

# International Studies Newsletter

## November 2009

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### **1. Announcements and Kudos**

By now, you should have all received notice that the new **International Studies academic advisor, Karmen Berger**, is here and seeing students in her office in International Programs. We'd like to welcome Karmen again and remind you to call 319-335-0368 to schedule appointments with her. Please remember to bring a proposed schedule to your registration appointment; we'd encourage you to try out the iFolio while you're planning: <http://international.uiowa.edu/international-studies/students/ba/e-folio.asp>.

**UI offices will be closed 11/26-11/27** in observance of Thanksgiving. Our office will be open the rest of that week (11/23-11/25) if you need to contact us (319-335-0368). Happy Thanksgiving!

### **2. News and Events**

**Know Your Rights training:** The UI Center for Human Rights is pleased to announce another opportunity to participate in a unique training program to educate and empower immigrants to "Know Their Rights" and help to end injustices. This training opportunity will include discussion of the detention and deportation system, immigration and civil rights law, and international human rights law. The training will take place 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7 in University Capitol Centre 2520-D. If you would like to attend, or would like more information, please email us at [chelsea-moore@uiowa.edu](mailto:chelsea-moore@uiowa.edu). An RSVP is required for attendance. We look forward to seeing you!

**International Mondays:** These events are held on Mondays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Meeting Room A at the Iowa City Public Library. They are free and open to the public, and refreshments are provided.

- November 9, Resmiye Oral, M.D., *Clinical Director of Child Protection Program, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Iowa*, **Establishment of Interdisciplinary Child Protection Teams in Turkey 2002-2006: Multi-Center Collaboration on Improving the Clinical Management of Child Abuse and Neglect**
- November 16, International Education Week Lecture: Aubree Miller, *2005 graduate of Spanish and International Studies, University of Iowa*, **Teaching English in Spain**

**Career Leadership Academy (CLA):** Connect your classroom experiences to your career! The CLA is a 4 semester program where students earn 1 s.h. of credit each semester. The

CLA includes a weekly academic seminar to discuss leadership and group dynamics, career exploration, professionalism, and what employers are looking for. You'll also have exclusive opportunities for networking with employers and community leaders. You may enter the CLA this spring; to get involved or for more information visit [www.careers.uiowa.edu/leadershipacademy](http://www.careers.uiowa.edu/leadershipacademy).

**UICHR Anniversary Conference and Activities:** The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (UICHR), a part of International Programs, celebrates its 10th anniversary this year with a series of speakers, films and other activities in November featuring the work of human rights scholars and activists at the UI and around the world, and discussions of diverse human rights issues. Please view the schedule and event details at [www.uichr.org](http://www.uichr.org).

**2009 International Education Week:** International Education week is observed in over 100 countries worldwide and celebrates the many ways international education and exchange opportunities prepare citizens for community building in both national and international settings. Join International Programs in helping us celebrate the 2009 International Education Week; check out the schedule of events at <http://international.uiowa.edu/outreach/community/education-week.asp>.

### **3. Research Events and Opportunities**

International Studies students will be **presenting their research** at a variety of upcoming events. Support your fellow ISBAs and come to these events to learn more both about their work and about opportunities for research and funding that may interest you, and check out the last event for a great opportunity for you to present your work as well:

- **A Presentation of Recent Undergraduate Research in Africa**, sponsored by the African Studies Program, Wednesday, November 4, 12:00-1:00 pm, 1117 University Capitol Centre (International Commons). Undergraduates Paul Worrell and Brian Buh will present on their respective research projects in South Africa.
- **International Programs Student Funding Expo**, Wednesday, November 18, 3:00-5:00 pm, 1117 University Capitol Centre (International Commons). In addition to support for study abroad, International Programs (IP) also provides [funding support](#) for research, experiential learning, internships, language learning, and travel to conferences. Stop by the IP Funding Expo to learn more about the wide range of funding programs available through IP. Students will present posters and other visual materials from their trips. Refreshments will be provided. This event is part of [International Education Week](#), 11/16-11/20.
- **Fall Undergraduate Research Festival**, Thursday, December 3, 3:30-5:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor UCC. If you've done undergraduate research, you are invited to participate in this event, even if you have presented your research before in another capacity or are not yet finished with your project. Take advantage of this great opportunity to gain professional presentation experience; some good fits would be students who have done research over the summer or during a study abroad or internship or those who are currently working on or have completed the IS Senior Project. Contact Katie Wildman at [icru@uiowa.edu](mailto:icru@uiowa.edu) for more details; registration for the event is due Wednesday, 11/18.

**IRB Information Session:** Do you plan on conducting a research project abroad or on gathering data while overseas? Elona Mclees, an IRB application analyst from the Human Subjects Office,

will discuss the Institutional Review Board approval process for human subjects research, particularly tailoring information to students conducting international research. Please join us on November 4th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the International Commons, 1117 University Capitol Centre. We hope to see you there!

**ICRU's (Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates) "How To" Professional Development Series!** Join us at any or all of the following workshops to learn more about (1) Scientific Communication: Understanding and reading research articles, Monday, Nov 9, 6:30-7:30pm, (2) Getting Involved in Research, Thursday, Nov 12, 6:00-7:00pm, and (3) Making a Professional Poster, Wednesday, Nov 18 6:00-7:00pm. All workshops in the Blank Honors Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor South Commons. More information: [icru@uiowa.edu](mailto:icru@uiowa.edu), <http://www.uiowa.edu/icru/>

#### **4. Upcoming Deadlines**

The deadline to apply for the \$1,000 International Studies study abroad scholarship for spring 2010 study abroad is **November 15, 2009**. Read the scholarship requirements and fill out an application online at <http://international.uiowa.edu/international-studies/students/ba/study-abroad.asp>. Please note that **no late applications will be accepted**, so apply today!

Final copies of International Studies Senior Projects and Honors Theses are due to the International Studies program office by 5:00 pm on **Friday, December 11**. You need your faculty mentor's signature on the [Cover Sheet](#) signifying that you've completed the project successfully, so **please talk with your mentor in advance** to agree on a deadline by which you'll turn in a final copy to them so they can sign off on the Cover Sheet before the December 11 deadline.

#### **5. Job, Internship, and Fellowship Opportunities**

**The Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice:** The goals of the Wellstone Fellowship Program are three-fold: 1. To address disparities in access to health care; 2. To inspire Wellstone Fellows to continue to work for social justice throughout their lives; and 3. To increase the number and racial and ethnic diversity of up-and-coming social justice advocates and leaders. Families USA will select one talented and motivated candidate to fill this 12-month fellowship. Application deadline is February 5, 2010, for the August 2010 – July 2011 fellowship. For more information and application instructions, go to <http://www.familiesusa.org/fellowships/wellstone-fellowship.html>.

**Scholarship & Fellowship info from the Honors Program:** Take your learning to a new level through one of these competitive fellowship programs! Some scholarships require institutional nominations. Even if a nomination is not required, we encourage you to contact the UI Honors Scholarship Director before applying: [andrea-beloy@uiowa.edu](mailto:andrea-beloy@uiowa.edu), (319) 335-1874.

- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellowship (<http://www.carnegieendowment.org/about/index.cfm?fa=jrfellows>) - UI deadline Nov 13
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship (<http://honors.uiowa.edu/scholarships/international/rotary.shtml>) – deadlines vary
- Humanity in Action Summer Fellowships (<http://honors.uiowa.edu/scholarships/international/hia.shtml>) – deadline TBA

**Minority Health and Health Disparities International Research and Training:** Attend an information session on this opportunity this Friday, November 6, 3:00-5:00 pm, 1117 University Capitol Centre. For more information on this program, including covered expenses and eligibility, visit <http://oge.grad.uiowa.edu/iba/MHIRT>.

Iowa Council for International Understanding is looking for an **International Language Programs and Intern Manager**. All resumes should be received by November 6, 2009, 5:00 p.m. for consideration. For more information about ICIU and a complete job description, go to [www.iciu.org](http://www.iciu.org).

**Spring 2010 Internship with the Iowa Council for International Understanding** through the Des Moines Center Program: EXPO Job ID#19559. For more information please contact Crystal Stockdale at the Pomerantz Career Center by phone at 319-335-1023 or email at [crystal-v-stockdale@uiowa.edu](mailto:crystal-v-stockdale@uiowa.edu). Further information can also be obtained through viewing the internship on EXPO by searching for the Job ID numbers listed with the above internship.

**Global Youth Connect Summer 2010 International Human Rights training program in Bosnia:** Global Youth Connect is an international human rights organization which is building and supporting a community of youth who are actively promoting and protecting human rights, and educating and inspiring the next generation to work for peaceful change. Program and application information are available online at: [www.globalyouthconnect.org/participate](http://www.globalyouthconnect.org/participate). Application deadline is 01/10/2010.

The deadline to apply for the **Washington Center Internship Program in Sydney** has been extended to November 13 in order to give students additional time to apply. Learn more at [www.twc.edu/internabroad](http://www.twc.edu/internabroad) and contact David Fitzgerald in the Pomerantz Career Center at [david-fitzgerald@uiowa.edu](mailto:david-fitzgerald@uiowa.edu) for additional information about the Washington Center.

## **5. Volunteer and Service Learning Opportunities**

Students Serve, a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is accepting **applications for service project grants**. Students Serve provides money to college students so that they can use their knowledge and talents to make a difference in the community. The next deadline to apply for funding is November 15. Learn more about the program and application process at <http://www.studentsserve.org/>.

**Peace Corps Information Sessions:** Are you ready to make a difference in the world? Come to a Peace Corps informational meeting and learn more about what it's like to be a Peace Corps volunteer. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings will be held Monday, November 16, and Monday, December 7, 7:00-9:00 pm, Jones Commons, 3rd Floor North Lindquist Center. Visit [www.peacecorps.gov/application](http://www.peacecorps.gov/application) to apply online, or set up an appointment with the UI Peace Corps Campus Representative, Fran Boyken, 319.335.0347, [peacecorps@uiowa.edu](mailto:peacecorps@uiowa.edu).

**Global Engagement Summer Institute:** Are you passionate about global change, committed to learning by doing, and ready to engage in hands-on international development? The Northwestern University Center for Global Engagement is opening up to non-Northwestern students a unique summer program in Bolivia, Nicaragua, India, and Uganda called the Global Engagement Summer Institute. Visit [www.mycge.org](http://www.mycge.org) to learn more, or sign up [here](#) for our mailing list.

### **Salvation Army needs local volunteers:**

- **Red Kettle Campaign:** The Salvation Army will have UI week November 30 – December 4. Throughout this week, UI students, student groups, and staff can sign up and ring bells at the various locations for The Salvation Army. There will be a contest for the student organizations and a traveling trophy awarded to the group that raises the highest amount. All the proceeds from the Red Kettle campaign go directly into helping the community of Johnson County. These donations are a vital component to life changing services we are able to provide. You can find out more at: <http://www.icsalvationarmy.org>.
- **Project Holiday:** The remaining BIG TWO events with which the Salvation Army desperately needs help from volunteers are: 1. Toy/Gift Sorting – Volunteers will be sorting all donated toys and gifts by age and gender relevancy on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AND FROM 5-9 PM; 2. Packing the Gift Bags – Volunteers will be selecting and bagging gifts for the children/youth of individual families on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON AND FROM 5-9 PM. Anyone who wishes to participate in either of the events should contact Captain Jennifer Smith: 337-3725 (office) or 541-2758 (cell).

### **6. Essay Contests**

**The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics** is an annual, national competition designed to challenge college students to analyze the urgent ethical issues confronting them in today's world. The 2010 deadline for applications is January 8. Open to full-time juniors and seniors. Visit [www.eliewieselfoundation.org](http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org) for more information, and contact [andrea-beloy@uiowa.edu](mailto:andrea-beloy@uiowa.edu) if you are interested in applying!

**2009 International Education Week Essay Contest: *International Ink*.** *International Ink* is open to both international students studying at the University of Iowa and UI students who have studied abroad. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Learn more at <http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/students/returnees/photo-contest/default.asp>.