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1. Welcome Back

Greetings International Studies majors, graduates and other readers! The 2006-07 school year is now officially underway and I'm sure many of you are trying to figure out how the summer passed so quickly. I know I am.

Welcome back upper classmen and women. I hope that you will continue to find this newsletter to be a great way of passing information along to you and helping you with your course selections, internship and job searches and upcoming events.

Welcome freshmen and newly declared majors! This newsletter comes out once a month to inform you about your major and provide you with other helpful hints to navigate around Manhattan College. This is a monthly electronic newsletter that informs all International Studies majors about things of interest, especially events on campus. I also hope that we may be able to form a closer community of International Studies majors.

Welcome International Studies alumni. You will continue to get this newsletter to help you keep in touch with your alma mater. If you ever wish to come back to campus and talk about your post-graduate experiences, let me know. Please keep me posted on your accomplishments so I can spread the good news.

If you have any announcements of meetings or events or job/internship opportunities that you want to post, please send me an e-mail at pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu. If you had a great internship or study abroad experience that you would like to write about for this newsletter, let me know. Likewise, if you ever have any questions about the major, graduate schools, jobs, internships, study abroad, or anything else, feel free to e-mail me or stop by Miguel 414.

Pam Chasek
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2. News about the Major

Here is a reminder about what you need to graduate as an International Studies major.

All students shall:

- complete fifteen credits of a core curriculum, comprised of the Global Issues introductory seminar (INTL 201), International Economics (ECON 334), a government course (either International Politics (GOVT 351), International Organizations (GOVT 352) or US Foreign Policy (GOVT 357), a diplomatic history course (Diplomatic History of Europe (HIST 326), the Cold War and the World (HIST 327) or American Foreign Relations (HIST 362), and a final capstone seminar in International Studies (INTL 405).
- complete fifteen credits in the chosen area of concentration. Areas of concentration are Europe, Asia, Caribbean and Latin America, Africa and Middle East and Global Issues. This last category focuses on transregional issues such as the environment, technology, ethnicity, and international organizations.
- acquire a satisfactory reading and speaking ability in at least one foreign language. This means that you should go beyond the six required credits in Modern Foreign Languages and have at least six credits at the 200-level or higher. Languages not offered at Manhattan College can be taken off campus.

All International Studies majors are strongly encouraged to spend one or two semesters of their junior year abroad.

A minimum grade of C is required in all courses used to fulfill the requirements for a major or minor in International Studies and for all courses taken abroad.

Outstanding students, both majors and minors, are inducted into the Manhattan College chapter of Sigma Iota Rho, the national honor society for international studies.

3. Summer Travels and Internships

Over the summer I have heard from a number of students about their internships and travels. Just to highlight the wide variety of options available to you over the summer (in case you want to think about it for next year), here are a few of the things you all have been doing.

- **Emily Schultz** interned in Senator Chuck Schumer's Albany Office.
- **Brendan Atwood** went to Chamelecon, Honduras, where he constructed houses and tutored children, among other things. This was a service learning trip through Manhattan

College and part of an independent study he completed, examining the AIDS epidemic in Honduras.

- **Annie Eder** interned at the Irish Immigration Center in Boston. She worked in the Citizenship and Immigration services department, where she helped with immigrant advocacy, supervision of applicants for green cards and naturalization, and tutorials on the immigration process.
- **Lilly Vogel** interned as the Video Project Coordinator for the United Nations Association Westchester chapter.

Did you travel or do an internship over the summer? If so, let us know what you did so we can tell everyone about it and give other students ideas of what to do next summer.

4. Alumni News

Here is some news reported by International Studies alumni since last May. I apologize if any of this is now outdated.

Amanda Connor ('04) has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will be serving in Mali, in Africa.

Carmelita Francois ('05) is attending the New School University and getting her Master's degree in International Affairs concentrating on Conflict and Security and Socioeconomic Development.

Steve DeVito ('02) is currently a first Lieutenant for the 393 Bomb Squadron, currently deployed to Anderson Air Force Base Guam.

Kerstin Recker ('02) is working at MTV in the MTV.com department as a Producer. She works specifically with all the advertisers that come to MTV.com to figure out how to best integrate them into the website.

Steve Herson ('02) is working at Notre Dame Academy HS. His position is Teacher/Administrator. He teaches social studies, including AP World History, and Moderate the Student Government, the Model United Nations, Good Morning Gators (television studio), and the Drama Club. He is more than halfway through my MS in Educational Administration from St. John's. He plans on completing a topical (either Int'l. Relations or History) masters when he completes this one.

Michelle Hall ('01) is Associate Director and International Student Advisor of the Center for Global Education at Wheaton College. She will be returning to school full-time in the fall to pursue her Masters in College Student Personnel.

Alumni: Send in your news via e-mail to pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

5. Upcoming Events

Thomas More Law Society Meeting. Are you thinking about law school or are you interested in the law? Come to a reception on September 12 at 6:30 pm in the Alumni Room of the Library to learn more and get involved. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Horn, Pre-Law Adviser, jeff.horn@manhattan.edu, Miguel 413.

Model United Nations. There will be an informational meeting for the Model UN program on Wednesday, September 13 from 3:30-4:00 pm in Miguel 207. If you are interested in learning more about the National Model United Nations conference in March in New York, plan on coming to the meeting. We will be choosing our country requests. If you are interested, contact Pam Chasek pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu to be added to the Model UN e-mailing list.

Study Abroad: Past, Present and Future. If you are interested in studying abroad for a semester or a year, come to an informational meeting about these programs. Learn what options you have, how and when to apply and ask additional questions. This meeting will take place at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, September 13, in the Alumni Room in the Library. For more information, contact Nancy Cave in the Study Abroad Office at ext. 7527 or at nancy.cave@manhattan.edu

Grad School Fair. If you are thinking of applying to graduate school, come to the upcoming fair in New York City for Graduate Degrees for the Public Good. At this fair you will have the opportunity to meet with admission staff from 100 graduate programs oriented toward the public good. These include Master's and PhDs in Social Work, Public Administration, International Affairs, Education, Public Policy, Public Health, Public Interest Law, Divinity, Environmental Sciences, and Nonprofit Management. This fair will be hosted by NYU's Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, and it will take place on Thursday, September 14th, 5:00-8:00 PM, at the Puck Building, 295 Lafayette Street.

For more information, and to register (it's free), please go to:

<http://www.idealists.org/gradfairs.html> And scroll way down until you see New York on the list of cities. Click on that, and then find Registration below the Schedule and Directions at the bottom of the page.

Darfur Rally. Join Manhattan Jaspers and hundreds of others in support of the people of Darfur, Sudan, at a rally near the United Nations on Sunday, September 17. For more information, contact Lois Harr, Campus Ministry and Social Action, Miguel 209, ext. 7142, lois.harr@manhattan.edu.

Lecture: The Role of Islamic Science in the European Renaissance. George Saliba, Professor of Arabic and Islamic Science at Columbia University will give this lecture on Thursday, September 28 at 4:30 pm in Smith Auditorium. For more information, contact Dr. Claire Nolte, History Department, Miguel 412, ext. 7133, claire.nolte@manhattan.edu

Getting into Law School: What you should be doing NOW? This lecture will be on October 4, from 4:00-5:15 in Miguel 201. The speaker will be Philip Hoffman, Litigation and Hiring Partner for Pryor Cashman Sherman & Flynn LLP. For more information, contact Pre-Law Advisor, Dr. Jeff Horn, Pre-Law Adviser, jeff.horn@manhattan.edu, Miguel 413.

Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference. “Who Speaks for the Common Good?” This North American organization is holding its annual conference at Manhattan College. As details of the program become available, they will be posted at www.peacejusticestudies.org. Register for the conference at www.peacejusticestudies.org. For additional information, please contact Dr. Margaret Groarke, Director, Peace Studies ext. 7943 or at margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu.

Career Fair. The Career Fair will be held in Draddy Gym on Wednesday, October 11 from 12:00-5:00 pm. For more information, contact Career Services, Fifth Floor Miguel.

6. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Pre-Law Mentor Program. If you are thinking about law school, think about applying for a special mentor program. Only 20 spaces are available. Students will have the opportunity to visit their mentors’ law firms to see them at work, discuss the possibilities of a legal career and learn about the profession. To request an application, contact Irene Snitkoff, at Irene.snitkoff@manhattan.edu. The deadline for applications is **Monday, September 4 at 4:00 pm**. Sophomores, juniors and seniors may apply.

Internships at the Manhattan District Office of U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer. Senator Schumer’s office is currently accepting applications for **Fall 2006** internships. An internship in Senator Schumer’s District Office will provide you with the opportunity to experience the inner workings of U.S. Senator Schumer’s state-wide operation and supplement your knowledge of American Government and the political process. As an intern in the Manhattan District Office, you will experience every aspect of constituency services. Tasks include, but are not limited to, corresponding with numerous federal agencies, speaking with constituents and federal agency representatives, data entry, community-based work and assisting the scheduling department with scheduling requests, parades and other public events. You will also be assigned time in both the reception area and mailroom, which is essential to the daily operation of the Manhattan District Office. Potential interns must be eager, conscientious, reliable, able to handle responsibilities with minimal supervision, and computer literate. Open to all majors, a general knowledge of national, state and local political processes is recommended.

If you are interested, you are encouraged to mail a cover sheet detailing availability and interest, resume, three to five page writing sample and one letter of recommendation to the fax or email below by **September 30th**. The official application and further information are available on Senator Schumer’s website: www.schumer.senate.gov

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Human Rights First Jobs and Internships

Since 1978, Human Rights First has worked in the U.S. and abroad to create a secure and humane world by advancing justice, human dignity and respect for the rule of law. We support human rights activists who fight for basic freedoms and peaceful change at the local level; protect refugees in flight from persecution and repression; promote fair economic practices by creating safeguards for workers' rights; and help build a strong international system of justice and accountability for the worst human rights crimes.

Human Rights First welcomes a limited number of interns throughout the year. Positions are available in Program as well as Development, Communications, Administration and Finance. During the academic year, interns commit to 10 – 12 hours a week. During the summer most interns work full time. For more information about applying for Spring Semester internships (Deadline is November 15) or to see what full-time jobs are available, go to http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/about_us/jobs/interns.htm

United Nations Association of the United States Internships

The United Nations Association of the United States (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. Applications for **Spring** internships must be received no later than **November 1**. For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=640679>

Minority Fellows Program

The American Political Science Association Minority Fellows Program, which was established in 1969 as an effort to increase the number of minority scholars in the discipline, has designated more than 300 fellows and contributed to the successful completion of doctoral political science programs for over 70 individuals. This year, the Association has refocused and increased its efforts to assist minority students in completing their doctorates by concentrating not only on the recruitment of minorities, but also on the retention of these groups within the profession.

The Minority Fellows Program designates six stipend minority fellows each year. Additional applicants who do not receive funds from the Association may also be recognized and recommended for admission and financial support to graduate political science programs. Fellows with stipends receive a \$4,000 fellowship that is disbursed in two \$2,000 payments--one at the end of their first graduate year and one at the end of their second--provided that they

remain in good academic standing. Awards are based on students' undergraduate course work, GPA, extracurricular activities, GRE scores, and recommendations from faculty.

For 2007, the deadline for applications has been extended to October 25, 2006. A Selection Committee reviews applications in November, and awards are announced at the end of that month. Selected Fellows are required to formally accept by December. For more information, see www.apsanet.org/section_427.cfm . For more information, please contact: Hayle Ziobro at hziobro@apsanet.org.

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