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**1. Off to New Zealand!**

Happy December, everyone! The end of the semester is now in sight. One more week of classes, another week of exams, Christmas break and 2007 are all within reach. Don't worry, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Not only is this the last issue of the International Studies Newsletter for 2006, it is actually the last issue until September 2007. As many of you already know, I am off to Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, for the Spring 2007. I will be a Fulbright Senior Scholar and will be researching "Small Islands, Big Issues: Formulating Regional and International Responses to Environmental Problems in the South Pacific" during the semester. My husband, Kimo, and sons, Sam and Kai, will all be coming along for seven months on the other side of the world. We leave for Wellington on January 15, 2007, and will return in mid-August.

I am planning on setting up a blog while we are in New Zealand, so if you are interested you can follow us during our adventures. I will send out the blog address to the International Studies e-mail list when I have it all figured out.

Details about who will be handling what in my absence appear in the next section.

I wish everyone good luck with your exams, a very happy holiday season, and best of luck next semester.

All the best,

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## 2. Spring 2007 Important Information for Majors

**International Studies Adviser:** For the Spring 2007 semester, Dr. Laura Redruello will be taking over as adviser for International Studies majors and minors. For those of you who don't know her, Dr. Redruello teaches Spanish in the Modern Foreign Languages Department. Her research focuses on Latin American literature, 20th and 21st century fiction; national and cultural identity within the literature, music and film of the Caribbean with a focus on Cuban Cultural Production.

If you need any forms signed, if you are planning to study abroad next year, or if you have questions about the major, go see Dr. Redruello. She will also be advising for Fall 2007 registration and will be coordinating the Sigma Iota Rho honor society induction. You can find her in Miguel 417. Her phone number is ext. 7752 and her e-mail address is [laura.redruello@manhattan.edu](mailto:laura.redruello@manhattan.edu).

**Introducing two new visiting/adjunct professors:** During the Spring 2007 semester, two professors will be using Miguel 414 as their office. So if you stop by, don't be surprised.

Dr. Harris Gleckman will be a visiting professor of Government during the spring. He will be teaching the Politics of International Development and the Senior Seminar on War, Security and the Global Environment. He will also be teaching two sections of Roots: Government. Dr. Gleckman spent most of his career in the United Nations system, most recently as the Representative of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) to the United Nations in New York.

Vivian Nilsson will be an adjunct professor this spring and teaching the Model United Nations course. Ms. Nilsson is currently a Ph.D. candidate in political science at the CUNY Graduate Center. She knows the National Model United Nations conference very well, having served as a delegate, a staff member and a member of the Board of Directors.

**Washington Semester Program:** If you are interested in participating in the American University Washington Semester in the Fall 2007 semester, you can either see me before the end of final exams, or next semester, you can pick up materials from Dr. Michele Saracino, in Miguel 435. She will be the acting liaison for the Spring 2007 semester.

**Sigma Iota Rho:** Seniors and Juniors who qualify for induction into the Beta Eta Chapter of Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies Honor Society, will be notified in early January. The induction ceremony will take place in conjunction with the Government/Peace/International/Urban Dinner in early May. If you have questions about the dinner or the induction ceremony, see Dr. Redruello.

**Academic Advising:** Remember, Dianna Cruz and Rhonda Shuler are available in the Dean of Arts office to answer many of your needs.

Finally, if you need to reach Dr. Chasek during the Spring 2007 semester, she will be accessible by e-mail at [pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu](mailto:pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu).

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### 3. News from Overseas



Genevieve O'Reilly has spent the semester on the Semester at Sea Program. In November, she arrived in Egypt. This is what she wrote:

So we had been in Cairo almost a day, definitely time for some pyramids! We were set on riding camels up to the pyramids, when in Rome...so the four of us got our own camel (mine was Moses ☺). Camels are not comfortable, I just want to throw that out there... I got tossed around on top of that thing! I had a couple of close calls and nearly flew face first into the sand/rock piles. Needless to say, I struggled with walking for the next couple days. It was awesome to walk up to the great pyramids on top of a camel. WOW! One of the wonders of the ancient world, the only one still standing. I was in awe the whole time we were there, how could you not be! First of all, the pyramids are huge, I know you think they are pretty big, but let me tell you- they are massive. The blocks were nearly as tall as me. Its really hard to gauge their size even from a close distance because there is nothing around them, but once you get up close...wow! We went inside Chephren (the middle one). That was pretty scary. You have to double over to walk down a ramp that's on a 45 degree angle. I immediately started feeling claustrophobic and panicked. I closed my eyes and held it together. For what you ask...nothing, there is nothing inside the pyramid except a rectangular room that is empty, no mummies, no paintings, and you can't even bring your camera! Uhh! It was worth it though, I was inside of a pyramid, not many people can say that. It was awesome to see them, another surreal experience.

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#### 4. Alumni News

**Erica Howard ('04)** [ericam256@hotmail.com](mailto:ericam256@hotmail.com) recently sent some updated photos of her daughter, Eva, who was born last February.



**Bryon Nagy ('06)** [byron@nagy-san.com](mailto:byron@nagy-san.com) is living, working and riding his motorcycle in Miyazaki Prefecture, Japan. He sent a number of beautiful pictures of his new "home" environment. Here are a few:



This is a picture of the "sea of clouds" or Unkai in Japanese. The Unkai are named as such because the mountain tops look like islands sticking up in a sea of clouds. The photo is taken from the town of Takachiho, the town next to mine in Miyazaki Prefecture. According to

Japanese mythology Takachiho is where Japanese Culture all began when the Sun god Amaterasu descended to earth. The whole area has a lot of temples and shrines as well. The Unkai can only be seen at sunrise during the colder months of the year. I took this picture at around 5:45 AM when my mother and grandmother came to visit me a few weeks ago.



A natural hot spring about 30 mins from my house. It is in the caldera of Mt. Aso, Japan's largest and most active volcano and one of the largest caldera in the world. The eruption that caused the current landscape occurred around 300,000 years ago and even now when you go up to the peak there is steam and lava coming from the earth. Because of all the geo-thermal activity the area is littered with natural hot-spring hotels and resorts like the one pictured below. For 4 dollars it's all you can soak.

**Takeshi Kashima ('06)** [tkashima24@gmail.com](mailto:tkashima24@gmail.com) is the third member of the Class of '06 to head to Japan, joining classmates Cristina Casey and Byron Nagy. Takeshi has been offered a full-time position as a language instructor with Nova in Ono City, Hyogo Prefecture.

**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.

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## 5. Top Ten Job Search Mistakes

It's easy to make job search mistakes when you're a college student. After all, you've never really learned how -- or how not -- to look for a job. So here's a crash course on what not to do or think while searching for a job:

1. **Poorly written or designed resume.** The resume is used as a quick screening device by most employers. If it doesn't strike them as outstanding, your chances of an interview may be nil. The resume should describe education and experience in a concise, well-written format. More importantly, it should emphasize accomplishments over duties and responsibilities.
2. **Failure to network.** Friends, acquaintances and people you know should be encouraged to help in developing job leads.
3. **Limiting job sources.** Classified ads, employment agencies and other sources are often overlooked. Use all possible methods to learn of appropriate jobs.
4. **Canned approach.** Preprinted cover letters, quick and unimaginative phone calls and generic resumes save time for the candidate but turn off employers who feel they will take shortcuts in carrying out job responsibilities.
5. **A short work week.** For the unemployed, the job search should be a 40-plus-hour-per-week proposition. You don't get a job by only using a part of your free time.
6. **Inadequate interview preparation.** Each situation is a separate challenge and requires unique preparation. Responses must be timely, flexible and address the specific needs of the employers.
7. **Poor interview techniques.** A "give-and-take" honest relationship must be established during the interview. Candidates should exchange information while listening attentively, selling themselves and demonstrating enthusiasm for the job and the company.
8. **Restricted job search.** Restrictions on geographical locations, commuting time, parking facilities, size and type of employer and other personal matters should be secondary to the overall merit of an opportunity. Financial and professional pressures may also change your outlook later and make the opportunity more feasible. Remember that you can always decline a job offer if it is judged to be unattractive or a better one develops.
9. **Negative attitude.** Candidates who "have all the answers, criticize their managers and second-guess employers" are seldom invited for second interviews. Negative attitudes toward prior jobs are seen as predictors of future performance.
10. **Poor physical appearance.** While there is no need to look like a movie star, candidates who do not demonstrate self-respect by creating a positive image are usually judged to be unacceptable.

*Source: Costello, Erdian, & Company (a national outplacement counseling and human resources consulting firm, 690 Cannon Street, Westwood, MA 02090-2322).*



## 6. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

### Foreign Service Careers

Information on applying for positions as a Foreign Service Officer should be available at [careers.state.gov](http://careers.state.gov), no later than the end of January 2007. To receive updates and notifications, [subscribe](#) to the Department of State's careers listserve and choose "Foreign Service Written Exam Information" or "Latest News."

### Central Intelligence Agency

The CIA has a number of career opportunities available for graduating seniors, as well as some scholarship opportunities for undergraduates. For more information, check out their www site: <https://www.cia.gov/careers/life.html>

### 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>

### Washington, DC – London Internship Program

The Washington Center is offering a new program for the summer: a **Washington, D.C. – London Internship Program**. Designed as a ten-day seminar in the nation's capital followed by an eight-week internship placement with programming and academic study in the capital of the United Kingdom, it will help students achieve a comparative understanding of professional, cultural and political life in the two countries.

Participation will be limited. And applications for the available spaces are due by our Competitive Deadline for summer term, **February 2, 2007**. For further information and to download the program application please visit <http://www.twc.edu/students/london.shtml>. For

additional information, see Dr. Margaret Groarke in Miguel 426 or e-mail her at [margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu](mailto:margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu).

### **David L. Boren Scholarships**

The Institute of International Education is pleased to announce the opening of the 2007-08 competition for the NSEP David L. Boren Scholarships for undergraduate students. Applications are available online at [www.iie.org/nsep](http://www.iie.org/nsep). The national deadline for undergraduate Boren Scholarships is February 13, 2007.

The National Security Education Program provides a range of unique funding opportunities for U.S. students to become more proficient in the cultures and languages of world regions critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. NSEP is designed to provide American undergraduate and graduate students with the resources and encouragement they need to acquire skills and experiences in areas of the world critical to the future security of our nation, in exchange for a commitment to seek work in the federal government.

The Boren Scholarships offer opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, but underrepresented in study abroad. The Boren Fellowships encourage U.S. graduate students, both master's and doctoral, to add an important language component to their education, and can include both domestic study and overseas language study and research. The National Flagship Language Program offers advanced language training in Arabic, Central Asian languages, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Persian, and Russian. More information on all of these opportunities is available at [www.iie.org/nsep](http://www.iie.org/nsep).

### **Scholarships for Summer Language Study at Middlebury College**

Middlebury College is pleased to announce the Kathryn Wasserman Davis Scholarships in Critical Language Study. These scholarships will cover the full cost of a summer of language study from beginner to graduate in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, and Russian at the Middlebury College Language Schools during the summer of 2007. The scholarships are part of the "100 Summer Scholarships for Peace" Program, made possible by a \$1 million gift from Kathryn Wasserman Davis. The purpose of the program is to address today's critical need for more effective language proficiency. Each individual grant covers the full comprehensive fee (tuition, room, and board) for one summer at the Middlebury Language Schools, plus transportation to and from Middlebury's Vermont campus and program related expenses. One summer of intensive immersion language at Middlebury is the equivalent of one full year of language study taken during the regular academic year (applicants who are interested in transferring academic credit should check with their home institution regarding transferability).

The Kathryn Wasserman Davis grants are merit-based and intended primarily for exceptionally qualified individuals with demonstrated interest in one or more of the following areas: foreign languages, international, global, or area studies, international politics and economics, peace and security studies, and/or conflict resolution.

Individuals in other fields, including working professionals, are also encouraged to apply if their field of expertise requires them to study one of the critical languages listed above.

To qualify for consideration for one of the Kathryn Wasserman Davis grants, students need to submit, by February 15, 2007:

- (1) Application materials normally required for admission to the Middlebury Language Schools (available online at <http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/applications/>
- (2) the cover sheet found at [www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls](http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls) and (3) brief essay (2-3 pp., double spaced) explaining the relevance of language study to your area of expertise, or field of study.

### **More job search www sites**

Jobs with Non-Profits: <http://www.epfl.net/slrc/job/nonprofit.html>

International Environment and Development Jobs: [http://www.iedonline.net/jobs\\_start.htm](http://www.iedonline.net/jobs_start.htm)

Jobs & Consultancies in International Development, NGOs & Environment Sector:  
<http://www.devnetjobs.org/>

United Nations jobs: <https://jobs.un.org/Galaxy/Release3/vacancy/vacancy.aspx>

