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**1. November News**

I know November is here when it seems that my “to do” list is longer than ever. After seeing most of you over the past week in preparation for Spring 2006 registration, I know that you are all as busy as I am. With luck and perseverance, we will all make it through the month.

This month I will be taking a group of 12 students to Washington, DC to represent China and Brazil in the Invitational Model United Nations. It is the second time we have participated in this fall conference, which serves as a training conference for the big conference in the spring. We also just found out that the spring Model UN class (GOVT 457) will be representing Morocco. If you are interested in participating in the class this spring, come and talk to me. We still have a few spaces available, but they are going fast.

As a reminder, if you want to declare a minor and haven’t submitted a declaration of minor form to the Dean’s office, do so. If you haven’t seen me to sign your registration form, please come by as soon as possible.

Finally, remember that the last day to withdraw from a class is November 18, 2005. If you are having any trouble in any of your classes, you may want to talk to Diana Gonzalez or come and talk to me.

Have a good month!

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## 2. January Intersession Courses of Interest

There are a few January courses that may interest you. These are classes that count towards the International Studies major.

**ART 102-11: World Music Appreciation.** This course will meet every day from 9:00-12:20 during the intersession and can count towards the Global Issues concentration in the International Studies major.

**ECON 202-11: Microeconomics.** This course will meet every day from 9:00-12:20 during the intersession and you need to take it as a prerequisite to ECON 334, International Economics.

**RELS 300-11: Yoga, Philosophy, Art and Praxis.** This course will be taught by Dr. Kaplan and will meet from 9:00-12:20 during the intersession. This will count towards the Asian Concentration.

There are other courses being offered in January that can count towards the core. All of the courses are listing on Web for Students.

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## 3. Research Help

Beginning on October 19 and continuing through mid-November, the library will offer small group seminars and individual consultations on research papers. The purpose of these sessions or “clinics” is to assist the students in the use of the library’s resources both electronic and print, and to promote an information literacy competency on campus. The sessions are intended to have a general application and are designed to benefit the students in their current and future research assignments. These will include – but will not be limited to – the following:

- The refinement of a research topic
- Keyword searching
- Evaluation of databases and websites
- Alternative ways to obtain articles and books
- The understanding and prevention of plagiarism
- Bibliographic citations in approved styles

## 4. Upcoming Events

### What is the Environment Anyway?

New York Times Notable Author, Robert Sullivan will be speaking on **Thursday, November 10, at 4:00 pm in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311)** on “What is the Environment Anyway? A nature writer talks about living and writing in New York City.”

Sullivan is the author of *Rats: Observations on the History and Habitat of the City's Most Unwanted Inhabitants*, *The Meadowlands: Wilderness Adventures at the Edge of a City*. He is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts creative writing fellowship. He is a contributing editor to *Vogue* and a frequent contributor to the *New Yorker*. He will be speaking about writing as a craft as well as how he became an “accidental environmentalist” through his writings. For more information, contact Dr. Chasek

### Lasallian Volunteers

Courtney Nelson, recruiter for Lasallian Volunteers, will be on campus from Wednesday, November 16 through Friday, Nov. 18.

Lasallian Volunteers is a one, two or three year experience in the field of Christian education or related human development programs working in poor communities across the United States. Volunteers live in community and share a spiritual life. They receive room and board, health insurance and a stipend plus a small education grant at the end of the program. If you would like to meet with her, contact Campus Ministry and Social Action at ext. 7775 or stop in at Cornerstone on the second floor of Miguel.

### NYU Master of Science in Global Affairs

There will be an information session for the New York University Global Affairs program on **Tuesday, November 8** from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY. Meet with faculty and admission counselors from the Center for Global Affairs to learn about the program. Reservations are required. To reserve a seat, e-mail [rsvp.scps@nyu.edu](mailto:rsvp.scps@nyu.edu) or call 212-998-7200. For more information about the program on-line, go to: <http://www.scps.nyu.edu/departments/degree.jsp?degId=65>

### New School International Affairs Program

There will be an information session about this graduate program at The New School, 66 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street on **Wednesday, November 9** and Thursday, December 1 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please call the Admissions Office at 212-229-5630 if you plan on attending. For more information, go to: New School International Affairs Program <http://www.nsu.newschool.edu/internationalaffairs/>

## **Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs**

There will be an information session for SIPA on Monday, November 7 at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, November 9 at noon, Friday, November 11 at 2:30 pm, Monday, November 14 at 6:00 pm and Wednesday, November 16 at noon. at SIPA, 420 W. 118<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 408, New York, NY. For more information, contact SIPA at 212-854-5406 or go to <http://www.sipa.columbia.edu/index.html>

## **John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University**

There will be an information session for the graduate program on Thursday, December 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, in the McQuaid Hall Diplomacy Room. Applicants may request interviews for admission at the Whitehead School South Orange, NJ Campus, or at scheduled information sessions, through the Office of Graduate Studies. Please contact Ursula Sanjamino, Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, [sanjamur@shu.edu](mailto:sanjamur@shu.edu).

Campus visits are conducted throughout the year on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please contact Anna Williams, Office of Graduate Studies, to schedule an appointment at [williaan@shu.edu](mailto:williaan@shu.edu) or 973-275-2267. For more information about the program, go to <http://diplomacy.shu.edu/>

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## **5. Alumni News**

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

**Cari Hourigan** [cari.hourigan@gmail.com](mailto:cari.hourigan@gmail.com) (2005) writes: I have been in Ireland since July 27th. I'm currently working in Dublin as a temp in The Mortgage Store. It is a branch of the Bank of Ireland Group. They deal strictly with mortgages. So I have been spending most of my days processing applications and answering the phones. Irish property value has skyrocketed in the past 10 years. Property that was bought for 40 or 50 grand in 1993 is now worth between 250-400, depending on proximity to Dublin. Someone was telling me that Dublin was 2nd to NYC in prices and cost of living. But I'll be honest even now that I bring home Euros in my paycheck I think Dublin is probably more expensive.

It is really interesting to see how Ireland has changed in the past year and a half (since I studied here). When I first came here for my semester I fell in love with a culture where there was less economic divide than we have in the states. It was considered tacky to wave wealth. Sunday's were sacred. Very few shops were open on Sundays and it wasn't until after 2pm that the ones that were would open. The supermarkets were all closed by 7 or 8 the latest 7 days a week. I remember it being a big deal that Superquin was open on Sundays when I was here during my junior year. Now all the markets are open until 10 or 11 and many are starting to open 24 hours. Dunns is similar to a Walmart but on a smaller scale and they are open 24 hours in some locations. Sunday's are no longer as sacred as they used to be. Everything is open just like it was any other day.

Ireland's economy is booming and as a result, for a change, people are immigrating here now. It is interesting to see a culture deal with immigration and diversity for the first time. The Polish, since they joined the EU are coming here in droves. So now most of the people working in the corner stores and fast food places are no longer Irish and are immigrants from eastern Europe, Asia, and Africa. Seeing people's reaction to this shift is really fascinating. It is defiantly something someone should write a book on. I would be willing to bet that most Irish people would swear they aren't racist and cite 900 years of being "enslaved" by the British as proof of their empathy (this is a line I have heard over and over again). However, I have seen adults and children who are blatantly racist in public.

I am actually having a good time, it just weird seeing a country evolve before your eyes. Something else that I think is interesting that seems to happen as a norm now is that and unmarried, unengaged couples will buy a house. Generally once a couple is living together they no longer refer to each other as my "boyfriend" or "girlfriend" but rather their partner. I'm not sure what says about society, ours or the Irish but I'm sure it says something.

My visa is up in mid December, so I will be heading back to NY then. If I can make a recommendation to seniors who don't know what to do with themselves after graduation, you might as well go work abroad for a while because you are just going to be sitting home being just as lost as you would someplace else. If you work abroad you will at least be able to put something interesting on your CV (resume) when you get home, even if it has nothing to do with what you end up doing.

**Blair Lampe** [meblair@gmail.com](mailto:meblair@gmail.com) (2005) writes: Well, I have found my way through Italy to Nicole [Pollio]. My first month or so passed very slowly, but lately, it's been moving so fast I can hardly keep up. At first I thought this meant my time in Europe was coming to an end, but on closer examination, I'm really only about halfway through with my Eurail pass. And the only countries I haven't been to are Spain, Portugal, Ireland and for all practical purposes, France (in which I stayed a night). I'm thinking now when my pass runs out I'll bum around Eastern Europe until Christmas when my family comes.

**Jonathan Rowe** [Jon.Rowe@police.govt.nz](mailto:Jon.Rowe@police.govt.nz) (2003) writes: Currently I'm back in New Zealand and living in Wellington. I've been working for the New Zealand Police for the past 6 months doing domestic policy. However I'm just about to take up a new position in an International Services Group (ISG) that has just been set up by NZ Police.

Basically my role will be tied in with international policy and deployments. The ISG will run all of New Zealand's international policing initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region. This ranges from Disaster relief (i.e. the Tsunami) and Anti-terrorism, to implementing domestic violence initiatives in the Pacific Islands nations. It's a fantastic opportunity and will open a lot of doors.

I had planned a return to NYC after being accepted to New School's Master of International Affairs Program, however this job was an opportunity that I couldn't turn down. I will be back in NYC for 2 weeks over the New Year so hopefully will catch up with some of the Manhattan College crew.

**Kerstin Recker** [kerstin@goalquest.com](mailto:kerstin@goalquest.com) (2003) writes: I am currently working as an Account Manager for a web based communications company that works specifically with higher education institutions. Manhattan College is actually one of our clients! We are running a retention program for freshman students – you can check it out by going using this link [http://www.manhattanjasperjourney.com/index.cfm?unqid=CFDEA14A1143D2038E2D256E410E4978&USER\\_ID=6703JE4448966A4CA0865E82508040441&html\\_email=true](http://www.manhattanjasperjourney.com/index.cfm?unqid=CFDEA14A1143D2038E2D256E410E4978&USER_ID=6703JE4448966A4CA0865E82508040441&html_email=true)

Prior to this I was working for a Japanese company the relocated to San Francisco – not wanting to move I was offered a position at GoalQuest. It has provided me with a lot of experience. I am leading meetings, conducting presentation/seminars, leading student focus groups, and traveling all over. Throughout most of the summer I was traveling but I am happy to be back.

Within a few weeks I will be leaving this position and taking another position at MTV – working on their online campaign. It will be very nice to work in such a creative environment. It is funny how life unfolds.

**Altagracia Pierre** [altagracia.pierre@gmail.com](mailto:altagracia.pierre@gmail.com) (2002) sent the following article about the CUNY Moot Court competition. Congratulations!



### **Moot Court Competition**

The CUNY Moot Court Board held its Tenth Annual CUNY Summer Moot Court Competition Oral Argument Program in September 2005. Close to thirty CUNY students competed in appellate oral arguments in front of more than twenty actual judges, faculty, alums, and other attorneys. During the day of the competition, the oral argument judges grilled the competitors on the strengths and weaknesses of their cases. New members of CUNY Moot Court are selected from the competition, based upon oral argument scores and upon written appellate brief scores.

The competition was organized by Moot Court Summer Competition Coordinator **Altagracia Pierre**, a third-year student, along with assistance from the other current Moot Court members and a number of first-year students who acted as score-keepers. Throughout the year, CUNY Moot Court team members compete in competitions against other schools throughout the country.



## **6. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements**

### **Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships**

Sophomores interested in studying international relations at the graduate level can apply for a Department of State Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship. This monetary award covers tuition, room and board for junior and senior years in college and first year of graduate

study. Pickering Fellows receive stipends for international and domestic internships with the State Department. Applications are now being accepted and the deadline for applicants is February 24, 2006. For more information and to start the application process, go to <http://careers.state.gov/student/apply/pickering.html>

### **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals**

This federally funded scholarship to Germany is a unique opportunity not only to study but also to work in a foreign country. The one-year cultural exchange is designed to give 75 Americans an understanding and knowledge of everyday life in Germany by living with a host family, studying at a German university, and working in a German company or organization.

Conceived and supported by members of the United States Congress and the German Bundestag, the program is financed through the US Department of State and the Bundestag. CDS International, Inc. administers the program in the United States. The program is designed primarily for those in business, technical, vocational and agricultural fields, although applicants in all fields are encouraged to apply. Strong interest in German and international affairs is essential, although German language skills are not required to apply. The program has three parts: a two-month intensive German language course in Germany to develop the facility needed for successful participation; four-month study at a German university or professional school; and a five-month internship with a German company or organization in the participant's target field. For the duration of the program, participants live with German host families. The duration is one year, beginning in late July 2006.

Scholarship Includes: International airfare; schooling fees; orientation, mid-year and final seminars; insurance; partial local transportation; and host family stipends. Participants must provide their own spending money throughout the year.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2005. (Note: This is no longer a postmark date. All materials must be in the CDS office on December 1.) Applications are available for download or by mail. Request an application at <http://www.cdsintl.org/cbyx/cbyxfromusa.htm> or [cbyx@cdsintl.org](mailto:cbyx@cdsintl.org). CDS will accept applications only directly from the candidates.

Requirements: Participants must be a US citizen or permanent resident between 18 and 24 years old at the start of the program; must have a high school diploma, clear career goals and related work experience; and must possess flexibility, diplomacy, and a strong sense of American identity. German language skills are not required. For more information, contact,

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## **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellows Program**

Each year, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace holds a rigorous national competition to select 8-10 graduating seniors to serve as research assistants. They are matched with senior associates – academics, former government officials, lawyers and journalists from around the world – to work on a variety of international affairs issues.

Junior Fellows have the opportunity to conduct research for books, participate in meetings with high-level officials, contribute to congressional testimony and organize briefings attended by scholars, activists, journalists and government officials.

Junior Fellows spend one year (beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>) at the Carnegie Endowment in Washington, DC. Positions are full-time and include a salary and benefits package.

### 2006 - 2007 Projected Projects

Democracy Building - *Political Science background preferred. Study of Middle Eastern politics may be helpful.*

Non-Proliferation

Chinese Political and Economic Transitions - *Chinese language skills desirable.*

Russian and Eurasian Studies - *Excellent Russian language skills required.*

South Asian Studies (non-proliferation, international security, democracy development and trade)

Trade, Equity and Development

For more information and an application, contact Dr. Chasek in Miguel 414 or Doris Pechman in Career Services.

### **Job Opportunity.**

Assistant to the President, National Committee on American Foreign Policy

#### Description:

- Provides administrative assistance to the president of a non-profit foreign policy think tank; works closely with other employees and project directors
- Serves as initial point of contact to the organization with internal and external sources; prepares and directs written correspondence
- Responsible for office management; scheduling; inventory; maintaining filing systems; database administration; hiring and coordination of interns
- Arranges meetings with the organization's Executive Committee, Board, and staff; assists with the drafting and editing of minutes
- Coordinates assignments of a sensitive nature, including planning conferences with foreign dignitaries, high-level officials, and foreign policy experts

- Responsible for all conference and meeting logistics such as drafting invitations, booking facilities, ordering catering, and creating itineraries
- Plans and manages travel arrangements for the president and others as needed; manages reconciliation of expense accounts associated with travel
- Assists with development and funding priorities, including research, outreach, grant proposals, tracking and organizing financial documentation
- Provides assistance to the editors of the organization's bimonthly journal; corresponds with authors; organizes the publication and dissemination of foreign policy literature and conference reports
- Represents the organization and assists program director at public foreign policy briefings, some of which are held in the evenings

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree and 1-2 years of experience as an administrative assistant or in a related function
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, as well as interpersonal and time management skills
- Ability to handle multiple tasks, function independently, and adhere to close deadlines
- Detailed knowledge of applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and related calendar programs; familiarity with ACT! Database a plus; willingness to learn new programs
- Background or interest in foreign policy

To Apply: We are seeking to fill this position as soon as possible. If you are interested and fit the above qualifications, please e-mail a cover letter and resume at:

Ms. Jesse Gass, [jesse.gass@ncafp.org](mailto:jesse.gass@ncafp.org)

URL: <http://www.ncafp.org>

**New York City Teaching Fellows**

The NYC Teaching Fellows program places people as teachers in New York City public schools. No teaching experience is necessary (nor is a degree in education). There is a rigorous selection process and if you are selected, you will be able to get a subsidized Masters Degree, a regular teacher's salary and benefits; ongoing support at the school and region levels; and a network of like-minded professionals committed to educational excellence for New York City's students.

Recent Manhattan College graduates who are participating in this program include Tutti Touray. If you are interested, go to <http://www.nycteachingfellows.org/> The application deadline is December 12, 2005.

If you want to find out more about it, Tutti would be happy to answer your question. Her e-mail is [Tutes1025@aol.com](mailto:Tutes1025@aol.com)

## Teach for America

Teach for America is the national corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit two years to teach in urban and rural public schools, and become lifelong leaders in the effort to expand educational opportunity. Their mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting some of our nation's most promising future leaders in the effort. Currently, 3,500 corps members are teaching in over 1,000 schools in 22 regions across the country. This year's application deadline is February 17, 2006. For more information, go to <http://www.teachforamerica.org>

## Internships at the United Nations Association.

UNA-USA awards a variety of part-time and full-time internships to highly motivated students. Interns must possess a strong interest in international affairs, good writing and research skills, and formidable knowledge of the United Nations and other multilateral institutions.

While the internships are not salaried positions, interns have found the experience of working at UNA-USA and exploring the UN's resources rewarding in other ways, both educationally and vocationally. In many cases, academic credit can be arranged for students requiring documentation. Since the internship takes place in New York, interns are often able to attend various United Nations meetings, briefings, and special UNA-USA events as well.

## Application Deadlines

- Applications for **Spring** internships are received on a rolling basis.
- Applications for **Summer** internships must be received no later than **March 15**.
- Applications for **Fall** internships are received on a rolling basis.
- There are **no** internships available for the **Winter break**.

For an application and more information, go to <http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=640679>

## Other Useful Information.

Check out the International Studies website for more useful scholarship, fellowship, internship and job information at [http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/arts/intl/intl\\_resources.shtml](http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/arts/intl/intl_resources.shtml)

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