

Manhattan College
International Studies Newsletter
Vol. 7 No. 5 March 2008

Contents:

- 1. Fall 2008 Registration**
 - 2. Upcoming Events**
 - 3. Report from Washington, DC**
 - 4. Alumni News**
 - 5. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements**
-
-

1. Fall 2008 Registration

Believe it or not, just when you are beginning to think that you have this semester under control it's time to start thinking about next fall. Registration for Fall 2008 begins on Tuesday, April 1. Unfortunately, I will be away most of the week before, but I will have a sign-up sheet on my door beginning after Spring Break so that you can sign up for advising appointments. If you are a declared International Studies major, you **MUST** see me to register. However, I will make arrangements with Dianna Cruz and Rhonda Shuler if you need help while I'm away.

In the meantime, so you can start thinking about everything, here are the course offerings in International Studies for the fall. All course information is still subject to change.

Courses in the core of the major/courses for the minor:

ECON334-01	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS	10353	3	TRF	12:20 PM
GOVT352-01	INTL ORGANIZATIONS	21315	3	TWR	12:20 PM
HIST 326-01	DIPLOMATIC HIST EUROPE	21268	3	MTR	9:05 AM
INTL 201-01	GLOBAL ISSUES	10655	3	TR	2:30-3:55 PM
INTL 405-01	SENIOR SEMINAR	21360	3	W	1:25-3:25 PM

European Concentration:

ART 323-61	REVOLUTIONS IN ART	21290	3	T	6:15-9:05 PM
GOVT332-01	CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE	21313	3	MWF	12:20 PM
HIST 326-01	DIPLOMATIC HIST EUROPE	21268	3	MTR	9:05 AM
HIST 357-01	NAZI GERMANY & THE HOLOCAUST	21394	3	MTR	1:25 PM
SPAN424-01	MODERN NOVEL: SPAIN&SPAN AME	21243	3	MWR	11:15 AM

Latin America and the Caribbean Concentration:

ART400-02	SPL TPC:POP. MUSIC OF NON WEST	21294	3	MWF	11:15 AM
ART400-03	SPL TPC:MUSIC OF THE CARIBBEAN	21295	3	W	12:20 PM
ART402-01	ART OF THE NON-WESTERN WORLD	20815	3	MTR	11:15 AM
HIST318-01	MEXICO,CNTRL AMER,CARIBBEAN	21267	3	TRF	10:10 AM
SPAN300-01	HISPANIC MUSICAL HERITAGE	21242	3	MWR	2:30 PM
SPAN424-01	MODERN NOVEL: SPAIN&SPAN AME	21243	3	MWR	11:15 AM

Middle East and Africa Concentration:

ART400-02	SPL TPC:POP. MUSIC OF NON WEST	21294	3	MWF	11:15 AM
ART402-01	ART OF THE NON-WESTERN WORLD	20815	3	MTR	11:15 AM
ARAB101-01	ARABIC FOR BEGINNERS I	10861	3	MWR	8:30-10:00AM
GOVT346-01	CTMP AFRICAN POLITICS	21314	3	TR	2:30-3:55 PM
RELS355-61	ISLAM	11515	3	M	6:15-9:05 PM

Asia Concentration:

ART400-02	SPL TPC:POP. MUSIC OF NON WEST	21294	3	MWF	11:15 AM
ART402-01	ART OF THE NON-WESTERN WORLD	20815	3	MTR	11:15 AM
JAPN101-01	ELEM. JAPANESE I	10444	4	MW	9:05-11:05AM
				R	9:05-10:00AM
PHIL342-01	CHINESE&JAPANESE PHIL	21246	3	MTR	12:20 PM
RELS355-61	ISLAM	11515	3	M	6:15-9:05 PM
RELS358-61	RELIGIONS OF INDIA	20697	3	T	6:15-9:05 PM

Global Issues Concentration

GOVT205-01	POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY	21310	3	MTR	10:10 AM
GOVT309-01	COMPARATIVE POLITICS	10614	3	TRF	11:15 AM
GOVT352-01	INTL ORGANIZATIONS	21315	3	TWR	12:20 PM
GOVT420-01	SEM:CONFLICT RESOLTN	21316	3	W	1:25-3:25 PM
INTL 310-01	TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY	21359	3	TR	2:30-3:55 PM
SOC 335-01	CULTURE, HLTH & ILLNESS	21252	3	MWF	11:15 AM

Remember, you can also do an internship for credit towards your major. Contact Doris Pechman in Career Services to find out more.

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

=====

2. Upcoming Events

Hunger Strikes: Fasting for the Public Good: The Spring 2008 School of Arts Core Symposium will be held on Wednesday, March 12, at 4:00 in Smith Auditorium. Dr. Joseph Lennon, of the Manhattan College Department of English will deliver a talk, “Hunger Strikes: Fasting for the Public Good.” This event is sponsored by the School of Arts and the Honors Enrichment Program. Questions can be addressed to Daniel Collins, extension 7498.

Voices of A People’s History: Just Peace presents this lecture at 4:30 pm in the Alumni Room (O’Malley Library) on Thursday, March 27. Howard Zinn is a historian, playwright, and social activist. He was a shipyard worker and Air Force bombardier before he went to college under the GI Bill and received his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He has taught at Spelman College and Boston University, and has been a visiting professor at the University of Paris and the University of Bologna. For more information, contact just_peace@manhattan.edu or check out <http://howardzinn.org/>

International Night: The International Student Association presents its annual International Night on Friday, March 28 at 8:00 pm in Smith Auditorium. Join them for international food, music and fun. For more information contact Debbie Damico at debra.damico@manhattan.edu

Meet the Dean of Admissions from Pace Law School. Are you interested in attending Pace Law School after graduation? Meet the Dean of Admissions on Wednesday, April 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Capalbo Room, Room 300 DLS. Questions, contact, Patricia Sheridan, Pre-Law Advisor, patricia.sheridan@manhattan.edu



3. Report from Washington, DC

Junior Krysten Kenny is spending the semester at the American University Washington Semester program in International Environment and Development. Here’s her report:

I’ve now been in Washington, DC for about a month in the International Environment and Development Program at American University Washington Semester. I’m so glad that I convinced myself to do this program. I’ve secured an internship at Food and Water Watch where I’ve been doing real work, researching NAFTA’s effects on US crop production, and writing an article for the website.

The seminars here are a forum for discussion and for my very knowledgeable professor to share his wisdom with us. We visit several guest speakers every week. So far, we’ve visited Greenpeace, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Institute for Policy Studies, Population Action International and many more. Next week we’ll be visiting the World Bank. These visits provide us with an opportunity to meet experts in various fields and learn first-hand how this city, and the NGO and political communities within it, work. Being in Washington, DC alone is an entirely exciting and enriching experience. We’re also currently

getting ready for our three week trip to South Africa at the end of March. I would definitely recommend this program to anyone looking for experience, adventure, or fun!

Note: If you are interested in the Washington Semester Program, see Dr. Pamela Chasek in Miguel 414.

Are you studying abroad this semester? Tell us about your experiences. The next newsletter deadline is March 29th.

3. Alumni News

Michelle Del Rosario ('01) Michelle_del_Rosario@hotmail.com has been accepted at the Wharton School for an MBA--clear proof that you don't need a degree in business to get into the very best business schools in the country. It does help to be an MFL/International Studies major!

Allison Murphy ('02)

aamurphy2002@yahoo.com writes: Just wanted to give you the good news that I'm engaged! My husband-to-be, Christopher Whaley, and I met last year in NY just before I left for London. We did the long distance thing for a while but he popped the question late last year and now he's living here in London! We're planning a wedding for December 14, 2008 in New York. It's all so exciting, we're so thrilled. So that's my big news. Here is a photo of us from our visit to Morocco last weekend.



I've been in London for a year now working for a hedge fund called Eton Park. I'm working in their operations department. Chris works for an Israeli company called Amdocs doing IT consulting. We were fortunate enough that his company had an office in London in addition to the Dallas office he's been working out of for two years now.

Blair Lampe ('05) meblair@gmail.com writes: Just a quick note to let you know I arrived in Delhi safe and sound this morning. First impressions: I was prepared for the worst as I've heard this is the most intense place a person can disembark an aircraft, but it's more or less as tolerable as I imagined it would be. It's certainly a lot to take in, and I look forward to seeing a little more culture and a little less sell sell sell, but it's not so difficult to manage. I'm starting the blog up again, but I am having some technical difficulties at the moment, so the first posting may be a bit delayed--once I sort out my technology it'll be updated on a regular basis. As always, it can be found at <http://blogs.bootsnall.com/Blair/>. Any Indian recommendations or personal emails to stave off the loneliness inherent to a city of over 10 million greatly appreciated. I hope this finds everyone keeping warm and well. Cheers.

Danielle Agunzo ('06) d.agunzo@gmail.com writes: Since graduating I've been working at the CA Montessori Child Development Center as a teacher. Everyday I'm amazed at how much these young children are capable of.

Byron Nagy ('06) byron@nagy-san.com writes: So here is what I have been up to. Last summer I finished my year on the JET program as a Coordinator for International Relations. I was posted in the Japanese countryside in western Japan in a quite rural place. I really enjoyed the year spent visiting schools and planning international events in the community such as a skiing trip for local foreigners and the Japanese community. For the most part though I had a lot of down time to travel and contemplate my future.

After my one year contract was up I decided to move on to bigger and better things but to travel a bit first. I traveled to Okinawa, a group of islands belonging to Japan in the Pacific and spent a month there learning how to play a Sanshin which is a traditional instrument similar to a banjo but made out of snake skin. After Okinawa I came back to Japan and made my way across the country on my motorcycle, driving all the way to Tokyo. In between I spent another month on the island of Shikoku walking over 1000km doing this famous Buddhist pilgrimage. It was an amazing experience and I made many friends along the way including a Brit who lives in Tokyo and whom I am still quite close with. After Shikoku I made my way back up to Tokyo and interviewed for a few jobs as well as attended a Job-fair for JET program alumni which I found to be quite helpful. After this, some more traveling. I met up with an old friend and backpacked through Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand for about a month before coming back to New York for the holidays.



Come Spring I will be working for this company in Tokyo called Pasona. Pasona is a Human Resources and Consulting firm that is originally a Japanese company but has many branches internationally. My responsibilities include heading up projects meant to help other foreigners, specifically JET alumni, former study abroad students and other people with interest or experience in Japan, helping them find other jobs in Japan. Japanese companies are famous for taking care of their employees very well and I guess Pasona is no exception. I will be living in a company dormitory when I start working there. Although moving into a dorm sounds like a step backwards, it is essentially just an apartment building that is owned by the company so the rent is heavily subsidized. At a rent of approx. 150 US dollars per month including utilities it was hard for me to refuse considering the cost of living in Tokyo. As I have not yet started working, I have yet to find out the specifics of the position but I will be sure to keep you posted as things develop. Perhaps once I get settled I will be able to give advice or direction to students looking for work in Japan so please feel free

to put me in touch with anyone who you think might be interested.

Here is a link to an article about Pasona. It gives a little bit of a background about the company and what they have been accomplishing domestically.

http://www.economist.com/displayStory.cfm?story_id=9861540

Tim Larsen ('07) larsen.tim@verizon.net writes: For a very brief time I worked for the Environmental Action campaign in the city (part of the Fund for Public Interest Research; the campaign was, "Making America More Energy Independent") as a "canvasser" and after a few days was promoted to a "Field manager". Unfortunately I didn't raise my weekly quota after a couple of weeks and decided to move onto something else (there were no hard feelings as a majority of people who try it out don't end up lasting! But it was a great experience nonetheless).

I currently do lots of editing work and assist in other ways on commercial audio-book productions, mostly for Random House and Audible.com via a local production company not far from home. And the studio I work at is powered completely by solar energy! I also worked sound on a commercial for Aquafina lip balm back in December.

I haven't discarded my love for all things international and foreign policy-related, though, as I will hopefully be applying to the Whitehead School of Diplomacy & International Relations at Seton Hall as soon as possible.

Note to current students: Alumni are here to network with. Feel free to contact any of them to get input about jobs, life after graduation, etc.

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



5. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Summer Arabic Program in Washington, DC: Learn Arabic as intensively as in 4 weeks, 5 days a week, 4 hours a day!!! July 7- August 1, 2008

This course is an introduction to Arabic, designed for students with no knowledge of the language. Students will learn how to speak, read, and write in Modern Classical Arabic.

We will start with the alphabet and move gradually to learn various language skills. We will place emphasis on developing speaking and listening skills through intensive drills, exposure to basic structural patterns, and functional vocabulary.

In-classroom oral drills will be conducted to help memorize the covered material. In addition, the class will be conducted in Arabic, to the extent possible.

The course will also introduce cultural components in the Middle East and North Africa.

The application forms must be submitted by the COB on May 1, 2008. Please contact us for consideration of late enrollment in the course.

For an application form, go to <http://www.osgoodcenter.org/arabiccourse.htm> or e-mail Gaya Manukyan at gmanukyan@osgoodcenter.org or contact:

Osgood Center for International Studies
1740 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202.663.5872

Summer Arabic Program in Jordan

If you are interested in studying Arabic this summer, you might want to investigate an Intensive Arabic program set for Summer 2008 at Yarmouk University, Jordan. This program is open to all levels of language ability (placement will be based on YU's standard test given to students upon arrival). Students can earn 8 semester credits. In addition to its high quality, the program is affordable and is set up to provide full cultural immersion. Interested individuals can find full details at www.arabicABCabroad.com.

American University's School for International Service 2008 Summer Human Rights Institute: Contemporary Human Rights Practice: Tools and Tactics for Practitioners and Students

Mix and match courses, taught by leading human rights activists, authors and scholars. Participants will include undergraduate students, graduate students, business professionals, lawyers, human rights activists and more, as courses are structured to meet the needs of students and professionals alike.

- Human Rights Advocacy Workshop (May 12 - 16)
- Introduction to Human Rights Methodology (Evenings: May 12 - 15)
- Managing Human Rights NGOs (May 19 - 23)
- What Every Advocate Should Know About Researching Reports (May 24 - 25)
- Representation of Disadvantaged Groups in Conflict Scenarios (May 27 - 31)
- Standard Setting & Corporate Codes of Conduct (June 1 - June 2)
- Human Rights and US Foreign Policy (Distance Learning: May 26 - June 28)

Read more about the Institute at <http://www.american.edu/sis/humanrights>. For more information, call Kia at 202-885-2440 or send an e-mail to kh2547a@american.edu. Enrollment is limited!

United Nations Intensive Summer Study Program

This program will be offered from Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25, 2008, by the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University and the United Nations Association of the USA. Designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students, this unique program immerses participants in the political dynamics of the United Nations. Students will attend official sessions at United Nations headquarters as well as briefings

at UNA-USA. Directed by Dr. Courtney Smith, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the Whitehead School, and offered in cooperation with UNA-USA, the course is designed to familiarize students with the inner workings of the United Nations by bringing them together with distinguished practitioners working in the field of multilateral diplomacy. The program is structured around a series of seminars led by U.N. officials and representatives of governments and civil society on a wide range of global issues currently on the U.N. agenda.

The program offers two enrollment options: credit and non-credit. Successful completion of either option results in a certificate from the Whitehead School of Diplomacy. In addition, the credit option allows students to earn three semester credit hours from Seton Hall University.

For more information, including costs, go to the Whitehead School of Diplomacy website http://diplomacy.shu.edu/un/un_assoc/summer_program.html For additional information, contact Dr. Courtney Smith at (973) 313-6203 or smithcou@shu.edu. The application deadline is May 1, 2008. Students will be notified of their status by May 15, 2008.

Greenpeace Opportunities

The Greenpeace Organizing Term (GOT) is an action-packed semester of travel and training. It's a hands-on training program designed to give you the skills to be an environmental leader. You'll learn about current environmental issues and solutions while being trained by experts in grassroots organizing, leadership, media, and campaign strategy.

You'll travel internationally with Greenpeace to work with activists abroad. Also, you'll learn how to engage in peaceful direct action, climb, and drive Greenpeace boats! On top of all of that, many students are able to receive class credit for the semester. Check out <http://www.greenpeace.org/got> Summer and Fall programs are filling up, and early applications are due March 7th. The semester is offered in the Washington D.C. and San Francisco Greenpeace offices. Contact program staff with questions at got@wdc.greenpeace.org or 877-450-3517 ext. 320.

Graduating soon? Exciting jobs for college grads to stop global warming! Apply today at: <http://members.greenpeace.org/survey/start/41/>

Human Rights Watch Internships: Everett Public Service Summer Internship Program

Each year, the Everett Public Service Internship Program places six summer interns in the offices of Human Rights Watch - typically, four in New York, NY and two in Washington, DC. In addition to the regularly-held Human Rights Watch staff meetings and special events, the Everett Program offers bi-weekly guest lectures and events. Internships last for approximately 10 weeks with a modest stipend to offset expenses. Applicants must be current students at (or immediate graduates of) U.S. colleges or graduate schools, with a minimum of two semesters completed, possess valid work authorization within the United States, and must be able to attend all scheduled Everett program events.

The deadline for applying to this competitive program is Friday, March 14, 2008. Everett

internships will be awarded by April 11, 2008. Please apply by emailing in a single submission: a cover letter, resume, contact information for two references and a brief, unedited writing sample to humanresources@hrw.org. Please use "Everett Public Service Internship Application" as the subject of your email. The writing sample should be an academic essay no longer than five pages. You must specify only ONE division and the associated office with which you wish to intern in the cover letter. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

The divisions that may be applied to are as follows:

New York Office: Advocacy, Africa, the Americas (does not include the U.S.), Arms, Asia, Communications & Press, Children's Rights, Development and Outreach, Europe & Central Asia, Emergencies, Finance & Administration, Human Resources, HIV/AIDS, International Justice, International Film Festival, Legal & Policy, LGBT Rights, Middle East & North Africa, Terrorism/Counterterrorism, and the United States.

Washington D.C. Office: Advocacy, Africa, the Americas (does not include the U.S.), Arms, Asia, Business and HR, Middle East and North Africa, Refugee Policy, Terrorism/Counterterrorism, and United States.

If emailing is not possible, send materials (please do not split a submission between email and regular post) to:

Everett Internship Coordinator
Human Rights Watch
350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor
New York, NY 10118

Everett Summer Internship Program

The Everett Foundation provides funding (\$230 per week for 10 weeks) for summer internships at more than 58 non-profit organizations in four US cities. All applicants must meet the following qualifications: completed at least two semesters of college education, be a current undergraduate or graduate student attending a United States university, or have just graduated in spring 2005, be available to work full-time for 10-weeks beginning between May 23rd and June 13th, be new to the organization, (you may not serve as an Everett Intern at the same organization more than once), attend all mandatory weekly lectures and events for Everett Interns (Event schedules posted in late spring). Application deadlines vary based on the organization. Visit www.EverettInternships.org for more information.



Pamela. S. Chasek, Ph.D., Director
International Studies Program
Miguel 414, Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY 10471
Phone: 1-718-862-7248
E-mail: pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu