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**1. Thinking about the Future**

Fall 2006 registration starts on Monday, April 3. If you haven't already stopped by for advising, please sign up or stop by for an appointment (Miguel 414) during the first week of April. All International Studies majors and minors are required to take five core courses.

There are a few courses that are being offered this summer that can count for your major:

Summer Session I:                   ECON 202 Microeconomics (Core prerequisite)

Summer Session I & II:           RELS 300: Yoga, Philosophy, Praxis and Art (Asian Studies)

There are also some courses offered at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. If you want to see if any of them may count for your major, come see me.

**Juniors**, if you want to go abroad or to Washington, DC in the fall, time is almost out. If you are thinking about going abroad or to Washington, DC in Spring 2007, you should start your planning at the beginning of the fall semester. **Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors**, if are interested in doing an internship for credit this summer or during the 2006-07 academic year, stop by Career Services and talk with Doris Pechman.

**Seniors**, if you haven't gone up to Career Services yet and you are not sure what you will be doing after graduation, now is the time. They are hoping to see all seniors before you graduate. If you have a job or have been accepted to graduate school, please let me know.

Finally, the Senior-Alumni Dinner will be on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 pm in the Faculty Dining Room. If you have not received an invitation and want to come, e-mail [pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu](mailto:pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu) ASAP. The deadline is April 12.

Have a great month!

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## 2. Upcoming Events

### **Rebuilding Afghanistan – Renewing Hope**

Campus Ministry & Social Action and Catholic Relief Services together with the Peace Studies, International Studies and Lasallian Collegians will host “Rebuilding Afghanistan - Renewing Hope” on **Monday, April 3rd** at 7:30 pm in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311). Speakers include Huma Safi: Community-based Education Project Manager in Afghanistan; and Melody McNeil: Agribusiness Support Program Manager in Afghanistan. Refreshments will be served.

### **French Movie Night**

Join the French Club in watching the French comedy “Le Diner de Cons” on **Wednesday, April 5th** at 5:30 pm in Cornerstone on the second floor of Miguel Hall.

### **Not-for-Profit Career Fair**

The Not-for-Profit Job/Internship Career Fair will take place on **Wednesday, April 19th** from 2:00-5:00 pm in Smith Auditorium. All students and alumni are encouraged to attend and bring resumes. Dress is professional.

### **Government/International Studies/Peace Studies/Urban Studies Dinner**

On **Wednesday, April 26th**, the International Studies Program will join the Government Department and the Peace Studies and Urban Studies Programs in our third annual Student/Alumni Dinner. This year’s program will feature the induction of students into Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies Honor Society and Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society. We often have an alumni guest speaker. It is a nice event and will give you the opportunity to interact with our alumni and see old friends. All Senior International Studies majors and minors are invited. If you are an underclassman and want to come, let me know. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details. Alumni, please RSVP ASAP. If you need an invitation, e-mail [pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu](mailto:pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu)

### **The Truth and Reconciliation Process in South Africa**

Come learn more about post-Apartheid South Africa in this talk by Fr. Michael Lapsley, director of the Institute for Healing of Minorities in Cape Town, South Africa. The lecture will be on **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 4:00 pm in the Alumni Room, O’Malley Library. For additional information, contact Prof. Marie-Claire Picher, Modern Foreign Languages Department., ext. 7917.

### 3. International Studies Honor Society Induction

The induction ceremony for Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies Honor Society, will take place on Wednesday, April 26, in conjunction with the induction ceremony for the Government Honors Society and a joint Government/Peace Studies/Urban Studies/International Studies dinner.

To become a member of Sigma Iota Rho, students must have taken at least 15 credits in International Studies, have a 3.3 GPA overall and a 3.5 GPA in the International Studies major.

This year's honorees are Jennifer Diestra and Melissa Lynch. Tony Azios was inducted last year as a junior and will also be honored.

Congratulations!



### 4. Alumni News

**Marissa Gross** [miastellabella@optonline.net](mailto:miastellabella@optonline.net) (2005) stopped by on her spring break from Seton Hall's School of Diplomacy. She has had a great year in the graduate program and currently applying for internships at the UN. If anyone wants to learn more about the program there, feel free to contact her.

**Blair Lampe** [meblair@gmail.com](mailto:meblair@gmail.com) (2005) is back from seven months of traveling the world. She stopped in New York on her way to spending two months with family and friends in Texas and performing bride's maid duty for a friend from high school. Her favorite places that she has been so far have been Thailand and Indonesia. If you want to read about her adventures in a Buddhist monastery, trekking through the Sumatran rainforest and communing with monkeys, or her brief trip to Cairo, her stop in Kiev or the fall months in Europe, read her blog at <http://blogs.bootsnall.com/Blair/>

**Hanni Liliedahl** [hannililiedahl@gmail.com](mailto:hannililiedahl@gmail.com) (2005) writes: "So, things are going quite well here in Japan. I have been consistently reminded of how many things I really and truly love and appreciate about his country. One, the beautiful and delicious food...and number two, the hot springs!!!!!!!!!!!! Not to mention a ton of other great assets!!!! Karaoke, fashion, vending machines, etc, etc..."

"Other than that...I spend a lot of time by myself...reading, walking, relaxing, having long sittings at coffee shops and tea houses... just being. I guess that it's just so opposite than where I was in my life last year this time...always busy, always surrounded by people, always with twice or three times more things to do than I actually have time to get done. This new feeling is refreshing! It won't last forever, but I am truly enjoying it right now! It makes appreciating my time here in Asia all the more easily eventful!"

**Erica Howard** [ericam256@hotmail.com](mailto:ericam256@hotmail.com) (2004) became a New York City Teaching Fellow last summer. She writes: “I am teaching a second grade bilingual class in East Elmhurst, Queens. It is going very well, and has certainly been a learning experience.

The most exciting thing going on is that I have a new daughter, Eva Somerset Peralta. She was born February 12 (during the snowstorm).” Here is a picture:



## **5. Internship, Job, Scholarship and Summer Opportunities**

### **Summer Course in Sri Lanka**

American University's School of International Service (SIS) and Washington Semester Program (WSEM) are offering a 3-week summer course based in Sri Lanka on community-based development and environment in the post-Tsunami context.

This course is open to graduate students as well as undergraduates. The overseas dates are tentatively set for June 30 to July 21. There will be an advanced online course component to prep students about Sri Lanka prior to arrival in Sri Lanka.

Some scholarship money is available to qualified applicants. All the details can be found at: [http://www.iedonline.net/sri\\_lanka.htm](http://www.iedonline.net/sri_lanka.htm) and more specifically on the course at: [http://www.iedonline.net/SI\\_course.htm](http://www.iedonline.net/SI_course.htm)

## **Summer Opportunity in Tanzania**

Join *Visions in Action* in a meaningful six-week summer experience in Kimbushi in Nkuu village, Tanzania located on the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro! Volunteer in a summer program hosted by *Visions in Action* where you will contribute to sustainable development by assisting local residents of Kimbushi, Tanzania with the expansion of their technical secondary school.

The program runs from June 18 – July 29, 2006. The program fee of \$2800 includes accommodation, food, visas, and international health insurance. It does not include airfare, immunizations, personal items such as souvenirs and unscheduled trips.

**Week 1 - 2:** Cultural Orientation: Kiswahili language classes and cultural immersion via homestays

**Week 3 - 5:** Volunteers will assist in local residents' efforts to expand a local technical secondary school in Kimbushi

**Week 6:** Discover Tanzania via excursions to Arusha National Park, Tarangire National Park and a visit to a Maasai boma

For more information and to apply, visit [www.visionsinaction.org](http://www.visionsinaction.org)

## **Summer United Nations Conference**

The Council for American Students in International Negotiations (CASIN) would like to extend this invitation to its members and other eligible candidates to attend the United Nations Conference to review progress made in the implementation of the programme of action to prevent, combat, and eradicate the illicit trade in SMALL ARMS and LIGHT WEAPONS in all its aspects ("RevCon 2006"). The Conference is scheduled to take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York City, New York, June 26 to July 7, 2006.

Application Deadline is April 16, 2006.

Please note that while the actual conference will take place on the above date, we are accepting applications for at least one week: June 25 – 30, 2006 or July 2 – July 7, 2006.

Eligible candidates will participate in the Conference as delegates of CASIN, through the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA).

For further information, please visit the following website and if interested, complete the application form. <http://www.americanstudents.us/revcon2006.shtml>

## **Teach English in Taiwan!**

There are openings for seven teaching positions in Taiwan for individuals with a Bachelor's degree. The position is for native English speakers who would teach English language skills to children in Taiwan schools. The teachers' salary is in the range of US\$18,500 - USD22,500 per year. The living expenses are quite reasonable, so teachers coming to Taiwan should be able to save about US\$1,000 per month. Teachers can expect to teach preschool and kindergarten children during the day and grade school aged children in the afternoon.

This opportunity is being offered as part of a new program that seeks to offer teachers training and practical experience for young graduates who are interested in a TESOL/TEFL career. Candidates can expect to sign up for a one year commitment. At the end of this period, the new teacher can expect a TESOL certificate, membership in Taiwan's oldest and biggest private teachers association, networking contacts throughout Taiwan's ESL industry, a positive teaching experience and exposure to a new and different culture with all the prerequisite adventure and experiences while saving enough money to help pay off student loans.

Requirements:

Bachelor's degree (BA or BS)

Native English speaker (US passport)

Sign one year contract

Be open-minded to new experiences and cultures

Patient with children

Creativity and outstanding organizational skills

The candidate in Taiwan is provided with a work permit, resident visa, medical insurance and assistance in locating housing.

Apart from this, the candidates can explore not only Taiwan, but all of Asia, as Taiwan is only two hours away from most other countries in Asia.

If you are interested, send your resume, photo and contact info to: [mike@go2teachenglish.com](mailto:mike@go2teachenglish.com)  
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## **Council on Foreign Relations**

The Council on Foreign Relations is looking for a summer intern for their Corporate Program. The responsibilities of the intern will include (but are not limited to):

- Providing project support for special departmental initiatives that will focus on strengthening outreach or programming for the Council's Corporate members
- Researching multinational companies that are current members or that may be interested in joining the Corporate Program
- Participating in the administration of meetings, including making follow-up phone calls to invitees and staffing events
- Maintaining accurate Corporate member records
- Assisting with general administrative duties as required

### Qualifications:

- Undergraduate or graduate student with a concentration in International Relations and/or Business/Economics
- Experience in a corporate environment preferred; prior administrative experience required
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Strong computer skills; proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel
- Excellent attention to detail
- Superior telephone etiquette
- Candidates should be prepared to work full time.

The intern will report to the Associate Director of Corporate Affairs. A modest stipend is offered upon completion of the internship.

Qualified candidates may email, fax, or mail their resume and cover letter **INCLUDING POSITION NAME, DAYS AND TIMES AVAILABLE TO WORK** to the above address. The Council on Foreign Relations is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The Council on Foreign Relations is an equal opportunity employer and actively seeks candidates from a diverse background. **Deadline is April 20.**

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### **Useful WWW Sites:**

#### **International Volunteer Opportunities:**

<http://www.skidmore.edu/administration/career/intvolunteer.htm>

#### **Scholarships and Fellowships for Study Outside the US:**

<http://scholarships.fatomei.com/scholar14.html>

## 6. Essay Competition

The Atlantic Council of the United States Office of Education announces its 2006 Student Essay Contest.

The Indispensable Partnership?

How can the transatlantic relationship meet the global challenges of the 21st century?

The challenges facing the international community are increasingly complex and global in nature, and, thus, seem to require a collective response. Applicants should identify the primary challenges facing the world today and examine if and how the transatlantic partnership might most effectively address them. Judges will consider whether the essay demonstrates a strong understanding of current and historical factors in the transatlantic relationship, presents a focused and well-reasoned consideration of the topic, displays originality in analysis, and exhibits clear writing.

The first-place winner will receive a \$500 prize and will be flown to Washington to attend the inaugural Christopher Makins Lecture on 31 May 2006. Named for a past president of the Council, the lecture will feature an address by a high-ranking expert in the field of international relations. The second- place winner will receive a \$250 prize. Both winners will have their work published on the Council's website and submitted to various student journals.

Currently enrolled undergraduate-level students studying in any discipline at a U.S. university are encouraged to apply. There are no nationality or citizenship restrictions.

Applicants should submit 1,000-1,500 word essays, as well as a cover sheet containing their name, full contact information (including email), and university to

Student Essay Contest  
c/o Carmen K. Iezzi  
Atlantic Council of the United States  
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Essays must be received by 5:00 pm on 17 April 2006.

For more information, please see <http://www.acus.org/programs-education.asp>

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