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1. Welcome Back!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a nice break and are ready to take on the new semester.

I'm looking forward to a great semester and hope we can host a number of interesting programs for you during the semester. But I need your input. If you have any ideas for a student forum, a guest speaker, a pizza party, an alumni forum, or anything else, please let me know. Seniors, if you want to have a group discussion about life after Manhattan College, let me know.

There are a few things that I wanted to tell you about as the semester gets underway.

1. If you have recently returned from studying abroad or if you are graduating this semester and have studied abroad, please make sure that your transcripts from abroad have been received so you can graduate on time. If you have any questions, contact me or talk to Nancy Cave (Memorial 420).
2. If you are thinking about studying abroad or in Washington next year or during the summer, now is the time to start thinking about it. See Nancy Cave (study abroad) or me about the American University Washington Semester Program.
3. If you are looking for a job or an internship, stop by Career Services and have them help you out with your resume and job search.

My office hours this semester are as follows:

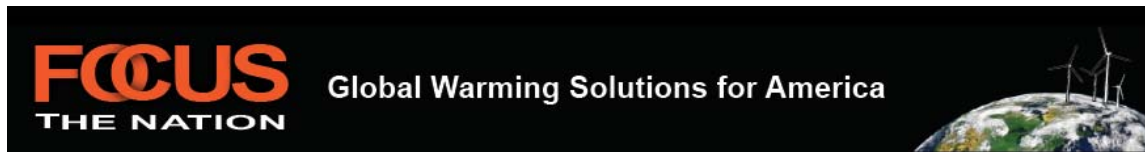
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 1:15-2:15

Wednesdays: 1:15-3:30

If you can't stop by during office hours (Miguel 414), e-mail me at pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu or pam@iisd.org.

Pam Chasek, Director, International Studies Program

2. Focus the Nation



On January 30 and 31, Manhattan College will be joining with 1300 other colleges, universities, high schools and community groups to spend a day focusing the nation on one of the most serious issues facing the world today – climate change. We stand at a unique moment in human history. Decisions that are ours to make today – to stabilize global warming pollution and invest in clean energy solutions – will have a profound impact not only on our lives and the lives of our children, but indeed for every human being who will ever walk the face of the planet from now until the end of time. It is time for a focused discussion about global warming solutions for America.

The draft schedule appears below, although it is still evolving. An updated schedule will be posted around campus but come to the Rodriguez Room or Smith Auditorium and check out what is going on. Many of the speakers coming from off campus will be more than happy to talk to you about environmental issues, climate change, jobs and internship opportunities.

Ask your professors to bring their classes to one of the presentations!

Go online and vote for your priorities for action:
<http://www.focusthenation.org/chooseyourfuture.php>

Check out the other resources at <http://www.focusthenation.org>

Manhattan College Focus the Nation Schedule (as of 1/20/07)

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

3:30	Scala Room (Leo)	Renewable Energy and Climate Change Edward Mazria, Architecture 2030
8:00-9:30 pm	Rodriguez Room Miguel 311	The 2% Solution: Focus the Nation Live Webcast

Thursday, January 31, 2008

10:10 am	Rodriguez Room	Religion and the Environment Tom Dobbins, Catholic Archdiocese
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11:15 am	Rodriguez Room	Climate Change: Economics and the Ecosystem Andrew McKeon, Climate Change Foundation
12:20 pm	Rodriguez Room	Green Lifestyles Les Judd, Green Boroughs Paula Lukats, Just Food
1:25 pm	Rodriguez Room	Fair Trade and Sustainability Jackie DeCarlo, Catholic Relief Services
2:00-5:00	Smith Auditorium	Focus the Nation Exhibition and Fair Calculate your Carbon Footprint Green Boroughs Chemical Engineering Research Displays <i>Carbon Sequestration, Biodiesel from Spent Cafeteria Oil, Ethanol from Glucose, Hydrogen Generation</i> Catholic Relief Services Bronx River Alliance School of Engineering (LEED (pending)) Con Edison (pending) Fair Trade (pending) Sodexo (pending) Just Food (pending) Sierra Club (invited) League of Conservation Voters (invited) Gaia Institute (invited) Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice (invited) Natural Resources Defense Council (invited) NY State Energy Research and Development Authority (invited)
2:30 pm	Rodriguez Room	Urban Greening John Reilly, Fordham Bedford Housing Corp. Pat Logan, Community Preservation Corporation Anne-Marie Runfola, Bronx River Alliance
2:30 pm	Smith Auditorium	The Business of Being Green Jessica Haller, Columbia University Charles Geisst, Manhattan College
3:30 pm	Fishbach Room	Green Buildings Michael Deane, Turner Construction, US Green Building Council

4:00 pm	Smith Auditorium	New York Climate Change Politics State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz State Senator José M. Serrano City Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
7:30 pm	Smith Auditorium	Climate Change Politics in Washington (pending) Congressman Eliot Engel (invited) Congressman José E. Serrano (invited) Senator Charles Schumer (invited)

All events subject to change. For more information, contact Pamela Chasek, Government Department, ext. 7248.



3. Upcoming Events

The New School Masters Degree Program in International Affairs Information Sessions: If you are contemplating graduate school in international affairs, you may want to attend one of two upcoming information sessions at The New School: Wednesday, January 23 at 6:00 pm and Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 pm at 66 West 12th Street in Manhattan. To RSVP and for more information about the program, contact the admissions office at 212-229-5630 or go to <http://www.ia.newschool.edu>

Study Abroad Information Session: If you are interested in spending a semester studying abroad in Madrid, come and meet some of the returning students and find out more about this Manhattan program on Wednesday, February 6, from 4:30-6:00 pm in Thomas Hall Lounge. For more information, contact Nancy Cave ext. 7527 or Prof. Laura Redruello, ext. 7752.

The 2008 Presidential Campaign and You: Come join public relations and political consultant Bob Newman as he dissects the 2008 Presidential campaign and the role of the media – and what all of this means for you on Tuesday, February 12, from 4:30-5:30 in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311). For more information, contact Pam Chasek, ext. 7248, pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu.

Employment Trends for Lawyers: Are you thinking about going to law school? Come listen to Manhattan College alum James Kosch, Esq. as he discusses employment trends for lawyers on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 pm in a room to be announced. Refreshments will be served. For a recent article on this topic, go to: <http://home.manhattan.edu/~irene.snitkoff/Lawyers%20Job%20Market.pdf> For more information, contact Pre-Law Advisor Dr. Patricia Sheridan, ext. 7470 or patricia.sheridan@manhattan.edu



4. Alumni News

Danielle Ouimet ('03) DOuimet@iee.org graduated from the New School in 2006 with a Master's in International Affairs. She is currently a Program Officer at the Institute of International Education in Manhattan. She runs the International Teachers Program which brings qualified international teachers to the U.S. on a J-1 Visa to teach in U.S. primary or secondary schools.

Amanda Connor ('04) aconnor72@hotmail.com is completing her two-year Peace Corps experience in Mali. She's applying to law school and hopes to start in September.

Hanni Liliedahl ('05) hannililiedahl@gmail.com has been working in the Peace Corps in Guyana. The picture (below) is from a workshop that she ran on World Aids Day in the Guyanese capital of Georgetown.



Marissa Gross ('05) miastellabella@optonline.net gave birth to Jaden Patrick on December 1, 2007. She's enjoying motherhood immensely and is also looking forward to getting back to her studies and completing her master's degree in diplomacy and international relations at Seton Hall University.



Manny Caram ('06) mjcaram@gmail.com has been working in real estate in New Jersey. He is now applying to law school and hopes to start in September.

Alumni: Send in your news via e-mail to 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.



5. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Spring and Summer Internship: Coalition for the International Criminal Court: This spring internship is with World Federalist Movement's Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC). The Legal Section in New York is looking for one to two interns to assist the CICC with a range of legal projects. Interns will report to the CICC NY Legal Officer. The internship can be full-time or part-time (2-3 days per week) and must be for a period of 3-4 months.

The deadline to apply is January 23. If you are interested, e-mail pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu and I'll send you the information.

Deadline for summer communications internships is March 15. See: http://www.iccnw.org/documents/CICCCommunicationsIntern_spring.pdf for the summer.

DMI Scholars Summer Institute for College Juniors & Sophomores: The Drum Major Institute (DMI), a nonprofit, non-partisan think tank generating ideas that fuel the progressive movement, has created the DMI Scholars Program to support and guide talented young people considering the field of public policy. The DMI Scholars program is a "Public Policy 101" program, which identifies progressive college students from diverse communities and trains them in the skills necessary to obtain and succeed in entry-level public policy positions. The program is currently accepting applications from college sophomores and juniors for their Summer Institute, which will run from July 27 to August 10, 2008, and take place in New York City. All expenses for the program are covered by DMI. The application deadline is January 27, 2008. For more information or an application, visit their website at <http://www.dmischolars.org>

Everett Summer Internships: Do you want to gain good experience this summer in an internship? Check out <http://www.everettinternships.org/> In the summer of 2008, over 180 Everett Interns will use their knowledge and skills in over 60 organizations dedicated to improving the world. During ten weeks, Everett Interns will work diligently with skilled and dedicated mentors to gain first-hand experience on the front lines of public service. Deadline dates vary from one organization to another, so check out the list of organizations in New York and Washington, DC, and apply now.

Muslim Cultures: Historical Diversity and Contemporary Realities: Are you interested in Islam and want to earn 9 credits this summer? Syracuse University is running a summer program on Muslim Cultures. Learn about the rich history and diversity of Muslim Cultures in London, a global multicultural city with people from all parts of the world. The Muslim Cultures program takes you on an exciting journey to explore the histories and cultures of Islamic societies past and present. London's ethnically diverse Muslim communities and internationally renowned museums and academic centers provide a unique setting and learning opportunity. The program combines course work with guest lectures; visits to museums, mosques, and special exhibits; field projects; and study tours to Granada and Istanbul, historic sites of exquisite Islamic architecture. For more information, including scholarship information, check out <http://suabroad.syr.edu/programs/summer/view/437>

Summer Internship at the Department of Homeland Security: The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of Public Affairs (OPA) currently has full-time and part-time summer internship opportunities available. The summer application deadline is March 1, 2008.

DHS is the leading agency for the U.S. Government mobilizing and organizing our nation to secure the homeland from terrorist. OPA is responsible for developing and implementing the Department's message regarding homeland security and the oversight of the website, secretarial events, public outreach, media relations, and communications to all regional offices.

Interns will be working on various projects related to the mission of the Office of Public Affairs and its 11 functional areas. (Finance and Administration, Incident Communications, Intelligence and Operations Communications, Internal Communications, Multimedia Liaison, Office of the Press Secretary, READY Campaign, Speechwriting, Strategic Communications, Technical Planning and Operations, and Web Communications). The internship hours are flexible and the DHS office (located near American University) is metro accessible. All candidates must be U.S. citizens (no dual citizenship) currently enrolled and in good standing in a College or University. Internships are unpaid and housing assistance is not provided. Interns will require a security clearance. In order to obtain a security clearance, all candidates must pass a background check.

If you want more information, including a copy of the application, e-mail me at pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu

2008 Adelphi-Civitas Summer Professional Internship Program in Warsaw, Poland (June 1 – July 31, 2008) in English: This program offers a unique opportunity for a limited number of students to undertake full-time summer professional internships in various profit, public and non-profit organizations in Warsaw, Poland. A sample list of internship areas and organizations can be viewed at: <http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicivitas/location.php>

During the internship program students take an academic seminar and participate in the guest speaker series that help to contextualize students' internship experience. Internships, academic seminar and guest speaker series are all in ENGLISH. Interested students can take an optional Polish language course. Students earn 5 credits for the international professional and academic experience awarded by Adelphi University. For more information about the academic program visit: <http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicivitas/academic.php>

All students can apply: the program is opened to undergraduate and graduate students from all US universities and colleges. Application deadline: March 15, 2008 but early applications are encouraged. Limited number of places available (25). For more information about the program, application form and costs visit: <http://www.adelphi.edu/levermorescholars/adelphicivitas/>

J. W. Saxe Memorial Fund: \$2,000 prize awarded to Students involved in Public Service
The award is meant to enable the student to gain practical experience in public service by taking a no-pay or low-pay job or internship during a summer or other term. Preference will be given to applicants who have already found such a position, but who require additional funds.

Only those applicants satisfying the following criteria will be considered:

- undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited college or university;
- seeking support for an internship in public service, not general support;
- demonstrated public service activity -- past, present and/or future;
- financial need will be taken into consideration.

Application deadline: March 15, 2008

For more information and application, go to: <http://www.jwsaxefund.org>

The Edward Branigan Scholars Fund for Undergraduate Research in the Humanities

The Edward Branigan Fund was established in 1976 through the generous contributions of Mr. Branigan, a graduate of the Manhattan College Class of 1940, and matching gifts from Exxon. Enhanced by additional support from a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant, the Branigan Scholars Fund has provided the financial resources for students to pursue projects independent of their course work.

The aim of this program is to promote undergraduate research in the humanities by awarding several grants per year in excess of \$3000 each for student-initiated projects. Each Branigan Scholar works closely with a Manhattan College faculty member, who serves as advisor. The Branigan Grants foster the Manhattan College tradition of strengthening humanities education through the development of students' scholarly interests and goals in close collaboration with members of the faculty.

Students enrolled in Manhattan College School of Arts or School of Science who are not seniors at the time of application are eligible to apply. The grant may be used to support a creative or traditional research project or to facilitate student participation in a conference or an internship experience. The Branigan Scholars Committee selects the award recipients and approves the final projects by a majority decision. For application information, go to http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/branigan_scholars/application.shtml The application deadline is February 5, 2008.

