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**1. Looking forward to Summer**

It's hard to believe that another academic year has come to close. And what a year it has been. The International Studies program continues to grow and I hope that we will also continue to grow as a community here at Manhattan College.

This has been a good year for the International Studies Program. We have had students abroad this year in such places as France, Italy, Chile, Spain and South Africa. Next year, students are already planning on going to France, Spain, the Czech Republic and Brazil, among other places.

The Program has sponsored or co-sponsored lectures, including the successful program featuring Hooman Majd. With your support, I think we can make the 2009-10 academic year even better. If you (alumni and faculty, too!) have any ideas for programs, lectures or other events for next year please let me know.

Seniors, please send me your e-mail addresses so you can keep in touch with Manhattan College after graduation.

If anyone has news to report over the summer, e-mail it in to me.

Have a good summer, keep in touch and I'll see many of you in the fall.

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## 2. Congratulations Seniors!

A record 20 International Studies majors and one minor are graduating as part of the class of 2009. I have noted with an asterisk, the members of Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies Honor Society.

Jumelia Abrahamson  
Claudia Aparicio  
Jaelyn Ambriscoe\*  
Caitlin Boucher\*  
Chelsea Craig  
John Dellipriscoli\*  
Rachel Downes\*  
Hannah Kaplan\*  
Krysten Kenny\*  
Kevin Kehoe  
Jessica Martinez\*  
James McPeak  
Rudylexis Nuñez\*  
Elise Rae  
Andrew Richardson\*  
Megan Ryan  
Sarah SanFilippo  
Hiedi Sheffer\*  
Natalie Atini (CMSV)  
Madeline Zilelian (CMSV)

Minor: Nichole Polyak

The winners of the Dorothy Nealy Sullivan Medal for International Studies are Andrew Richardson and Krysten Kenny, who are both graduating with a 3.9 GPA in the major. They will be honored at the Honors Convocation on 14 May. Congratulations!

As long as I'm congratulating graduates, I thought I would mention a few other things. Congratulations should go out to Jaelyn Ambriscoe, Krysten Kenny, Rachel Downes, Hannah Kaplan, Andrew Richardson and Angela Patnode who have all been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and largest academic honor society.

Jaelyn Ambriscoe has also won the Arts Medal for 2009!

We celebrated the accomplishments of all of the seniors at the annual Government/Peace/Urban and International Studies Senior/Alumni Dinner on 27 April (see picture on next page).

Congratulations to all of you. I wish you the best in your future endeavors and please keep in touch by e-mail. I would like to know how you are doing and where your career path or graduate school plans take you.



New inductees into Sigma Iota Rho: (L-R): John Dellipriscoli, Rudylexis Nuñez, Caitlin Boucher, Hannah Kaplan, Andrew Richardson, Jaclyn Ambriscoe (inducted 2008), and Erik Kops.



### 3. Model UN Success



**The Manhattan College delegation to the National Model United Nations:**

**Front:** Caitlin Boucher, Emily Kouterick, Valbona Sokoli, Amanda Scott, Maria Thomas, Amanda Connolly and Megan McCarthy; kneeling: Head Delegate Elise Rae

**Back:** Matt Spano, Grace Zawol, Dominika Wilk, Andrew Tratner, Chris Shemanski, Irfan Ahmed, Dan Maher, Chris Tucci, Mansoor Ahmed, Kelly Dantuono and Britney Hayes.

**Not pictured:** Jaclyn Ambriscoe, Rudylexis Nuñez and Emily Atwater.

Manhattan College's delegation won five awards at the 2009 National Model United Nations conference in New York from 5-9 April. Over 2500 students from more than 40 countries participated in the conference this year at the New York Sheraton Hotel. Representing the Islamic Republic of Iran, Manhattan received the distinguished delegation award, one of the most prestigious and highest honors at the conference. The college's team also won the outstanding position papers award, and six Manhattan student participants received "peer" awards for outstanding work: Irfan Ahmed (International Studies/Economics) and Dan Maher (Government) in the General Assembly Plenary, Matt Spano (Government) and Andrew Tratner

(Government) in General Assembly First Committee (security and disarmament affairs), and Jaclyn Ambriscoe (International Studies/French/Spanish) and Amanda Scott (International Studies) in UNAIDS.

If you want to participate in Model UN next year, there will be a meeting during the first two weeks of the semester to plan for the fall conference in Washington, DC and the spring conference in New York.



#### 4. Upcoming Events

**The Power of Play: Representation of Arabs and Muslims in Video Games.** This lecture by Vít Šisler will be at 4:00 pm on Monday, May 4, 2009 in the Scala Room (Leo). Šisler is a Fulbright visiting scholar at the Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University. He is also a Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Information Science at Charles University in Prague, where he is finishing his thesis on 'Islam and Islamic Law in Cyberspace'. His research deals with the problematic of contemporary Islamic law, the relation between Islam and digital media, and the topic of educational and political video games. Vít Šisler is a founder and the editor-in-chief of Digital Islam (<http://www.digitalislam.eu>), a compound research project on Islam, the Middle East and digital media. The lecture will be at 4:00 pm on Monday, May 4, 2009 in the Scala Room (Leo). For more information, contact Dr. Robert Geraci, Department of Religious Studies, [robert.geraci@manhattan.edu](mailto:robert.geraci@manhattan.edu)



#### 5. Alumni News

Insert photo of Steve Hernon and Kelly Andrade

**Amanda Connor ('04)** [aconnor72@hotmail.com](mailto:aconnor72@hotmail.com): Amanda will be attending CUNY School of Law in Queens beginning in the fall. Congratulations, Amanda!

**Steve Hernon ('03)** [stephenhernon@hotmail.com](mailto:stephenhernon@hotmail.com): Steve joined us at the dinner on April 27 and reported that he married Jennifer Wilton on March 28 at St. Peter's R.C. Church. He still teaches history at Notre Dame Academy and nearly a third of all of the students there participate in his Model UN program. Congratulations, Steve! (See photo next page)

**Kelly Andrade ('03)** [KAndrade@fegs.org](mailto:KAndrade@fegs.org): Kelly joined us at the dinner on April 27. She is the Assistant Director for Refugee Services at FECS Health and Human Services System.

**Alumni:** Send in your news via e-mail to [pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu](mailto: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.



Steve Hernon and Jennifer Wilton

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## **6. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements**

### **Undergraduate Journal of International Studies**

Indiana University's Undergraduate Journal of International Studies provides a forum for undergraduate students to publish their research and encourages excellence in student scholarship. Academic papers relating to international studies and connecting to a wide range of disciplines are welcome. Paper topics are not limited to, but include

- Culture and the Arts
- Health, Environment and Development
- Global Integration and Development
- Human Rights and Social Movements
- International Communication
- Nations, States and Boundaries

Submissions from undergraduates at any university are welcome. Academic papers of any length are eligible for submission, including term papers and Capstone projects. In the past, our published papers have ranged from 15-50 pages in length. Faculty members are urged to

encourage their students to submit papers of high quality. Acceptance will be determined by the journal's editorial board.

Please send all submissions to:  
**internationalstudies.journal@gmail.com**

Although submissions are accepted on a rolling basis, the priority deadline for the Winter 2009 issue is May 15<sup>th</sup>. The initial review process will take several weeks after which applicants will receive a notification indicating our intention to publish or not to publish your paper. In some cases acceptance of a paper may be only on the condition of revision. Please ensure that all submissions have been thoroughly proof-read and adhere to the Chicago Manual of Style.

Please direct any questions to **internationalstudies.journal@gmail.com**

### **State Department Job Opportunity.**

The next Foreign Service Exam for State Department Foreign Services Officers is in June 2009. To register to take the exam and for more information about becoming a Foreign Service Officer, go to <http://careers.state.gov/officer/index.html>

### **Editorial Intern Position**

New York Community Media Alliance (NYCMA), originally founded in New York City as IPA-New York, in April 2000, is the only nonprofit organization created with the sole purpose of strengthening the immigrant and community press, and recognizing the critical role it plays in organizing, advocating and promoting civic engagement in their communities. Our mission is to promote social justice through media reform.

The print portion of this media sector consists of 325 community and ethnic weeklies and 26 foreign-language dailies, reaching a readership of well over 3.5 million. These periodicals make their way into most homes in the communities they serve, which currently make up 40 percent of New York City's population.

We are currently offering a 12 to 24-week editorial internship program designed for college students who are aspiring to pursue a career in ethnic news media. Ideal candidates will be self-starters and detail oriented, with great multitasking and organizational skills with particular interest in ethnic journalism / reporting.

#### **Responsibilities:**

1. Research, organize and pitch news articles from a variety of ethnic and community newspapers for inclusion in Voices That Must Be Heard, a weekly selection in new media format of translated ethnic news stories
2. Proofread and edit translated articles for Voices
3. Assist Communications Director to organize press conferences and editorial / business workshops and head up special projects when necessary;

4. Perform light administrative tasks

Qualifications:

1. College junior, senior or graduate student (students must still be enrolled in school during the time of the internships)
2. Strong academic record
3. Resume and cover letter
4. Official approval for course credit
5. Proper visa authorization for international students
5. Knowledge of a second language is preferred but not required

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Tel: 212-279-1442  
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### **Editorial Internships at Global Information Network**

Global Information Network, an independent nonprofit news service, needs interns and volunteers for their growing community news and web service that spotlights stories on social justice movements in the U.S. and abroad. As the U.S. division of Inter Press Service, a global news organization, we are also able to offer worldwide distribution to stories prepared by interns that meet the IPS criteria.

Interns should be acquainted with independent media and familiar with some of the social justice struggles impacting minorities, immigrants, and others. They will be involved in all phases of news room work – from posting stories to our website, to researching media outlets, to preparing news packages for subscribers, to reading local media and identifying story possibilities. Experience with new media formats is a plus. News interns may also cover events, write blog entries, and assist the staff in short and long pieces and in the planning of our Africa Roundtable series.

Internships require a minimum commitment of two full days each week (during regular business hours) for four months or per semester. Interns' schedules will be arranged at an orientation prior to the internship. All internships are voluntary and unsalaried. Editorial slots are also available in our Spanish-language service.

Applications can be sent at any time for current or future openings.

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### **Foreign Policy Association Internship.**

The Foreign Policy Association is seeking a Field Media and Video Intern with an interest in world affairs. The Field Media and Video Intern will be based in New York City and will be tasked with documenting world affairs events in the New York metropolitan area.

- Minimum six month commitment
- Two days per week
- Flexible schedule required
- Familiarity with videography required
- Familiarity with basic post production techniques

To apply, please send cover letter, which includes specific video experience and training along with a resume to [mking@fpa.org](mailto:mking@fpa.org)

The Foreign Policy Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring the American public to learn more about the world. Founded in 1918, the Foreign Policy Association serves as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding of, and providing informed opinions on global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process. For more information, see [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)

### **American Council on Germany Program/Administrative Assistant.**

A small but fast-paced New York City-based nonprofit foreign-policy organization seeks a detail-oriented self-starter to assist with planning conferences and events and to handle general office-related tasks, including composing correspondence, doing research online, and making travel arrangements.

The American Council on Germany is an independent, nonpartisan nonprofit organization which promotes dialogue among leaders from business, government, and the media in the United States and Europe by convening discussions and conferences, sponsoring fellowships, holding Young Leader programs, and distributing publications.

Ideal starting date: June 2009

To apply, please submit a cover letter (including salary requirements) and resume via e-mail to [info@acgusa.org](mailto:info@acgusa.org) (with “Program/Administrative Assistant Search” in the subject line) or via mail to:

Program/Administrative Assistant Search; American Council on Germany; 14 East 60th Street, Suite 1000; New York, NY 10022

For more information, see [www.acgusa.org](http://www.acgusa.org)

**NOTE: More job and internship information is available on the International Studies  
www site: <http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/arts/intl/index.shtml>**

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## 7. Final Word



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