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**1. November News**

November is here and we are all busier than ever. I've seen most of you over the past few weeks for Spring 2007 advising. After reviewing your program of study, I have a few reminders:

1. Seniors (and others): If you need letters of recommendation, make sure you provide me with the name and address to send the letter to, whether or not I give you the letter or mail it directly, what the job/graduate program is that you are applying for, and a copy of your resume. Remember to give me sufficient time to write the letter.
2. Underclassmen: Remember, you have to take ECON 202 before you can register for ECON 334. It is also highly recommended that you take LLRN 120: Roots: Economics as well. This will count for one of your three social science core requirements. The greater your understanding of basic economic principles before you take International Economics, the better off you will be.
3. When you are planning, remember that the history requirement of the International Studies core (HIST 326 or 362) is only offered during the fall semesters. Likewise, INTL 201 is only offered in the fall.
4. Are you interested in participating in Model UN this spring? Manhattan College will be representing Denmark. We have room for 22 students to participate by enrolling in GOVT 457. If you are concentrating in European Studies or Global Issues, this class can count for your concentration. If you are concentrating in Latin America/Caribbean or Middle East/Africa, there are two positions for each that could count for your concentration. See me if you are interested. You **cannot** register for this class without my prior approval.

5. Do you want to do an internship in the spring? Now is the time to start putting that internship together. Go see Doris Pechman, Internship Coordinator, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Miguel, to get started.
6. Finally, some of you have been asking why there are so few International Studies courses this spring. One of the challenges we have had is that Dr. Antolik and Dr. Nolte will both be on sabbatical in the spring. I will also be away this spring, on a Fulbright Scholarship to Wellington, New Zealand. This has had an impact on our course offerings. However, we have hired a visiting professor for the spring and we have also hired an additional adjunct. While this doesn't fill all of the gaps, it helps.

We have an exciting month ahead of us so look at the Upcoming Events section. Have a good month!

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## 2. Upcoming Events

**International Studies Informal Lectures on the International Financial Institutions.** The International Studies Program is sponsoring three lectures on different perspectives on the International Financial Institutions.

**Tuesday, October 31:** Oscar Avalor, World Bank  
12:20: Miguel 307 on the World Bank  
2:30: Miguel 202 on the World Bank in Latin America

**Wednesday, November 1:** James Vreeland, Yale University  
12:20: Miguel 307 on the International Monetary Fund

**Wednesday, November 8:** David Atkinson, Interamerican Development Bank  
4:00: Miguel 311 (Rodriguez Room) on Latin American economic development

All are welcome. Questions, contact Pam Chasek [pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu](mailto:pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu)

**Auschwitz and the Holocaust: Converging Courses.** Dr. Deborah Dwork, the Rose Professor of Holocaust Studies and Modern Jewish History at Clark University will be speaking in Smith Auditorium on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 pm. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information contact, the Manhattan College Holocaust Center at ext. 7294 or 7129.

**Post Election Mexico: Issues of Democracy and Reform.** President-elect Felipe Calderón will take office on the first of December. Mr Calderón, the candidate of the PAN (National Action

Party), won by a slight margin over Andrés Manuel López Obrador of the PRD (Democratic Revolution Party), with Roberto Madrazo of the PRI (Institutional Revolutionary Party) coming in third. Calderón has laid out a plan for reform in the coming years, pledging to tackle poverty, create jobs and promote equality. Within the context of continued tension following the election, what are the prospects for reform and development for the new government? Moreover, what are the prospects for further consolidation of the still new democratic system? This panel discussion will take place on Friday, November 10 from 4:00-6:00 pm at Room C202/C203 at the Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue (at 34th St). Space is limited. Please reserve by sending an email to bildner@gc.cuny.edu or call 212 817-2099.

**Be a Global Citizen!** You are cordially invited to join your peers from nine local colleges on Friday, November 17 for a day-long workshop intended to introduce the work of the United Nations, engage you in contributing to the UN Millennium goals, and to expose opportunities for future work with the UN. The day begins at the UN and continues through until 4:30 p.m. (Lunch is provided). For additional information, please contact Kevin McCloskey (ext. 7775 or Thomas Hall 503) ASAP. There are a limited number of spaces.

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### 3. Minors and Clusters

If you haven't already, you have the chance to declare a double major or have one major and one or more minors or clusters. You can minor in just about any department in the School of Arts as well as in the other schools. A number of International Studies majors take minors in the School of Business (Economics, Business, Accounting), so you may want to check those out. You can talk to Dianna Cruz or check the Catalogue.

Now onto clusters. What is a cluster you may ask? A cluster is an interdisciplinary minor, sort of like International Studies is for a major. Students can use their electives to form a cluster of five courses from various departments that focus on a common theme. The School of Arts offers clusters in Law, American Studies, Pan-African Studies, Latin-American and Caribbean Area Studies, Women's Studies, Cognitive Science, Environmental Studies, and Roman Catholic Studies.

Information on the courses and on the requirements is available from the Cluster Coordinators: Dr. George Kirsch (American Studies); Dr. Winsome Downie (Pan-African Studies); Dr. Rodney Rodriguez (Latin-American and Caribbean Area Studies); Dr. Mary Ann O'Donnell (Women's Studies); Dr. Jay Friedenberg (Cognitive Science); Dr. Pamela Chasek (Environmental Studies); and Dr. Michele Saracino (Roman Catholic Studies). You can also pick up brochures outside of Dianna Cruz's office.

#### 4. January Intersession Courses of Interest

There are a few January courses that may interest you. Intersession runs from January 3-19, 2007.

ECON 202-11. Microeconomics  
LLRN 120-11. Roots Economics  
LLRN 121-11. Roots Government  
LLRN 123-11. Roots Psychology  
LLRN 205-51. Roots: Philosophy  
LLRN 207-11 and 207-12. Roots: Music  
RELS 357-11. Religions of China and the Far East  
SCI 204-11. Topics in Science II.

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#### 5. Alumni News

**Allison Murphy ('01)** [AAMurphy2002@yahoo.com](mailto:AAMurphy2002@yahoo.com) writes: I've left Citco after 4 years and joined Eton Park Capital Mgmt, a hedge fund based here in NY. I'll be working here for 6 months before moving over to their London office indefinitely in March. I just thought it was time for a change and with nothing holding me down here in NY I can take advantage of all the travel opportunities afforded me by working in London. I'm a Senior Operations Analyst here which is part of what I was doing at Citco. This move really gives me the in-depth market exposure I've been missing as well as, again, the travel.

**Christina Casey ('06)** [christina.v.casey@gmail.com](mailto:christina.v.casey@gmail.com) writes: I got a job teaching Eenglish in Japan! I found the job on Craig's List, and I got hired this past summer and now I've been in Japan for 3 weeks. It's a really great job. I'm an assistant English teacher at this private school in Mito, about 2 hours northeast of Tokyo. Mito is a nice city, nothing like NYC, very country side-ish, but I'm getting use to it. No one really speaks English so I really have to study my Japanese. If I ever hear about any job openings at the schools around this area I will tell you so you can tell other International Studies students.

**Alumni:** Send in your news via e-mail to [pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu](mailto:pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu). We look forward to hearing from you. Also, New York City alumni, there has been some interest expressed in having an impromptu International Studies/Model UN Alumni Happy Hour somewhere in midtown. If anyone wants to help plan this (just decide on a day, time and place), I can send out an e-mail contacting everyone. Just let me know.

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

### **Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange**

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a year-long work/study scholarship program to Germany, is currently accepting applications for the 2007-2008 program year. The program offers the opportunity for young professionals between the ages of 18-24 to immerse themselves in different aspects German culture and daily life. Currently in its 23rd year, the program is funded by the German Bundestag and US Congress through the Department of State. The CBYX program is attractive to both current students and graduating seniors, and no prior German language skills are required to participate!

The program year consists of

- 2 months of intensive German language instruction in Germany
- 4 months of classroom instruction at a German university or vocational school
- a 5-month internship in the participant's career field
- housing with a German host family or in a shared apartment

Candidates for the program must

- Be US citizens or permanent residents
- Be between 18 and 24 years old at the start of the program
- Have a high school diploma
- Have clear career goals and some work experience
- Have a strong interest in international affairs and Germany, while maintaining a strong American identity
- Demonstrate flexibility, independence, and diplomacy

The application deadline is DECEMBER 1st. For more information on the program, or to request an application, visit [www.cdsintl.org/cbyx](http://www.cdsintl.org/cbyx), email [cbyx@cdsintl.org](mailto:cbyx@cdsintl.org), or call 212-497-3522.

### **Greenpeace Organizing Term**

The Greenpeace Organizing Term is a semester-long training for students to become environmental leaders. Participants will receive more than 50 skill training sessions from how to plan campaigns to working with the media. They will meet with the nation's top environmental leaders, and acquire hands-on experience working on a priority Greenpeace campaign. Since the program began in 2004, we have trained more than one hundred student activists. Our alumni have played active roles in key environmental campaigns, bringing about campus clean energy victories and working to protect the last remaining ancient forests in North America. You can find more information at <http://www.greenpeaceusa.org/got>.

## **World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)**

WWOOF is an exchange network operating in many countries where accommodation, meals and learning are given in return for help to hosts. A WWOOF host invites people to come to their place to work usually about 4 to 6 hours a day in return for their daily food, board and the experience of sharing daily life with the people who live and work at the host. Stays of varying lengths are possible.

The aims of WWOOF are to:

- enable people to learn first-hand about organic growing techniques
- to enable town-dwellers to experience living and helping on a farm
- to help farmers make organic production a viable alternative
- to improve communications within the organic movement.

WWOOF organizations compile a list of organic Host farms that (from time to time) welcome volunteer help. When you become a member of a WWOOF organization, you will be put in contact with these Host farms. It is then up to **you** to contact the Host farms that interest you and make your own arrangements with them. If you are interested, check out their www site at <http://www.woof.org/>

## **BUNAC (British Universities North America Club) Opportunities to Work Abroad**

BUNAC currently offers US students and young people work/travel programs to Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Each program offers a unique insight into life in a completely different culture and a chance to spend extended time working and traveling overseas. In addition, BUNAC USA offers volunteer placement programs in South Africa, Peru and Cambodia. For more information, check out their www site at <http://www.bunac.org/usa/>

## **Job Opportunity: Development Assistant, Human Rights First**

Human Rights First believes that building respect for human rights and the rule of law will help ensure the dignity to which every individual is entitled and will stem tyranny, extremism, intolerance, and violence.

Human Rights First protects people at risk: refugees who flee persecution, victims of crimes against humanity or other mass human rights violations, victims of discrimination, those whose rights are eroded in the name of national security, and human rights advocates who are targeted for defending the rights of others... Human Rights First works to prevent violations against these groups and to seek justice and accountability for violations against them.

Human Rights First seeks a Development Assistant for its Development Department in its New York office. She or he will coordinate the general activities of the Development Department and provides administrative support to the Director of Development and team. For more information, and the list of responsibilities and qualifications, go to

[http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/about\\_us/jobs/dev\\_assist.htm](http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/about_us/jobs/dev_assist.htm) Submission deadline is November 10, 2006. This is an immediate hire.

## **Clark Fellowship**

Manhattan College is one of 25 colleges invited to nominate students for a Clark Foundation Fellowship. Upon graduation, Clark Fellows work (part-time or full-time) in a non-profit organization and begin a graduate degree program in New York City. The Clark Foundation provides a \$10,000 supplement to the Fellow's salary for 2 years (totaling \$20,000), plus \$10,000 toward the cost of graduate tuition. The Clark Foundation also provides guidance to Fellows in pursuing a professional career in the non-profit, public interest sector, during their senior year and their years as a Clark Fellow.

Applicants should:

- Be a junior at Manhattan College.
- Have a strong academic record (Any major, any school).
- Have a record of service and leadership in student, professional or community organizations
- Have an interest in a career in nonprofit, community-oriented services.

Michael Brady MC '05 and Erin Coriston MC '06 have won Clark Foundation Fellowships. Previous Clark Fellows have earned degrees in Social Work, Public Administration, Art History, and other fields. Fellows may attend school full or part time. Some of the organizations previous fellows have worked for include: Community Service Society, The Bronx Council of the Arts, Volunteers of America, St. Christopher's Independence Inn, Children's Aid Society, Delaware Valley Community Reinvestment Fund, and the CG Jung Institute.

The Manhattan College Graduate Fellowships Committee will choose the college's nominees in mid-March. For more information, contact Professor Margaret Groarke, Miguel 426, ext. 7943 or [margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu](mailto:margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu).

## **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. If you are interested, go to <http://www.nycteachingfellows.org/> Apply by December 18, 2006 for early consideration.

## **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 9, 2007. For more information and to start the application process, go to <http://www.woodrow.org/public-policy/undergraduate.php>