross-country network of staff members, both on and offline,
- \* Eagerness to work with a wide range of members of the Millennial Generation, ages 18 to 30,
- \* Must have an interest in issues concerning the Millennial Generation, ranging from issues of technology, voting rights, and youth voice,
- \* Demonstrated commitment to youth politics and youth issues,
- \* Exemplary written and verbal communication skills essential,
- \* Strong organizational skills essential, and
- \* Experience with on or offline advocacy is a plus.

Hours are flexible based on the intern's schedule and Mobilize.org's needs.

Please submit a resume and cover letter to Program Director Katie Taylor, at [katie@mobilize.org](mailto:katie@mobilize.org). Please email [katie@mobilize.org](mailto:katie@mobilize.org) or call (925) 788-0438 for additional information or with any questions.

### **Fall Internship in Washington DC: British Council**

Each semester the British Council in the United States, (Washington DC Office) offers the following paid internship opportunity to two students. The interns get involved with all aspects of our work and develop a broad range of skills. We work hard to ensure that they have a useful and productive time with us and include them in any and all events that we are involved with. The next internship will start in September and we will interview in mid-August.

Ideally candidates have:

- A strong interest in the UK and international/cultural relations;
- Excellent writing skills;
- A keen eye for detail;
- An ability to meet deadlines and good time management skills;
- Good team working and an ability to multitask.

Application deadline is Monday, August 10. For more details and application instructions, visit <http://www.britishcouncil.org/usa-about-us-career-opportunities-internship-program.htm>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

### **E-texts on U.N. Peacekeeping and Related Topics**

The Peace Operations Training Institute is an international not-for-profit organization that provides self-paced distance education on U.N. peacekeeping and related topics. Our courses are used by United Nations military and civilian peacekeepers, police, and humanitarian relief

workers world-wide. In response to an increase in interest from the U.S. and international university community, we have developed a program, The Academia and Model U.N. Bookstore, that allows university students, faculty and staff to enroll in our distance courses at a reduced tuition.

Several universities world-wide currently offer our courses as supplemental reading or primary text material for undergraduate and graduate curricula. Institute texts are currently in use at public and private universities in the U.S. and Europe.

We offer a curriculum of 22 different course titles which include; *An Introduction to the U.N. System, Ethics in Peacekeeping, Gender Issues in Peacekeeping, International Humanitarian Law and the Law of Armed Conflict and Global Terrorism* in English, French and Spanish. For the full list of course titles, please visit our website at <http://edu.peaceopstraining.org/>. Our distance education courses are all self-paced and the student may begin at any time. Students may enroll through the Academia and Model U.N. bookstore in each course for US\$50.00 or all 22 courses for US\$500.00. After enrolment, students may download all course materials, access video supplements to courses, participate in the message board and/or Facebook Group, e-mail directly with course authors, take the End-of-Course Examination (submitted on line) and (when achieving a passing score of 75%) download their individual Certificate-of-Completion.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS**

### **19th International Youth Leadership Conference**

January 4 – January 9, 2010

Prague, Czech Republic

Join prominent university students from 40 different countries for an experience of a lifetime!

This winter Civic Concepts International will be welcoming 100 students from 40 different countries for an open-minded exchange of diverse perspectives on contemporary global challenges.

The IYLC involves participants in:

- § Simulation of a UN Security Council Meeting
- § International Criminal Court mock pre-trial
- § Model European Parliament proceedings
- § Visits to foreign embassies, governmental and other institutions
- § Group debates and panel discussions on subjects of global importance
- § Meeting and dinners with diplomats, politicians and experts

The IYLC is a unique cross-cultural and networking opportunity that will help you build lifelong friendships.

For more information and application, please visit [www.CzechLeadership.com](http://www.CzechLeadership.com).

Apply early to take advantage of the Early Bird discounts.

## FOR FACULTY

### Call for Papers/Abstracts/Submissions: 8th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities

January 13 - 16, 2010  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Submission Deadline: August 21, 2009

Sponsored by: University of Louisville - Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods

Web address: <http://www.hichumanities.org> Email address: [humanities@hichumanities.org](mailto:humanities@hichumanities.org)

The 8th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities will be held from January 13 (Wednesday) to January 16 (Saturday), 2010 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa and the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference will provide many opportunities for academicians and professionals from arts and humanities related fields to interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines. Cross-disciplinary submissions with other fields are welcome.

All areas of Arts & Humanities are invited.

You may submit your paper/proposal by using our online submission system! To use the system, and for detailed information about submitting see:

[http://www.hichumanities.org/cfp\\_artshumanities.htm](http://www.hichumanities.org/cfp_artshumanities.htm)

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