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1. Welcome to Spring 2006!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a nice break and are ready to take on the new semester.

I'm looking forward to a great semester and hope we can host a number of interesting programs for you during the semester. But I need your input? If you have any ideas for a student forum, a guest speaker, a pizza party, an international pot-luck dinner, an alumni forum, or anything else, please let me know. Seniors, if you want to have a meeting about life after Manhattan College, let me know.

There are a few things that I wanted to tell you about as the semester gets underway.

1. If you have recently returned from studying abroad or Washington, if you are graduating this semester and have studied abroad, please make sure that your transcripts from abroad have been received so you can graduate on time. If you have any questions, contact me or talk to Nancy Cave (Memorial 420).
2. If you are thinking about studying abroad or in Washington next year or during the summer, now is the time to start thinking about it. See Nancy Cave (study abroad) or me about the American University Washington Semester Program.
3. If you are looking for a job or an internship, stop by Career Services and have them help you out with your resume and job search.

My office hours this semester are as follows:

Tuesdays: 11:00-1:00

Wednesdays: 11:00-1:00 and 2:30-5:00

Thursdays: 11:00 – 1:00

I'll try to be in extra hours during the first week of school. If you can't stop by during office hours (Miguel 414), e-mail me at pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu.

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2. Upcoming Events

Summer 2006 Trips to France Informational Sessions

Are you interested in spending time in Paris this summer and earn up to six credits? Come to an informational meeting on the Paris trip on Monday, 30 January from 3:30-4:00. The Paris trip is from 1-29 July 2006 and you can earn 3 credits in French and 3 on the music of Paris.

What about Lyon? The informational meeting for the Lyon trip is on Thursday, 2 February from 3:30-4:00. The Lyon trip will take place from 31 May – 30 June 2006 and you can earn up to six credits – 3 in French and 3 in science or engineering research.

Both meetings are in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311). For more information, contact Prof. Nonie Wanger Memorial 423, ext. 7316 or Nancy Cave, Memorial 420, ext. 7527.

Summer 2006 Trip to Mexico City Informational Session

So, if Mexico is more your style, you may want to go to Mexico City this summer and earn six credits. The program takes place from 1-29 June 2006 and you can earn 3 credits in Spanish and 3 in Intercultural Communication. There will be an informational session for this program on Wednesday, 1 February from 4:00-4:30 pm in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311). For more information, contact Prof. Nonie Wanger Memorial 423, ext. 7316 or Nancy Cave, Memorial 420, ext. 7527.

Summer 2006 Trip to Florence

Maybe you would rather go to Florence, Italy, from 24 May – 25 June 2006. You can earn up to six credits – 3 in Italian language and 3 in either Italian Culture or Literature. For more information, contact Prof. Nonie Wanger Memorial 423, ext. 7316 or Nancy Cave, Memorial 420, ext. 7527.

Fair Trade (Tentative – stay tuned for more details)

Manhattan College International Studies Graduate Jessica Bobowski ('05) is putting together a program on Fair Trade on Tuesday, 7 February at 4:00 pm in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311).

Trade is one of the most powerful forces linking our lives, and a source of unprecedented wealth. Yet the benefits are not being shared by all: millions of the world's people are being left behind. Oxfam and others have started a global movement calling for an end to unfair trade rules by calling on governments, institutions, and multinational companies to change the rules so that trade can become part of the solution to poverty, not part of the problem. Find out more about this program and the Fair Trade movement!

The Armenian Genocide of 1915 and America's Response

Dr. Peter Balakian, a Professor of English and holder of a Chair in the Humanities at Colgate University, will be speaking about the Armenian genocide, its enduring legacy and the US response on Thursday, 9 February 2006 at 7:30 pm in Smith Auditorium. For more information about this lecture, contact the Manhattan College Holocaust Resource Center at ext. 7294 or 7129.

Pre-Law Forum

If you are thinking about law school as an option after graduation, come to a Pre-Law Forum organized by the Princeton Review. It will be on Thursday, 23 February from 4:00-5:30 in the Capalbo Room (DeLaSalle 300). For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Horn, Pre-Law Adviser, at ext. 7129, Miguel 413, or e-mail jeff.horn@manhattan.edu.

Government/International Studies/Peace Studies/Urban Studies Dinner

On Wednesday, 26 April, 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 International Studies majors and minors are invited. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

3. Alumni News

For both current and former students, you should never underestimate the value of networking. By keeping in touch with your classmates, other Manhattan College alums and faculty, you never know what opportunities or information may come your way. If you have news to report, please send in your news to pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu.

This month I have heard from a number of 2005 graduates who have started new jobs:

Laura Streche laurastreche@gmail.com has a temporary job at the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society as an assistant program coordinator until the end of June and then is hoping to go to Europe and teach English.

Helena Wård helenaward@hotmail.com writes: "I moved back to Stockholm after graduating in may, and have been working in a public school during the fall. It has been great and I have really enjoyed working as a teacher, however, I was offered an internship for this spring at Amnesty International here in Stockholm and I gladly accepted it. I am starting this Monday and will be an intern there until the beginning of June. I am really excited and I'm sure it will be a great experience. I am applying for a couple different international master programs here in Sweden for the Fall."

Heather Anen hezz30@aol.com started a new job in January as the International Sales Assistant for Telebrands. She writes: "They are currently opening a branch in Dubai and were very interested in my knowledge of the Middle East."

Nicole Pollio nicolette.pollio@gmail.com is back in Italy after coming back to New York for the holidays. She just started a new job as a first grade teacher in Padova.

4. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Rotary World Peace Scholarships

You can earn a master's degree (or the equivalent) in international studies, peace studies, conflict resolution or a related field at one of seven worldwide Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. For a list of programs and application information, go to http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/index.html or contact the Rotary Club in your hometown. A club locator is at <http://www.rotary.org/support/clubs/index.html>. Applications are available now for 2007-2009 graduate programs and are due into Rotary Clubs beginning in February.

American Political Science Association (APSA)-Ralph Bunche Summer Institute

The Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) is a five-week, academically intensive summer program designed to stimulate the graduate school experience, provide mentoring, and expand academic opportunities for Latino, African American, and Native American students. For over a decade, the RBSI has helped talented minority students excel and go on to graduate school, many with full fellowships and teaching assistantships. RBSI is designed to introduce minority college juniors to the world of graduate study and encourage application to Ph.D. programs in political science. The Institute includes two transferable credit courses, one in quantitative analysis and the other on race and American politics. Guest lecturers and recruiters from Ph.D. programs visit with students, and the Kaplan Educational Center assists in preparation for taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The Institute is held at Duke University in North Carolina. The Institute provides full support of tuition, transportation, room and board, books, and instructional materials. Participants also receive a stipend of \$200 a week.

Contact:

APSA Ralph Bunch Summer Institute

1527 New Hampshire Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20036

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Fax: (202) 483-2657

E-mail: minority@apsanet.org

Web site: www.apsanet.org/about/minority/rbsi.cfm

Overseas Volunteer and Service Work Opportunities

If you are interested in spending time overseas after graduation, there are a number of volunteer and service work opportunities. Here is a list of some you may want to consider:

[StudyAbroad.com](#) - good clearinghouse of opportunities organized by country, region, program type, etc.

[Amizade](#) - International service-learning and volunteer opportunities (various regions)

[Amigos de las Americas](#) - volunteer / service projects in Latin America

[Cross Cultural Solutions](#) - volunteer abroad / various countries

[Global Volunteer Network](#) - various countries - NGO based in New Zealand

[Greenvolunteers.org](#) - clearinghouse of international volunteer work in nature conservation

[Visions in Action](#) - a DC-based organization that helps to connect students with overseas internships

[Operation Crossroads Africa](#) - a New York-based organization that sends small groups of volunteers to Africa and Brazil

[School for International Training](#) - semesters abroad, field based, academic courses in great locations

[UN Volunteers](#) - competitive and excellent overseas opportunities

[US Peace Corps](#) - for U.S. citizens only - 2 year commitment

[Witness for Peace](#) - advocacy organization that also sends "delegations" to select countries

[World Teach](#) - ranging from Guyana to the Marshall Islands and beyond

UNA-USA Internships

Model UN participants who have a college degree, or are currently pursuing one, are invited to apply to serve as Secretariat members for the 2006 Global Classrooms Model United Nations Conferences, which will be held throughout the school year. Each year, UNA-USA hosts Model UN conferences for students in public schools across the country. Students attending the Global Classrooms Model United Nations Conference are participants in the Global Classrooms® program, which introduces Model UN--free of charge--to urban public school students in grades six through 12.

Secretariat members assume the roles of Chairpersons, Directors, Rapporteurs, Crisis Personnel members and Administrative Assistants. Model UNers may also apply for Senior Secretariat positions, which include Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General. Secretariat members are expected to participate in a special training session and must be available for conferences from 8am-6pm. Secretariat members are responsible for their own transportation.

Although these positions are not paid, internship credit may be arranged. Secretariat applications are due February 1, 2006. Decisions regarding Secretariat positions will be made by March 1, 2006. Questions about the conferences can be directed to Alison Smith, Model UN Outreach Associate, at (212) 907-1321 or at asmith@unausa.org.

The UN bodies being simulated and the agenda will vary by conference. Secretariat members will be notified about topics upon acceptance. For more information, go to:

<http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=1046223>

Human Rights Watch Internships

Human Rights Watch offers academic semester and summer internships for undergraduate students in its New York, London, Los Angeles, Washington, DC, Brussels, and Berlin offices. Interns may be placed in one of the following regional or thematic programs at HRW: Africa, the Americas (does not include US or Canada), Asia, Europe & Central Asia, Middle East & North Africa, United States, Arms, Children's Rights, Women's Rights, LGBT Rights, HIV/AIDS & Human Rights, Business & Human Rights, Refugees, Emergency Response, International Justice, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights. Internships also are available with the Advocacy, Communications & Press, Development & Outreach, Legal & Policy, Human Resources and Finance & Administration departments as well as the International Film Festival.

For more information and to check out available internships (constantly changing), go to their www site: <http://www.hrw.org/internships/undergraduates/undergraduates.html>

Clinton Foundation Internships

The Clinton Foundation offers internships year-round at its office in Harlem. Positions are available in seven main areas: Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, Chief of Staff, Clinton Global Initiative, Correspondence, Domestic Policy, Executive Office, Foreign Policy, Press, Scheduling and Advance, and the Tsunami Recovery Project. The deadline for summer internships is 15 March 2006. For details about the different internships and the application process, go to <http://www.clintonfoundation.org/programs-cs-internship2.htm>

US Mission to the United Nations Internship Opportunity

Applications for an unpaid, full-time internship at the US Mission to the United Nations for the Fall 2006 (September – December) are now being accepted. The deadline is 1 March 2006.

The United States Mission to the United Nations, part of the Bureau of International Organization Affairs of the Department of State, sponsors a student intern (work-study) program under which a limited number of highly-qualified college or university junior, senior, and graduate students have the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of American foreign affairs. The purpose of the intern program is to encourage students to consider careers in the field of foreign affairs while aiding the Department in the fulfillment of its mission. Internships are considered to be an adjunct to an applicant's education and, therefore, are open only to continuing students taking at least one-half of a full-time academic workload. You must be a US citizen to apply.

To apply online, go to <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=38512130> If you want me to e-mail you an informational flyer, let me know.

Enrichment Programs Internship

Metro International, a not-for-profit educational organization offering programs and services to New York City's 56,000 international studies and scholars, is seeking an intern for the Spring 2006 semester. The intern will assist in the planning and implementation of cultural enrichment programs for international studies and visiting Fulbright scholars attending colleges and universities in the NYC area. The hours are 12-15 hours a week January through mid-May. There is a \$500 stipend per 14-week semester.

If you are interested, e-mail pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu and I will forward you the announcement. Otherwise, fax a cover letter and resume to Rita Wade, Deputy Director, Metro International 212-941-6291. Metro International is located at 285 Broadway, Suite 450. Also check out www.metrointl.org

Job Opportunity at the New York City Office of Sen. Chuck Schumer

Sen. Schumer's office on 3rd Avenue in Manhattan is looking for a full-time Constituent Liaison.

Job description:

- Serve as the inter-governmental contact to address the needs of individual constituents seeking services from various government agencies.
- Provide assistance in Military, Veteran, U.S. Postal Service, Department of Transportation, Environmental, Small Business Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration casework and maintain updates concerning documentation and agency responses to inquiries and requests.
- Participate in community outreach activities.
- Perform clerical operations.
- Other duties as deemed necessary.

Qualifications and skills:

- A college degree and satisfactory professional experience.
- Qualified candidate will possess good analytical, problem solving and communication skills; will be capable of working in a team-oriented environment; will be organized and have good computer skills.
- Salary is mid-twenties with full benefits.

To apply, send resume to: Suzan Orlove, Director Constituent Services

E-mail: suzan_orlove@schumer.senate.gov

Fax: 212.486-7693

Phone: 212-486-4430

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5. Essays and Papers

2006 Elise M. Boulding Student Paper Award

The Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association invites undergraduate and graduate students to submit a paper on any topic related to the sociology of peace, war, military institutions, or social conflict for the 2006 Elise M. Boulding Student Paper Award competition. The first place award for both undergraduate and graduate student papers is \$150.00 each toward the cost of travel to the 2006 American Sociological Association meeting.

AWARDS: Two awards are offered: one for best paper by a graduate student(s) (masters or doctoral level); and one for the best paper written by an undergraduate(s). Award winners are expected but not required to be present at the 2006 ASA meeting to present their papers. All submitters will be notified by June 1, 2006 on the status of their submission.

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to any student or former student (within two years) with a high quality paper dealing with the sociology of peace, war, or social conflict. Papers can be multi-authored.

SPECIFICATIONS: Papers must have been written within the past two years. They must be typed, double-spaced with a 12-point font. The page limit is 25 pages including tables, references, and illustrations. Each submission should include a separate cover page listing the name of author(s), contact information (including mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address), paper title, and whether the paper was written as an undergraduate or graduate student paper. No student identifying information should appear in the body of the manuscript or on any other page. All students will be notified electronically about their submission and about the final selections.

DEADLINE: Students should send five (5) copies of their papers and a cover letter with name, affiliations, and contact information by April 15, 2006.

For more information and to submit a paper, contact Dr. Margaret Groarke margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu, Miguel 426, ext. 7943.

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