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1. Welcome Back

Greetings International Studies majors, graduates and other readers! The 2008-09 school year is officially underway and I'm sure many of you are trying to figure where the summer went. 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 information of interest, especially events on campus, internships and alumni news.

A lot has happened over the summer on the fourth floor of Miguel. Many faculty members have new offices and there are also a lot of new members to the faculty – some who will be teaching in the International Studies Program. I also have a new office. You can now find me in Miguel 424 – almost directly across the hall from the elevator on the fourth floor. My office hours will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:15-2:15 and from 1:15-4:00 on Wednesdays and by appointment.

So, if you have any news you want to share, meeting announcements or events or job/ internship opportunities that you want to post, 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, send it in. 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, call me at ext. 7248 or stop by Miguel 424.

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2. News about the Major

Requirements: 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.

Curriculum Review: The curriculum for the major is currently under review. When new proposals are ready later this year, all majors will get a copy and will be able to comment. If you have any ideas for improving the curriculum, send an e-mail to pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu.

Course Offering Change Fall 2008: Last spring, GOVT 332, The Politics of Central and Eastern Europe, was listed as being offered on MWF at 12:20. This was incorrect. The course is being offered on MWR at 12:20. If you are concentrating in Europe, you may still register for this course. (Western Europe will likely be offered next fall; no Europe course is scheduled for the Spring semester). If you have questions, contact Dr. Margaret Groarke at margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu.

3. New Faculty

There are many new faculty members on campus this fall and this month we are highlighting two new faculty members who will be teaching courses for International Studies majors.

Gwendolyn Tedeschi (Economics): Dr. Tedeschi comes to Manhattan from Fordham where she was an Assistant Professor of Economics. She has a BA in Economics and International Studies from Illinois Wesleyan University and a MA and PhD in Economics from the University of Maryland. While in graduate school, she interned with USAID's Office of Microenterprise Development and consulted on a World Bank project surveying credit bureaus in developing countries. Dr. Tedeschi's research has focused on market failures in the financial markets of the developing world. Some of this research seeks to understand how microfinance improves market efficiency and the impact that it has on the poor. She has also outlined the benefits of Fair Trade, a movement that some economists disdain as an inefficient subsidy. She lives in Manhattan with her husband and son, who was born in June. You can contact her at gwendolyn.tedeschi@manhattan.edu and her office in DLS402, ext. 7458.

Paul Droubie (History): Dr. Droubie received his BA in East Asian Studies from the University of Minnesota. He lived and worked in rural Japan for three years on the JET Program (Japan Exchange and Teaching) before entering the University of Illinois, where he focused on modern Japanese history. His dissertation examined modern Japanese national identity using the 1964 Tokyo Summer Olympics as the site of inquiry. His broader interests are in identity and nationalism. You can contact him at paul.droubie@manhattan.edu and his office in Miguel 415, ext. 7745.



4. 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 award-winning Manhattan College Model United Nations Team. We participate in two conferences a year – one in Washington, DC in early 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 4, 2008 at 4:00 pm in Miguel 306. If you can't make the meeting, but want to participate, e-mail pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu or stop by Miguel 424.

Core Symposium: The fall semester's core symposium will take place on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 4:00 pm in Smith Auditorium. The topic will be the Nuremberg Trials. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Collins, Director of the Core, at daniel.collins@manhattan.edu

Pre-Law Reception: Are you thinking about law school? If so, you should attend the Pre-Law Reception on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 from 6:00-7:00 in the Alumni Room in the Library. For more information, contact Dr. Patricia Sheridan, Pre-Law Advisor, ext. 7470 or patricia.sheridan@manhattan.edu.

Holocaust Center Program: On Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311), Holocaust Survivor Clara Knopfler will be discussing her experiences. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Horn, Director of the Holocaust Center at jeff.horn@manhattan.edu.

The Culture of War and Peace in Europe, 1750-1815: The annual Costello Lecture will take place at 4:00 pm in Smith Auditorium on Wednesday, October 29, 2008. It will feature historian David Bell, who will be speaking on the culture of war and peace in Europe from 1750-1815. For more information, contact Dr. Claire Nolte, Chair, History Department at claire.nolte@manhattan.edu.

Pulitzer Prize Winner Samantha Power: Pulitzer Prize winning author Samantha Power will be coming to Manhattan College on Thursday, October 30, 2008 in Smith Auditorium to speak on "Can Genocide Be Stopped?: U.S. Foreign Policy in an Age of Terror." Her book *"A Problem from Hell": America and the Age of Genocide* (New Republic Books) was awarded the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction, the 2003 National Book Critics Circle Award for general nonfiction, and the Council on Foreign Relations' Arthur Ross Prize for the best book in U.S. foreign policy. Power's *New Yorker* article on the horrors in Darfur, Sudan, won the 2005 National Magazine Award for best reporting. In 2007, Power became a foreign policy columnist at *Time* magazine. Samantha Power is the Anna Lindh Professor of Practice of Global Leadership and Public Policy, based at the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Horn, Director of the Holocaust Center at jeff.horn@manhattan.edu.

5. Alumni News

Abigail Simone ('06) abigail.simone@gmail.com wrote in early June that she has gotten a new job in the city working for Geotext Translations as a project manager.

Joanna Da-Sylva ('07) joannadasylva@yahoo.com is starting the Masters in International Affairs program at the New School

Deirdre Mertens ('08) dmmertens@gmail.com wrote in June that she has accepted a job with the company Cartus, which is a global relocation and workforce development headquartered in Danbury, Connecticut. She is an International Assignment Consultant, facilitating moves abroad for other companies.

Ryan Faello ('08) ryan.faello@manhattan.edu was accepted into the Peace Corps and has a tentative deployment date for May 2009. In the interim he is teaching English at the Nanjing Foreign Language School in Nanjing, China.

Genevieve O'Reilly ('08) genevieveoreilly24@yahoo.com got a job with Hadassah, an International Women's Zionist Organization in New York. She is working as an Executive Secretary with their Legal Department. She writes "It was definitely a trying experience job searching, but it paid off! If anyone you know is looking for a job, I know Hadassah still has a few administrative positions available. I have the contact information for the staffing agency I used. Let me know if I can be any help to anyone."

Denisse Ruiz ('08) denisse_ruiz_chs@yahoo.com got a job as a caseworker with Good Shepherd Services, which is a youth development, education and family service agency serving Brooklyn and the Bronx.

Alumni: Send in your news via e-mail to pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have a new e-mail address, let me know so I can keep my lists updated. I have several "lost" alumni right now, so if you are in touch with Jason Smith ('04), Jenny Toruno ('04), Maura Burns ('06) or any other International Studies alumni who may not be on my mailing list, please let me know.



6. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Internship at the Office of Senator Charles Schumer. Participating in this internship program will provide you with the opportunity to experience the inner workings of Senator Schumer's state-wide operation and supplement your knowledge of 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, press work, research, data entry, community-based work and assisting the scheduling department with scheduling requests, parades and other public events. 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.

If you are interested, you must mail or email an official application, cover letter detailing interest and availability, resume, three to five page writing sample and one letter of recommendation to the address below before **September 30th**. The official application and further information are available on Senator Schumer's website: www.schumer.senate.gov

U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer
ATTN: Internship Coordinator
757 3rd Ave., Suite 1702, NY, NY 10017
Phone: 212.486.4430; Fax: 212-752-4624
e-mail: Victor_Pichardo@schumer.senate.gov

Internships at Time, Inc. Internships are offered in edit, photo, art and design, consumer marketing, finance/ business office, IT, PR, and sales & marketing during the academic year and during the summer. Positions vary each semester and are offered on an as-needed basis. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply.

Most positions require a student to receive course credit and require a minimum commitment of 14 hours per week.

Fall 2008 Recruiting – Current Openings Include:

For example, our current edit positions are:

Online Editorial Intern - Time for Kids

Edit Intern - InStyle.com

Edit Intern - This Old House

Publishing positions are:

Online Billing Intern - Time Inc. Interactive

Ad Operations Intern - Time Inc. Interactive

PR Intern - EW magazine

Communications Intern - Fortune/Money Group

Research Internships - 4-6 positions based on department/group

Marketing Internship - Time magazine

PR Intern - SPC magazines and All You

Digital Insights Intern - Research Group

Ad Sales - EW Intern

Each position is posted on our website. You are free to apply to as many positions as you are interested in and that match your background. For the complete list and to apply, please refer to the website. www.hr.timeinc.com/CampusRecruiting

NYCharities Internship. NYCharities.org is looking for a Part Time Fundraising Intern for Fall 2008. We are looking for a candidate who wants to learn about cutting edge fundraising tools in the world of nonprofit philanthropy. NYCharities.org is a free, online contributions portal, which is dedicated to increasing charitable dollars from donors to New York causes, and providing information on New York State's 98,000 charities. It gives donors a centralized site to learn about New York charities, and easy, safe means to give time, money and talent. For nonprofits, it provides a unique way to promote missions, to educate new donors, and to extend fundraising reach in a way that supplements existing efforts. Their office is at 50 Broadway in Manhattan.

Responsibilities may include:

- Assisting in researching, writing and/or editing of funding/grant opportunities.
- Creating & maintaining informational databases.
- Assisting in day-to-day operational tasks.
- Helping charities understand e-philanthropy through customer support calls and educational sessions

The following qualifications are required for consideration:

- Education: Course work towards a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Proficient using the Internet
- Efficient Internet research skills
- Effective writing and editing skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.
- Good organization skills
- Comfortable working in a fast paced office environment.
- Ability to work independently as well as with a team
- Excellent problem solving and communication skills
- Quick learning ability
- Efficient multi-tasking skills

NYCharities.org will provide a local transportation stipend for travel to and from work.

Interested parties should e-mail Christine Cronin at support@nycharities.org. Include a copy of your resume and a letter of interest. The telephone number is 212.844.0560 and the fax number is 212-514-8185.

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a year-long work/study scholarship program to Germany, is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 program year. The program offers the opportunity for young professionals between the ages of 18-24 to immerse themselves in different aspects German culture and daily life. The program is funded by the German Bundestag and US Congress through the Department of State. The CBYX program is attractive to both current students and graduating seniors, and no prior German language skills are required to participate!

The program year consists of

- 2 months of intensive German language instruction in Germany
- 4 months of classroom instruction at a German university or vocational school
- a 5-month internship in the participant's career field
- housing with a German host family or in a shared apartment

Candidates for the program must

- Be US citizens or permanent residents
- Be between 18 and 24 years old at the start of the program
- Have a high school diploma
- Have clear career goals and some work experience
- Have a strong interest in international affairs and Germany, while maintaining a strong American identity
- Demonstrate flexibility, independence, and diplomacy

The application deadline is DECEMBER 1st. For more information on the program, or to request an application, visit www.cdsintl.org/cbyx, email cbyx@cdsintl.org, or call 212-497-3522.

BUNAC (British Universities North America Club) Opportunities to Work Abroad

BUNAC currently offers US students and young people work/travel programs to Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. Each program offers a unique insight into life in a completely different culture and a chance to spend extended time working and traveling overseas. In addition, BUNAC USA offers volunteer placement programs in South Africa, Peru and Cambodia. For more information, check out their www site at <http://www.bunac.org/usa/>

Graduate Fellowships

Are you thinking about graduate school or law school? Manhattan College has a number of resources available to you through the Office of Post-Baccalaureate Studies. Check out the graduate fellowship information and pre-law information at <http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/opbs/index.shtml> If you are interested in applying for any of the graduate fellowships, contact Irene Snitkoff, Coordinator, Office of Post-Baccalaureate Studies, DLS 206E, ext. 7755 or irene.snitkoff@manhattan.edu

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/> They are accepting applications now for June 2009.

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