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1. The End of Semester is Here!

Yes, the Fall 2005 semester is coming to a close. It has been a busy – and sometimes tough – semester for everyone. But now is the time to focus on finishing up those final papers, studying for those exams and getting ready for the new year.

Seniors, if you haven't been up to Career Services yet, make sure you do so. Graduation is just around the corner. For everyone else, are you interested in doing an internship? If so, start planning. Talk to Career Services and check out the announcements at the end of this issue. Sophomores, are you interested in studying abroad or in Washington, DC? Think about it so you are ready to plan for next fall abroad when you get back in January. Alumni and current students don't forget to mark your new 2006 calendars for the Annual Government/International Studies/Peace Studies/Urban Studies Dinner on Wednesday, April 26, 2006.

I'll be on-line throughout the Christmas break if you have any questions or concerns. If you have any suggestions for programs or speakers for the spring, please let me know. You can e-mail me at pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu.

Good luck on your exams. I hope all of you have a pleasant holiday and a healthy and safe new year.

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2. Model UN Wins Three Awards in DC

Manhattan College's Model United Nations team recently won three awards at the second annual Invitational Model United Nations (IMUN) Conference held November 17 to 20 in Washington, D.C. The conference, which is designed to help prepare students to compete in the national annual spring conference in New York City, was sponsored by the American Center for International Policy Studies (AMCIPS). About 150 students, who represented 30 countries, participated in the IMUN conference. The Conference included opening ceremonies at the State Department as well as briefings at the Brazilian Embassy and the American Enterprise Institute.

The College's delegation of 12 students represented China and Brazil in the competition. Both Manhattan College delegations were honored for their position papers and International Studies majors Jennifer Diestra ('06) and Patricia DaCosta ('07) won an award for best overall performance as Brazil in General Assembly Third Committee negotiations on human rights.

Other members of the Brazilian delegation included International Studies majors Berengere Fuoc ('08); Jaclyn Ambriscoe ('09) and Caroline Shepard ('09) and Business Major Peter Silver Hutcheon ('09).

Members of the Chinese delegation included International Studies majors Becky Lindemulder ('09), Deirdre Mertens ('08), Kristin DelToro ('06) and Stephanie Pouponneau. Government major Chris McShane ('06) and Business major Celeste Visser ('07) completed the delegation.

Congratulations to all!

3. Report from Italy

Nicole Pollio ('05) has been teaching English in Italy this fall. Here are some of her comments:

“Silvio, my director, and I argue almost every day about something political or cultural. For instance, he firmly believes that all Americans, even New Yorkers, eat McDonalds, put ketchup in their pasta, and are generally ignorant about the rest of the world. So, naturally, I feel compelled to defend us, especially on behalf of our small little group of international studies majors, always striving overcome the harsh generalizations made by the rest of the world through our eternal quest for worldly knowledge and experience. But gladly, these issues never seem to divide us. Instead, I feel like we have grown quite close. And his wife, Yoshie, a generally reserved and very traditional Japanese woman who moved to Italy 3 years ago to help Silvio pursue his dream of opening up a school in his home town, Legnaro, has surprisingly opened up to me a lot in the past few weeks. Maybe it was only after her shock and awe in my ability to use chopsticks to eat a whole bowl of Chirashizushi (a rice dish with raw fish and vegetables) or maybe she too was looking for a friend in this country where she is considered even more of an outsider than me at times.

“Blair [Lampe] came to visit. I think we were really grateful to have each other to lean on that week because we are definitely both going through the exact same feelings of insecurity in our environments, uncertainty of our futures, and overall feelings of nostalgia for New York and our former lives of free spirited college students. Therefore, we took every chance I could get off from work to do something together. I introduced her to my friends from the Masters program at Padova University (where I teach Business English). We also visited Verona, which was a romantic, picturesque city with great gelato! She left the same morning I left for Slovenia , promising to return for Thanksgiving weekend, since I somehow got weaselled into cooking a traditional American feast for 30 Italian English students. Hopefully. Blair will be on hand to help add a Texan flair to the meal and remind me of how fun it was when I used to do it for the Italian club members last year.

“Slovenia was an interesting experience- being that it was basically just Silvio, Yoshie, and me together for an entire weekend in a country whose language I knew nothing about and therefore had to rely on Silvio for translations, I had little chance to meet the locals or be on my own. But Lubjiana is a beautiful and quaint, typical eastern European city where clothes are quite costly and the typical fast food, a Horse Burger, made, yes, of horse meat, pickles, onions and a ‘special sauce’ costs less than a trip on the subway. Most of our time, however, was spent 2 hours outside of Lubjiana, in a tiny mountain village famous for its health spa. We slept in a log cabin and ate all organic, farm grown, and traditional Slovenian food thanks to the generosity of the family whose cabin we stayed in. The air was so crisp and clean on this mountain. I wanted to bottle it and save it forever. Then there was the spa, however... Quite possibly the antithesis of cleanliness for me, it was basically a nudist colony with tons of water. Everyone was completely naked- in the pools, in the saunas, in the lounge- and everyone was together- the concept of male and female segregation did not exist here. Normally, I make every effort to embrace cultural unfamiliarity, but after working in the US, a country where seeing your boss naked is definitely sexual harassment and having your boss see you naked is a recipe for future sexual harassment, that speck of professionalism that remained made it impossible for me to undress in front of him (not to mention the fact that he is a 30 year old *Italian* man). As a result, I paid a bundle on private experiences- a massage, facial, and anything else that kept me from having to chose between offending the culture and losing my dignity at work while Silvio and Yoshie swam naked with the locals. Since we returned, I have basically just been teaching a lot, trying to spend more time with my other friends here, and thinking about what I really want to do when I come back to Europe in January.”

4. Alumni News

Here is some news reported by International Studies alumni since last month.

Jessica Bobowski Ironssurfergirl@hotmail.com (2005) writes: I am in my final months here in the U.S. I am leaving out of Newark for graduate school in Sydney, Australia on February 9th. I am extremely excited to be heading abroad once again studying environmental issues.”

Heather Anen hezz30@aol.com (2005) writes: I just got back from driving across country with my father. This was my first trip out west! It was really beautiful. We didn't do many of the tourist things, but we met a lot of people. We stayed with a friend of my father's in Missouri. This man is truly amazing; he had an accident 23 years ago that left him paraplegic. Yet he still manages to run three family businesses and a horse farm. I have never met a more intelligent and steadfast individual! He is so kind and has no bitterness about his situation and made me realize that there is no excuse for not succeeding in life! We also stayed on the Navajo reservation in Chinle, AZ with a friend of ours. He asked me if I wanted to teach on the reservation. I am seriously considering it, but I am a little unsure. I am still actively looking for a job and at grad schools.

Hanni Liliedahl hannililiedahl@gmail.com (2005) writes: Hello from rural Japan. Greetings from my new, and dare I say improved (at least I think so), life. Let me just say this....my New York lifestyle is behind me, for the time being anyhow...as I now live in a significantly more relaxed state of being...and actually a more comfortable state of mind. I definitely feel like this is what I am supposed to be doing. I don't think this is a long term scenario...but it is an amazing and surprisingly relaxing adventure! The basic things are all going well...work is slightly repetitive but not difficult...apartment is adorable...roommate is fantastic....slowly but surely making friends....and am just really enjoying the little things. The little things are actually the only thing that I have to live for now....when I think back to how much I would do in one day at this time last year, I have to laugh at the difference. Now it's just a matter of really utilizing my time...not running around like a psycho is something that I am trying to get used to!

Anna Laura Morelock annalaura1982@hotmail.com (2004) writes: I am working in the same law firm as a legal secretary but I am searching for jobs geared towards social work, immigration or anything germane to social welfare in general. For the past six months I have been researching social work in depth and have decided that is my calling indeed. I never thought that social work could ebb from International Studies and that it can also be a portal to both helping people while learning about/enjoying culture. Due to trying to meet that first or second tier of the "basic social needs pyramid" and saving for a wedding, I must work for the man like many of my fellow '04 graduates. I went and met with the advisor at Stony Brook University and plan to go to graduate school for non-matriculated courses in the spring of 2007 and in the fall of 2007, officially enroll in their MSW program. They have a DSW and joint MSW/JD program if I choose to go that route, a major perk. Wedding planning is going well (I think I found my dress!), the date is set for October 20, 2006 and all is going smoothly.

5. Travel and Study Abroad Opportunities

International Summer Field School for anthropologists and cultural scientists in the heart of the Mediterranean

This program will offer you a unique opportunity to acquire some 'in the field' experience. The islands of Malta present a kaleidoscope of past and present: a fascinating legacy of European culture and rural Mediterranean traditions, represented in the living history of the fishing

villages. Situated in the heart of the Mediterranean, Malta possesses a typical island culture. Yet, this has not led to isolation, on the contrary. As a consequence of its location at the crossroads of maritime routes between Europe, Africa and Asia, Malta has always been strategically important. Many different cultures set foot on the islands, leaving their imprint. These foreign influences are for instance obviously present in the Maltese language. At the same time, Malta has a perfectly English-speaking population. This enhances the accessibility for foreign researchers like the starting anthropologist! Plenty of possibilities for interesting field research are available: from architectural and religious sites to tourism and ethnic relations.



Departure from Brussels: between July, 25th - 30th 2006

Duration : 3 weeks

Location: Island of Gozo (Malta)

Guest lectures and field courses by professors from different universities

Official certificate when completing

Research will be published

Price: €1950 - 2399 USD

all included: airplane tickets from Brussels International Airport, boat tickets, lodgings with breakfast & dinner, insurances, field courses, visits to local feasts,...



Management: Sam Janssen & Anke Van Vossole

Info, program & bookings: www.xpeditions.be

Leading professor: Marc Vanlangendonck, Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium)

Summer Program in Estonia

The University of Tartu probably needs little introduction – it is a well-known research university in Europe. Established in 1632 (the same year as Harvard), it has around 20,000 students and belongs into various European university associations. Among them it is a member of the Coimbra Group, which unites the strongest European academic institutions of higher learning.

In summer 2006 the University of Tartu is starting with the International Summer University program. This is primarily meant for international students and will cover various topics in international and European studies. Please take a look at www.isu.ut.ee.

Iceland Student Exchange Program

The Leifur Eiriksson Foundation was created at the time of the 1000th anniversary of the first Icelandic voyage to North America. The foundation exists to support international collaboration between Icelandic and U.S. universities. It provides essentially full fellowship support for up to one year of study for an Icelandic student studying in a U.S. university or for a U.S. student studying in an Icelandic university. The foundation sets no limits as to the disciplines to be studied other than that it does not support elementary or introductory study of either Icelandic or English as a language. The University of Virginia Foundation is its fiduciary and fiscal agent.

The first round of awards, to be made in winter and spring 2006, will carry stipends of ca. \$25,000 for U.S. students going to Iceland. This sum is estimated to be sufficient to cover tuition and fees, living expenses, and support costs for a full academic year in Reykjavik. Opportunities exist in many fields that are common in the universities of both countries - oceanography, climate studies, energy conversion, geology, metallurgy, materials science, literature, linguistics, anthropology, history, law, pathology, and other disciplines.

The Leifur Eiriksson Foundation will fund as many as five scholarships in this first year of operation. The deadline for applications is January 16, 2006, for study commencing in Fall 2006. Information and application forms appear at <http://www.leifureirikssonfoundation.org>>www.leifureirikssonfoundation.org.

5. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

United Nations Association Internship

The United Nations Association of the United States of America is seeking candidates with considerable Model UN background to work with New York City public school teachers and students to support the *Global Classrooms* program. Trainers assist teachers in instructing the curriculum, writing position papers, researching topics, and preparing the schools for Model UN conferences. Model UN Trainers develop class activities on a monthly basis, visit schools regularly, and attend MUN conferences as staff. This challenging and exciting opportunity allows you to impact the way children look at the world!

- Requires 10-15 hours per week
- Offers competitive stipend of \$4000/yr.

For more information go to: www.globalclassrooms.org

To apply contact: Liza Rojas-Alford, New York City Program Coordinator
E-mail: Lrojas-alford@unausa.org Phone: (212) 907-1346

Council on Foreign Relations Summer Internships

The New York City-Based Council on Foreign Relations has many full-time summer internships available. The Council on Foreign Relations' Internship Program offers outstanding opportunities for college and graduate students focusing on international relations who are considering a career in foreign policy or a related field. Interns are recruited year-round on a semester basis for both the New York and Washington, DC, offices. The fall and spring semesters require a minimum commitment of sixteen hours per week. The summer semester requires a full-time commitment. An intern's duties generally consist of administrative work, program coordination, research, editing, and writing. The internships are unpaid but provide a small stipend upon successful completion to offset transportation expenses. Summer applications are due by May 1, 2006.

For information on these and other CFR internships, go to http://www.cfr.org/about/career_opportunities/internships.html

More job search www sites

Jobs with Non-Profits: <http://www.epfl.net/slrc/job/nonprofit.html>

International Environment and Development Jobs: http://www.iedonline.net/jobs_start.htm

Jobs & Consultancies in International Development, NGOs & Environment Sector:
<http://www.devnetjobs.org/>

United Nations jobs: <https://jobs.un.org/Galaxy/Release3/vacancy/vacancy.aspx>

Jack Kent Cook Scholarship for Graduate School

Are you thinking of going to graduate school but don't know how to pay for it? Do you have:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better
- Unmet financial needs
- Willingness to succeed
- Evidence of leadership and public service
- Critical-thinking ability and an appreciation for or participation in the arts or humanities
- Accredited graduate school in the U.S. or abroad that you are interested in attending in pursuit of a graduate degree or professional degree, including medicine, law or business

Maximum award available per student is **\$50,000** per year and the maximum length of study is six years. U.S. citizenship not required. For more details, visit: <http://www.jackkentcooke.com/>

If you are interested in applying fill out the attached preliminary form and email it to: irene.snitkoff@manhattan.edu. If you would like to discuss this matter before applying, contact Dr. Jeff Horn x7129 in Miguel 402. Application deadline is February 1, 2005.

Marine Policy Assistantship at University of Delaware

A research assistantship is available from the Marine Policy Program in the Graduate College of Marine Studies at (CMS) the University of Delaware for a qualified student-applicant interested in policy-focused research related to commercial vessels collisions with north Atlantic right whales along the U.S. and Canadian Atlantic coasts. Motivated individuals with experience; education in policy, science and/or economic disciplines; and a strong interest in interdisciplinary policy-focused research, are encouraged to apply for admission to the CMS Marine Policy program. See www.ocean.udel.edu/graduate/admissions.html. Research Assistantship funds include tuition waiver and a monthly stipend. Ph.D. and master's applicants will be considered. The CMS Marine Policy Program also offers at least one graduate fellowship each year and CMS offers college-level fellowships as well. Awards are based on academic record, GRE's, and demonstrated interest in the program

The Marine Policy program admits Master's and Ph.D. students for the Spring and Fall terms. Fall 2006 applications must be received no later than March 1, 2006, but early application

submittal is recommended for those individuals who wish to be considered for the research assistantship or a fellowship. For more information about the Marine Policy Program, see our website at <http://www.ocean.udel.edu/graduate/marpol/marpol.html>. For further information on the whale strike assistantship, contact Professor Jeremy Firestone, Marine Policy Program, Graduate College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716, tel: (302) 831-0228, email: jf@udel.edu

7. Essays and Papers

The Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition at Stony Brook University

The Japan Center - Canon Essay Competition theme is *Japan and Me*. Contestants should discuss one or more aspects of Japan (history, traditional culture, pop culture, art, philosophy, value, society, family, industry, technology, business, economics, etc.) in relation to one or more aspects of themselves: their personal experiences, future goals, life history, personal philosophy, etc. The essay can be written in English and is open to all undergraduate students in any academic area (college division) in New York City and Long Island. The college category award recipient will receive \$2,000. Deadline for submissions is December 20, 2005. For more information and complete rules, go to <http://naples.cc.sunysb.edu/CAS/Japanese.nsf/pages/news>

Journal of International Relations

The Sigma Iota Rho International Relations Honor Society is seeking submissions for its undergraduate journal, *The Journal of International Relations* which has been published at the University of Pennsylvania the past six years. It is designed to provide undergraduate students majoring in international relations the opportunity to have papers published in a national, peer-reviewed scholarly journal. The Journal was distributed nationally for the first time in 2004 and includes the writing of international relations students from S.I.R. chapters across the country.

In the past, papers have averaged 4000 words in length, but please feel free to send longer papers, within reason. For more information visit:

http://www.sigmaiotarho.org/SIR_Journal/8837/index.html

Deadline for submissions: January 9, 2006.

Please submit papers electronically to Editor-in-Chief, Julia Barmeier at:
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