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1. End of Semester Musings

Yes, the Fall 2008 semester is coming to a close. It has been a busy – and sometimes tough – semester for everyone. But now is the time to focus on finishing up those final papers, studying for those exams and getting ready for the New Year.

Seniors, if you haven't been up to Career Services yet, make sure you do so. Graduation is just around the corner. For everyone else, are you interested in doing an internship? If so, start planning. Talk to Career Services and check out the announcements at the end of this issue. Sophomores, are you interested in studying abroad or in Washington, DC? Think about it so you are ready to plan for next fall abroad when you get back in January.

I'll be on-line throughout the Christmas break if you have any questions or concerns. If you have any suggestions for programs or speakers for the spring, please let me know. You can e-mail me at pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu.

Good luck on your exams. I hope all of you have a pleasant holiday and a healthy and safe new year.

2. Upcoming Events

JustPeace Meeting: JustPeace is a student club that works on issues like Darfur, Fair Trade, Hunger and Homelessness. The next meeting is on Monday, December 1, at 4:15 in Cornerstone, Miguel 209. For more information, contact Lois Harr, Campus Ministry and Social Action, Miguel 209 or lois.harr@manhattan.edu.

Dante Seminar: On Thursday, December 4, at 4:00 pm in the Alumni Room (O'Malley Library), Tom Lekan, of the Department of History at the University of South Carolina will be speaking as part of the Dante Seminar series. Tom is the author of *Imagining the Nation in Nature: Landscape Preservation and German Identity, 1885-1945* (Harvard University Press, 2004) and the co-editor of *Germany's Nature: Cultural Landscapes and Environmental History* (Rutgers University Press, 2005). His work explores the relationship between nature conservation, landscape planning, and national identity, especially in modern Germany. His talk will draw from research for his work-in-progress, which explores how the tourist industry shapes popular visions of nature, homeland, and the environment. Refreshments will be served.



3. Alumni News

Kelly Andrade (2003) kflower1@aol.com writes: In September I became the Assistant Director of Refugee Services at FECS Health and Human Services System when FECS took over a number of contracts that had been operated by the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA). I'm heading up 3 of these programs. The first is a Reception and Placement program that receives refugees, mainly from the former Soviet Union and Iran. We have received about 14 new refugees in the last 6 weeks and are expecting 7 more this month. The reception and placement program supports refugees during the first month in the US and helps them access all of the services NYS and NYC offer for refugees.

The second program I'm responsible for is a matching grant program funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement which provides services to refugees for up to 4 months after their arrival, or services to asylees for up to 4 months after the person receives asylee status. Services include case management, ESL classes, job preparation and job placement, with the goal of refugees becoming self-sufficient and able remain in New York City.

The third program is administering part of the New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program. The contract includes services provided by FECS and 13 other subcontractors in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan that supplement mainstream refugee services and provides services beyond the time limits imposed by other programs.

Gemarla Babilonia (2004) marlag82@hotmail.com writes: I just married Gary Gaskin, class of 2003 and we live in New York. I recently finished my four year enlistment in the US Coast Guard and well I'm just looking for jobs and working for a private company. I miss Manhattan College so much. I love the newsletters and reading from other students. I wish I could go

back!!!! I just met a student she goes to St. John's University and she is doing Model UN, I got so excited I started telling her about my Model UN Cuba experience.

Matt Giordano (2008) degiano@gmail.com writes: I've been working for Catholic Charities since the beginning of the summer as an Intern and while my employment with them was suppose to be only a summer thing, they've asked me to stay on for a while and help them out with their backlogged work and such. It's technically still a paid internship and I'm not full time, but I have been overseeing their contracts and grant proposals for various programs they have throughout the city.

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.



4. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

2009 Ralph Bunche Summer Institute. Named in honor of the 1950 Nobel Peace Prize winner and former American Political Science Association (APSA) President, Ralph J. Bunche, the Ralph Bunche Summer Institute (RBSI) is a 5-week, academically intensive summer program designed to simulate the graduate school experience, provide mentoring, and expand academic opportunities for students from underrepresented groups such as African American, Latino/Latina, Native American, and Pacific Island students, and students who are interested in broadening participation in political science by students from underrepresented minority populations and pursuing scholarship on issues affecting underrepresented groups. The program provides an opportunity for undergraduates to develop their analytical, writing, and quantitative skills. The academic environment is challenging, yet supportive. Students learn what is necessary to be successful in a graduate program and a successful scholar.

The program has helped students excel and go on to graduate school, many with full fellowships and teaching assistantships. Several former Bunche students have earned Ph.D.s and hold university level teaching positions. Dozens are working on or have completed a master's degree. A number of RBSI students have also won prestigious fellowships including the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, the Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, the APSA Minority Graduate Fellowship, and other awards and fellowships within individual institutions.

If you are interested, visit http://www.apsanet.org/content_3063.cfm?navID=13

Internship Opportunity with Senator Charles Schumer. The internship consists of answering the phones, opening the mail, interacting with constituents and handling casework. Our interns are also responsible for handling the daily press clips, which are then forwarded directly to the Senator. The interns will also serve as an advance team when the Senator is in the area holding press conferences, at which point they will have the opportunity to meet him. For more information and to apply, contact:

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Phone: 914.734.1532; Fax: 914.734.1673

United Nations Association/USA Internships. UNA-USA awards a variety of part-time and full-time internships to highly motivated high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students. Interns must possess a strong interest in international affairs, excellent writing and research skills, and a working knowledge of the United Nations and other multilateral institutions. Specific departments may require specialized degrees, background or advanced qualifications.

While our internships are not salaried positions, interns have found the experience of working at UNA-USA and exploring the UN's resources personally and professionally rewarding. UNA-USA's interns are given the opportunity to make fundamental impressions on domestic and foreign policy initiatives. Examples of internship experiences at UNA-USA include:

- Serving as liaison with dignitaries to improve the lives of children living with HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Working on petitions to rally Congress to support legislative measures that encourage multilateralism; for instance, the Mine Ban Treaty.
- Co-authoring expert pieces on the International Criminal Court (ICC).
- Researching and writing articles for the E-Newsletter and our quarterly magazine *The InterDependent*.
- Helping with arrangements for more than 26 Model United Nations conferences around the world annually.
- Providing bi-weekly in-person briefings for UNA-USA staff based on United Nations high level briefings.

For more information and to apply, go to
<http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=640679>

Council on Foreign Relations Internships. The New York City-Based Council on Foreign Relations has many part-time spring and full-time summer internships available. The Council on Foreign Relations' Internship Program offers outstanding opportunities for college and graduate students focusing on international relations who are considering a career in foreign policy or a related field. Interns are recruited year-round on a semester basis for both the New York and Washington, DC, offices. The fall and spring semesters require a minimum commitment of sixteen hours per week. The summer semester requires a full-time commitment. An intern's duties generally consist of administrative work, program coordination, research, editing, and writing. The internships are unpaid but provide a small stipend upon successful completion to offset transportation expenses. For information on these and other CFR internships, go to http://www.cfr.org/about/career_opportunities/internships.html

East-West Institute Internships. The non-profit East-West Institute has internship opportunities in its New York office. The Institute works on international security, preventive diplomacy, countering violent extremism, weapons of mass destruction, among other issues. For more information, go to their www site: <http://www.ewi.info> and for information on their internship opportunities, see <http://www.ewi.info/announcements/careers/index.cfm?title=Careers>

Global Security Institute Internships. The Global Security Institute is dedicated to strengthening international cooperation and security based on the rule of law, with a particular focus on nuclear arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament. GSI was founded by Senator Alan Cranston whose insight that nuclear weapons are impractical, unacceptably risky, and unworthy of civilization continues to inspire GSI's efforts to contribute to a safer world. The Global Security Institute continually seeks motivated and talented interns to assist in a variety of areas, including programs, research, communications, and administration. Students may earn university credit. Internships are generally 3-4 month commitments (fall, winter, spring, summer), though longer arrangements are encouraged. Interested applicants are asked to send a cover letter describing interest and qualifications, a brief, relevant writing sample to:

Intern Search
Global Security Institute
675 Third Avenue
Suite 315
New York, NY 10017

Or by email to: general@gsinstitute.org with the headline: Intern Search. For more information, see <http://www.gsinstitute.org/>

Foreign Service Exam. The next Foreign Service Exam will be offered in February 2009. Foreign Service Officers work for the US State Department in embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions around the world and in Washington, DC. If you are at least 20 years old on the day you register and are available for worldwide assignments, you can take the exam. No specific educational level, or proficiency in a foreign language is required for applicants. You are not required to know a foreign language to become a Foreign Service Officer, but proficiency in one or more languages will enhance your competitiveness for selection. For more information about the process and to register for the February exam, go to <http://careers.state.gov/officer/employment.html>

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.

The deadline for applications is February 3, 2009. For more information on how to apply, go to http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/branigan_scholars/application.shtml



5. Final Word



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