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1. End of the 2005-06 Year

It's hard to believe that another academic year has come to close. And what a year it has been. The International Studies program continues to grow and I hope that we will also continue to grow as a community here at Manhattan College.

This has been a good year for the International Studies Program. We have had students abroad this year in such places as France, Italy, Argentina, Ireland, England and Semester and Sea. Next year, a record number of students are planning on going to France, Italy, Spain, Brazil, Semester at Sea, among other places. This year we sent one major to the American University Washington Semester Program. Senior Melissa Lynch spent the fall semester studying U.S. Foreign Policy and interned at the American Enterprise Institute.

The International Studies Program has sponsored or co-sponsored a variety of lectures this year that dealt with such issues as the environment, the World Trade Organization, rebuilding Afghanistan and the truth and reconciliation process in South Africa. We also sent students to two Model UN conferences this year – a fall conference in Washington, DC and the spring conference in New York City.

With your support, I think we can make the 2006-07 academic year even better. If you (alumni and faculty, too!) have any ideas for programs, lectures or other events for next year please let me know. I will be on a Fulbright at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand during the Spring 2007 semester, but we are making arrangements for the International Studies Program while I am away.

Have a good summer, keep in touch and I'll see most of you in the fall.

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2. Congratulations Graduates!

Fifteen International Studies majors and one minor will be graduating this month. I have noted with an asterisk, the members of Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies Honor Society.

Majors:

Antonio Azios*
Maura Burns
Manuel Caram
Christina Casey (CMSV)
Jacqueline Dauphinais (CMSV)
Jennifer Diestra*
Amy DiTommaso
Christian Guevara
Takeshi Kashima
Elizabeth King
Erin Leafe
Melissa Lynch*
Byron Nagy
Abigail Simone
Julie Soriano

Minors:

Danielle Agunzo

As long as I'm congratulating graduates, I thought I would mention a few other things. Byron Nagy will be going to Japan in the fall as a coordinator for the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme). Erin Leafe is moving to Northern Ireland to get a masters degree in Ethnic Conflict from Queens University Belfast. Amy DiTommaso, who graduated in December, will be working with young adults who have disabilities, helping them with life skills and learning to transition from community living to living on their own in Portland, Maine.

Congratulations should go out to Melissa Lynch who was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and largest academic honor society.

We celebrated the accomplishments of all of the seniors at the annual Government/Peace/Urban and International Studies Senior/Alumni Dinner on 26 April (see picture on next page).

Congratulations to all of you. I wish you the best in your future endeavors and please keep in touch by e-mail. I would like to know how you are doing and where your career path or graduate school plans take you.



Tony Azios, Julie Soriano, Manny Caram, Maura Burns, Jacqui Dauphinais, Christian Guevara, Abby Simone, Jennifer Diestra and Melissa Lynch.

3. Congratulations to the Model UN Team

Manhattan College sent a delegation of 20 students to the National Model United Nations Conference from April 11-15, 2006, to represent the Kingdom of Morocco at the largest Model UN conference in the world (3400 students from over 50 countries and nearly 300 colleges and universities). The delegation did a phenomenal job representing Morocco on 12 different committees.

Led by Head Delegates Chris McShane and Jennifer Diestra, the Manhattan College Model UN team negotiated numerous resolutions on such diverse topics as water resources, refugees, crime prevention, and regulating conventional arms. While everyone on the delegation deserves mention, one student received special recognition. Senior Jennifer Diestra, participating in her second NMUN, was selected to be the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women.

If you are interested in participating in the Model UN program next year, please e-mail me or stop by Miguel 414. Students from any major in any year can participate, providing they have the proper skills. Spread the word to your friends.

Here are the members of the Moroccan Delegation to the 2006 NMUN:

Jaclyn Ambriscoe	(Freshman, International Studies/French)
Jacqui Dauphinais	(Senior, International Studies)
Kristin DeiToro	(Senior, International Studies/Government)
Jennifer Diestra	(Senior, International Studies/French)
Annamaria Eder	(Junior, International Studies)
Ryan Faello	(Junior, International Studies)
Berengere Fuoc	(Junior, International Studies/French)
Michael Greaney	(Junior, Economics)
Tim Larsen	(Junior, International Studies)
Marina Liander	(Senior, History)
Becky Lindemulder	(Freshman, International Studies)
Chris McShane	(Senior, Government)
Deirdre Mertens	(Sophomore, International Studies/Government)
Stephanie Pouponneau	(Exchange student from Paris)
Peter Praino	(Senior, Government)
Dana Rachlin	(Sophomore, Government)
Elise Rae	(Freshman, International Studies)
Darianniz Reyes	(Junior, Spanish and French)
Emily Schultz	(Junior, International Studies/Government)
Julie Soriano	(Senior, International Studies)



4. Upcoming Events

Rwandan Genocide Survivor to Speak

A survivor of the Rwandan genocide of 1994 in which 800,000 were killed and millions turned into refugees, Muhoza Rwabukamba will discuss his experiences on Tuesday, May 2, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Miguel 214. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Horn, x7129, jeff.horn@manhattan.edu.

A South African Journey: Michael Lapsley and South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Ten Years After

On Wednesday, May 3 at 4:00 pm in O'Malley 104 and 100 (Library), Father Michael Lapsley will speak about his experiences in South Africa. Father Michael Lapsley, SSM was born and raised in New Zealand. He went to South Africa in 1973 as a young Anglican priest determined to actively work against the racism and oppression of apartheid. However, his involvement in the ANC often brought him into conflict with the Church hierarchy.

In 1990, while living in Zimbabwe, he was sent a letter bomb from South Africa. He survived an immense explosion but lost both hands and the sight of one eye.

With the fall of apartheid, Father Michael returned to South Africa and eventually became Chaplain of the Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture in Cape Town. In 1998 he became the founding director of the Institute for Healing of Memories (www.healingofmemories.co.za), an organization which conducts healing and reconciliation workshops in South Africa and other conflict-ridden societies worldwide.

Refreshments will be served.

5. Alumni News

Laura Streche ('05) laurastreche@gmail.com has been working at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as a program coordinator and will be starting the UN Certificate graduate program at Long Island University in the fall.

Helena Ward ('05) helenaward@hotmail.com was accepted at the Lunds University Masters Program in Development and Management in Sweden.

Marc Biosi ('00) mbiosi@hotmail.com has been working for Platform Learning, a supplemental educational services provider since August 2004. He writes "I started as a Program Manager, running our tutoring programs inside NYC public schools. Then I got promoted to Director of Operations and was charged with finding an outside call center...I was on vacation here in Panama, went to visit a call center and made my recommendation. So, a couple weeks after

getting back to NYC they offered to move me down here to oversee the operation and I have been here since this past August.”

Michelle DelRosario ('01) michelle.delrosario@gs.com is working in the Equities Division of Goldman Sachs.

Alumni: Send in your news via e-mail to pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu. I'll collect everything over the summer and put it in the September 2006 newsletter.

6. Internship, Job and Scholarship Opportunities

Mentor Program

Do you want to learn more about a possible career? Would you like to be paired with a mentor from among Manhattan College graduates? If so, apply to the Career Services Mentor Program by Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Contact Brother Ralph at ext. 7519 or ralph.bucci@manhattan.edu, or request a form at mentorprogram@manhattan.edu

IES Peace & Conflict Studies Program in Dublin, Ireland

IES Dublin is pleased to offer a new Peace and Conflict Studies curriculum, designed for students interested in studying the political, religious, historical, and cultural implications of the Northern Ireland conflict. The program features field study in Northern Ireland and a Peace Negotiation Simulation.

An intensive program, courses will scrutinize the international aspects of "the troubles" and the sociological roots of the divide, the role of the media in reporting it, and the literature and the imagery emerging from it. The curriculum also investigates how the Irish situation is similar to other conflicts in the Middle East, South Africa, the Basque region, and elsewhere, focusing on the lessons that can be learned for the future.

The program culminates in a Peace Negotiation Simulation in which students represent prime ministers, foreign ministers, and political parties involved in the peace process in Northern Ireland.

Applications are due May 15 and more information is available at our web site (www.IESabroad.org). Applications are also still being accepted for IES Dublin's Irish General Studies Program as well.

Paul Aronsohn for Congress.

Paul Aronsohn for Congress is looking for creative, motivated people who want to help give a new energy to the Northern New Jersey Democratic movement. Together with local grassroots, we are focusing on every town in New Jersey's Fifth congressional District from the Hudson

River to the Delaware River. We are actively seeking interns and volunteers to help us build a better future for the residents of Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Warren Counties.

Duties include: compiling/managing daily news clips, answering very busy phone lines, research and writing, walking door-to-door with Paul and other tasks as they come up.

Qualifications: Juniors, Seniors, and recent graduates; Ability to juggle multiple tasks KEY to being successful in this internship -Interest in press/communications and/or past experience VITAL -Ability to handle long hours -Responsible, punctual, able to pick up new tasks quickly and complete projects efficiently

Contact Erin Corcoran for more information Erin@paularonsohn.com 201-262-PAUL

Useful Job, Internship and Fellowship Links

The International Studies web site has a number of useful links for jobs and internships. Check it out at http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/arts/intl/intl_resources.shtml This site will be updated during the summer.

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