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1. Welcome Back

Greetings International Studies majors, graduates and other readers! The 2007-08 school year is now officially underway and I'm sure many of you are trying to figure out how the summer passed so quickly.

After seven months as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in New Zealand, I am back in New York. The experience in New Zealand was awesome. The entire family had an amazing time, whether it was day-to-day life in Wellington, traveling throughout New Zealand or our trips to Samoa, Fiji and Australia. If you want to see more about our adventures and my research in New Zealand, check out <http://chasekgoree.blogspot.com> Soon I'll have pictures available in my office, too.

After a nine-month hiatus, the International Studies Newsletter is also back. For those of you who are new to the International Studies major, 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.

So, if you have any news you want to share, or 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.

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Director, International Studies Program

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), 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.

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3. Upcoming Events

Model United Nations: Are you interested in international affairs and the United Nations? Do you like to debate and discuss international issues? You may be just the person who should participate in the Manhattan College Model United Nations Program. We participate in two conferences a year – one in Washington, DC in November and another in New York City in the spring. The spring MUN is for credit and the fall one is run as an extracurricular activity.

If you are interested, come to an organizational meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 4:00 pm in Miguel 307. If you can't make the meeting, but want to participate, e-mail pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu

American University Washington Semester Program: Are you interested in spending a semester studying and interning in Washington, DC? If you are a junior and would like to spend the spring semester in Washington, there is a great opportunity available to you. Manhattan College is affiliated with the American University Washington Semester Program. This means that for the cost of a semester at Manhattan, you can go to Washington and participate in this program. There are many programs available, including US Foreign Policy, Environmental Studies, Journalism, Criminal Law, etc. You spend two days a week doing an internship and three days a week participating in a seminar, which includes meeting with high-ranking officials in your field.

If you are interested in going in the Spring 2008 semester, please stop by and get an application. If you are a sophomore, you would be eligible in the fall. For more information, stop by my office (Miguel 414) or go to <http://www.washingtonsemester.com/>

Study Abroad: Are you interested in spending a semester or a year abroad? Manhattan College has many opportunities for you to go to Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America, in addition to the Semester at Sea. If you want to see what is available, visit Nancy Cave, Coordinator, Study Abroad Program, Memorial Hall 420, (718) 862-7527 or 7354 or e-mail: nancy.cave@manhattan.edu

Lecture on Darfur: There will be a lecture by Eric Reeves on the situation in Darfur on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:30 pm in Smith Auditorium. This event is sponsored by JustPeace, Student Government, and the Manhattan College Holocaust Resource Center.

Eric Reeves is Professor of English Language and Literature at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. He has spent the past eight years working full-time as a Sudan researcher and analyst, publishing extensively both in the US and internationally. He has testified several times before the Congress, has lectured widely in academic settings, and has served as a consultant to a number of human rights and humanitarian organizations operating in Sudan. Working independently, he has written on all aspects of Sudan's recent history.

Lecture on the European Union: This year's Costello Lecture, sponsored by the History Department, will be on the History of the European Union. The lecturer is Desmond Dinan, the Jean Monnet Professor at the George Mason School of Public Policy. The lecture is at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 3rd in Smith Auditorium.

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4. Alumni News

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

Vanessa Rodriguez ('07) CuTeNcompaCT7@netscape.com got a job at Bear Stearns and started work in June.

Bérengère Fuoc ('07) bebefuoc@yahoo.com was accepted into Sciences Po Paris for the Master in International Affairs program.

Emily Schultz ('07) et.schultz@gmail.com was accepted into Seton Hall University's Masters in Diplomacy program.

Emily Clyne ('07) emilyclyne@gmail.com was accepted into the Peace Corps and will soon be doing HIV/AIDS education in Latin America.

Tony Azios ('06) tonyazios@gmail.com was accepted into the Christian Science Monitor internship program in Boston. He is helping to develop, do research for, and contribute reporting to their new "global warming project", which will focus on reporting upon global warming and related issues more frequently in their print and online editions. Check it out at <http://www.csmonitor.com/globalwarming>

Melissa Lynch ('06) melly1632@yahoo.com is starting at Pace Law School this fall.

Hanni Liliedahl ('05) hannililiedahl@gmail.com is a Peace Corps volunteer in Guyana. She writes: The site where I will be serving for the next two years is very rural, extremely remote and is in the south of the country, bordering Brazil. My community is teeny-tiny and is only accessible by boat and overland savannah SUV travel. Though Guyana is culturally considered a Caribbean nation, my village is Amerindian. Amerindians are the native people of South America who reside in Guyana, and are very different from the Afro and Indo people who reside in Georgetown and along the northern coast. Trust me, this is very much the REAL DEAL. A fellow volunteer and I are considering a magazine entitled "Modern Hut Living." Furthermore, it has been decided that my secondary project within the community will be none other than MaryKay...."bringing beauty, glamour and self-confidence to the women of the south Rupununi." If I do well enough, maybe I'll earn a pink saddle for my horse.

William Mesa ('05) has been accepted into the Masters of Arts in Diplomacy program at Norwich University.

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

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5. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Internships at the Manhattan District Office of U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer. Senator Schumer's office is currently accepting applications for **Fall 2007** 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.

For more information, and an application form, go to http://www.schumer.senate.gov/SchumerWebsite/services_for_ny/sny-fastforms_internships.html and page down to the section on New York City. Or e-mail the internship coordinator at NYCinternship@schumer.senate.gov

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. 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 2008, the deadline for applications is October 26, 2007. 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.

Foundation for Sustainable Development Internships Abroad

Looking to Intern Abroad? Want to Engage Global Poverty Issues with Sustainable Solutions?

Join the Foundation for Sustainable Development www.fsdinternational.org in working with local communities to support economic, social, and educational transformations around the globe. Learn the hard skills needed to enter the competitive field of development, while building capacity and delivering financial resources to over 200 partner organizations located in:

Argentina _ Bolivia _ Ecuador _ Nicaragua _ Peru _ Kenya _ Uganda _ India

Since 1995, FSD has relied on volunteers and interns to support grassroots organizations in addressing the challenges faced in the following areas:

Micro-Enterprise/Microfinance _ Health _ Environment _ Youth and Education Women's Empowerment _ Community Development _ Human Rights.

For more information on programs, application deadlines and costs, see www.fsdinternational.org

Foreign Service Exam and Opportunities.

The US State Department has totally revamped the Foreign Service Exam and the selection process. For more information on careers with the State Department check out <http://www.state.gov/careers/> You can also watch a video online about the new testing process. To register to take the Foreign Service Exam, go to <http://careers.state.gov/officer/register.html>

Also, if you are interested in seeing what other federal jobs and internships may be available, check out <http://www.makingthedifference.org/index.shtml>

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