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1. What are you doing this summer?

Yes, I know it is only April, but if you haven't figured what you are doing this summer, now would be a good time to think about it.

Have you considered doing an internship? If not, you may want to wander up to Career Services on the 5th floor of Miguel and talk to them about possible summer internships that you can take for credit. Even if you don't get academic credit for an internship, it is worth doing one. Internships really enhance your resume and make you more attractive to potential employers, graduate and professional schools. So, think about an internship?

Do you want to take any courses this summer? The schedule of summer classes is now available online and from the Registrar's Office. There are a few courses being offered that can contribute to your International Studies major, and others that will help you with your other majors, minors, core or electives. Here are the ones that count for International Studies:

Session I (May 20-June 5)

ECON201-11	PRIN & POL I: MACRO	11163	MTWRF 9:00 AM - 12:20 PM
ECON202-11	PRIN & POL II: MICRO	11164	MTWRF 9:00 AM- 12:20 PM
GOVT309-11	COMPARATIVE POLITICS	11172	MTWRF 1:00 PM-4:20 PM
(Global Issues only)			
RELS361-11	YOGA:PHILOSOPHY, PRAXIS & ART	11126	MTWRF 1:00-4 :20 P
(Asia only)			

Session II (June 9 – July 17)

RELS361-21	YOGA:PHILOSOPHY, PRAXIS & ART	22234	TR 1:00-4:20 PM
(Asia only)			

You can also take courses off campus, but you must get pre-approval from Dianna Cruz or Rhonda Shuler in the Dean of Arts Office.

Are you thinking about applying to grad school or law school after graduation? The summer may be a good time to prep for the LSATs or GREs. Check out <http://www.lsac.org/index.asp> and <http://www.ets.org/gre> for more information about these exams.

Anyway, we have an exciting month coming up in the International Studies Program so check out some of the upcoming events, read what alums are up to and, most importantly, mark your calendars for the famed Government/Peace Studies/International Studies/Urban Studies Dinner, which will be on Monday, April 28 at 6:00 pm in the Faculty Dining Room. We will be inducting students into the International Studies Honor Society, honoring seniors and welcoming back alums. Keep an eye on your mailboxes (e-mail and snail) for your invitation. Don't forget to RSVP.

Cheers,

Pam Chasek
Director, International Studies
Miguel 414

2. Upcoming Events

The Children Left Behind: AIDS Orphans Around the World: This moving exhibit on display in the Horan Hall lobby captures life through the eyes of orphans and other children left vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. Stories, art, photographs and more introduce children from Uganda, South Africa, India, Cambodia and Guatemala in this unique exhibit brought to Manhattan College by Catholic Relief Services in co-operation with JustPeace and Campus Ministry & Social Action.

Amnesty International: On Wednesday April 9th, in Cornerstone, Amnesty International will be hosting an informational panel about what the club does and the benefits that come with being a member (internships, special trips to the UN and many grass roots organizations, etc). Everyone who comes to the meeting will be put into a raffle. The raffle includes several i-tunes gift cards and a gift card to Target.

The Contemporary State of Ukraine: Politics, Education, and Journalism: Vitaliy Zhuhay, Fulbright Fellow from Ukraine and Senior lecturer in the Journalism Department at Uzhgorod National University, will offer a brief history of Ukraine, from its days as a Soviet State, through its independence, the Orange Revolution of 2004-2005, and to the present time. He will also speak about journalism and journalism education in Ukraine, and discuss his research comparing and contrasting Ukraine's post-totalitarian press to journalistic practice here in the U.S. Come here his presentation on Tuesday, April 15th from 4:40-5:30 pm in the Alumni Room, O'Malley Library.

Non-Profit Career Fair: This year's Not For Profit Career Fair will take place in Smith Auditorium on Wednesday, April 16th, from 2:00-5:00 pm. You'll be amazed at what career options exist. Check it out!

Pilgrimage to Mecca: My Experience of the Haj: Join Religious Studies Visiting Professor Nasrin Rouzati and learn more about this most important pillar of Islam. The lecture will be on Tuesday, April 22nd at 4:00 pm in the Capalbo Room. For more information, contact Dr. Claudia Setzer at claudia.setzer@manhattan.edu

Careers in the State Department: Are you interested in a career at the U.S. State Department? You may want to learn more about what working at the State Department is like. Join Daniel Stewart, a Foreign Service Officer and current recruiter to learn about his career – which took him through Haiti, South Africa, and Mali among other places. He will be speaking in Miguel 201 on Thursday, April 24th at 11:15 am in conjunction with GOVT 357 – US Foreign Policy. All are welcome. For more information, contact Dr. Chasek at pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu

Senior/Alumni Dinner and Honor Society Induction: Join the International Studies Program, the Government Department, the Urban Affairs Program and the Peace Studies Program for our annual senior celebration and honor societies induction. It will be on Monday, April 28th from 6:00-9:00 pm in the Faculty Dining Room. To RSVP, see Dr. Downie or Dr. Chasek. Invitations are in the mail or pick up one in Miguel 414.

3. Congratulations!

Junior Jaclyn Ambriscoe has been chosen as a summer intern for the U.S. Department of State. She will be serving at the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs in the U.S. Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) at the American Embassy in Paris. She starts on June 2nd and will be interning for 10 weeks, 40 hours a week. Jaclyn is the first International Studies major in recent memory to have been selected for this prestigious internship. Congratulations, Jackie!

4. Report from Japan

Abby Simone ('06) recently returned from Japan and has written the following:

After graduating from Manhattan College, I decided to take an opportunity that I could not pass up and that was to teach English in Japan. This became an amazing life experience the moment I walked off the plane in Narita. However, since I have been back, I have found it hard translating my emotions and experiences into the appropriate words to my friends and family. I really got a great taste of food, people, nightlife and everything that comes along with living in a new city, especially as a westerner. The big difference with this city is that you really stand out and everyone knows you're clearly not from Japan. Throughout my entire trip I wrote in a blog

every couple of days and was able to share with my friends and family the exciting adventures that I went through.

I worked in the center of Tokyo and lived in a flat with two other teachers in Minami Gyotoku. I taught in a school that consisted of mostly businessmen and some businesswomen. I was also fortunate enough to teach high-level students, which made communicating with them enlightening and interesting. When I asked why they wanted to learn English they said for traveling, business and one woman said for her aerobics class that she takes, Billy Blanks, who had just started becoming popular over there. Everyday there were conversations with students that always made the teachers laugh. One woman told me that she watched the American television shows '24' and 'The Office' and thought they depicted real life in America. Another student recited the entire Gettysburg address to me several times. When I asked why he thought he needed to memorize the address, he replied, "for fun!" A lot of students actually liked to talk politics and I was surprised at how much they knew about current American politics and American history. When I told them I went to school in NYC most of the time they asked if it was dangerous anymore and asked about a lot of NYC stereotypes. In Tokyo, the price of your train ticket depends on how far you travel, but as we all know in NYC there is a flat rate. They were fascinated when I said the train ticket was two dollars including transfers.

There are so many wonderful things about Japan that I was lucky enough to experience. I made some of the greatest friends in Tokyo that if it weren't for them my experience would not have been as enriching. A lot of my friends were Japanese and they really showed me a great time and fantastic insight into festivals and going to Hanami parties (cherry blossom) and firework shows. Last March, when the cherry blossoms were blooming my friends and I all went to Ueno Park and sat under the trees and enjoyed the local festivities. In the summer, I went to see the fireworks show at Tokyo Bay and they lasted an hour and a half. My co-workers and I were ready to go after about fifteen minutes. We were not used to seeing fireworks for that long, but they were spectacular. There were a lot of little things about Japan that I miss. Sometimes after work, my co-workers and I would enjoy going to the beer vending machines and relax on the crowded streets. I loved walking around some of my favorite areas like Omote Sando, Harajuku, Nihombashi, Iidabashi and Ueno and checking out the latest fashion trends and visiting the parks and museums. I loved riding my bicycle around town or just sitting at a Starbucks or coffee shop and just people watch. A lot of times my friends and I would get on the train and just get off somewhere we did not know and just walk around. I have so many great memories that were made in Tokyo and embraced every minute of my experience.

I must also write that my experience in Tokyo was tainted when an acquaintance was brutally murdered by a Japanese man. This terrible tragedy, last March, changed the dynamics for my coworkers and I, especially my western female colleagues. It was after this that it seemed that as a female you stood out and became more vulnerable than before. At least it was more apparent. After this, I included my friends on all of my arrangements whether it included them or not trying to be as circumspect as possible. It became a habit to let them know of my every plan. I always took the necessary precautions that were needed even if that meant going to the police and writing reports or simply talking on the phone until I got home. Many teachers, including myself, felt that this incident was acidulous to their time in Tokyo. It was during this time that

my close friends and I tried to assuage the situation. If it weren't for the support that we had for each other it would have been harder to ameliorate the situation.

For me, some of Japan's traditional customs seem to be anachronistic. At first it was hard to inure these different customs and values, but through my own experiences and time I was able to burgeon and learn. It seems that the more I learned, Japan was becoming more of an enigma and I see Japan as a big secret. Which has kept me wanting to learn more.



Park in Tsukiji



Godzilla outside my building



Tokyo Tower



Fish on a stick – yum



Abby and her co-workers

5. Alumni News

Angela Mendieta ('05) angy7680@gmail.com writes: The last year I have been doing campaigns for SEIU (Service Employees International Union) where I have been working as an organizer and basically go from campaign to campaign. Currently I am in Houston, TX working on the Justice for Janitors campaign. Home base is Daytona Beach for now but I was living in Miami for about 6 months. I almost took a position with Procter & Gamble in their Moscow office but I decided to wait awhile before making that move.

The hours are long, the pay is decent, but needless to say that I really make a difference in people's lives with what I do. I also get to meet a lot of great people who are passionate about changing this country. About 2 weeks ago SEIU helped Barack Obama a lot in Texas and although I'm not an Obama fan, the union endorsed him and we got to meet him and meet his campaign people, etc.

We also met the granddaughter of Cesar Chavez (labor organizer) at a rally down here. So it's pretty exciting and a lot of running around. There is definitely no monotony in my job

Laura Streche ('05) laurastreche@gmail.com writes: I just started a new job at a French investment bank called Calyon as an HR associate. I still keep the international component being that we take all our direction from the headquarters in Paris and French is heavily spoken all over the building. Actually the firm offers free French courses at the French Institute so I will be taking advantage of that soon.

I am also getting married this August (8-8-2008) to my high school sweetheart so this year is going to be quite busy and new!

Annamaria Eder ('07) annamaria_eder@yahoo.com writes: I spent most of the summer in Washington D.C. trying to get used to being a graduate. While I was there I attended several hiring fairs for the Defense Intelligence Agency. I met with a recruiter for the Agency and a

personal contact there, and after much discussion I decided to attend graduate school in the next year, and eventually gain employment at the DIA.

For now I am back in Boston paying my bills and volunteering for Catholic Charities of Boston, the Irish Immigration Center, and Legalize the Irish lobby.

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.



6. 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:

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1740 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20036
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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.

CIA Internship Program – Summer 2009

Applications for Summer 2009 employment will be accepted through June 30, 2008.

The National Clandestine Service Internship Program is designed to give a limited number of talented undergraduate students the opportunity to work in supporting the NCS mission of collecting human intelligence on critical international developments. The NCS intern will be part of a unique world of important events and meaningful accomplishments.

Interns will work at our Headquarters facility in the Washington, D.C. suburbs with teams of knowledgeable professionals. Interns are required to work two 90-day summer internships or a combination of one summer and one semester internship prior to graduation from a four-year accredited American university or college.

For more information, check out <https://www.cia.gov/careers/jobs/view-all-jobs/ncs-intern.html>

Action Against Hunger Internships

Action Against Hunger looks for interns and volunteers to assist us at our headquarters in New York on an ongoing basis as needed. Internships are unpaid but we cover lunch expenses and transit fare. Action Against Hunger welcomes international applicants. However, we cannot assist international interns with finding housing or acquiring visas. **Please note:** we do not offer field internships.

For more information, check out <http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/get-involved/internships>

Full-time Job Opportunity at the International Center for Transitional Justice

The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) assists countries pursuing accountability for past mass atrocity or human rights abuse. The Center works in societies emerging from

repressive rule or armed conflict, as well as in established democracies where historical injustices or systemic abuse remain unresolved.

They are recruiting for a writer to assist the Development Unit (in New York and Brussels) primarily by preparing proposals and reports about the country and thematic programs envisaged or undertaken by the Center. This position is based in New York. Requirements include a BA in international affairs or related fields, strong research and writing skills. Deadline to apply is April 22, 2008.

For the full announcement and details, see

http://www.fpa.org/jobs_contact2423/jobs_contact_show.htm?doc_id=676028

Full-time Job Opportunity at the Council for Foreign Relations

The Council on Foreign Relations is recruiting for an executive assistant

Founded in 1921, the Council on Foreign Relations is a leading nonprofit membership organization, research center, and publisher, with headquarters in NY, offices in Washington, D.C., and programs nationwide. It is dedicated to increasing America's understanding of the world and contributing ideas to U.S. foreign policy. The Council's 4000+ members are leaders in international affairs and foreign policy. The Council also publishes Foreign Affairs, the preeminent journal on global issues, and provides up-to-date information about the world and U.S. foreign policy on the Council's award winning website, CFR.org.

The executive office assistant will work under the direction of the chief of staff to the president of the Council on Foreign Relations. Qualified candidates will have related experience that required judgment, strong writing and editing ability, the ability to prioritize, and experience dealing with high profile individuals. Requirements include a BA in international relations or a related field, awareness of current foreign policy issues and excellent writing, editing and proofreading skills.

For the full announcement and submission details, go to

http://www.fpa.org/jobs_contact2423/jobs_contact_show.htm?doc_id=675244

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