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ODUMUNC XXXII

Excellent Opportunity, Inscrutable Acronym

Students in the Graduate program in International Studies have a wide variety of opportunities to participate in relevant programs and events both within and outside of the framework of their academic work.

One such program that is outside of, but works in concert with, GPIS is Old Dominion's Model United Nations program.

Several past and current GPIS students have been members and leaders within this organization. Model UN is above all a way for students to learn global affairs through simulation, mastering country briefs more intimately than they would in a typical classroom, dealing with applied politics and negotiation. By representing a country at conferences, students

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Important Dates

February

- 7: Dr Salah Ayoub, World Affairs Council
- 13: Grant Proposal Workshop, Webb Center
- 16: Deadline, American University DC Internships
- 20: 7th annual Graduate Research Conference

- 21: Literature Review Workshop, Perry Library
- 27: Deadline, Baltimore Mayoral Fellowship
- March
- 16: Deadline, Vienna Junior Fellowships
- 28: EndNote workshop, Perry Library

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learn not only about someone else's perspective, but how countries with very different views have to work together to solve problems.

The 32nd annual Old Dominion University Model United Nations Annual High School Conference (ODUMUNC XXXII) is a chance for 850 high school students from around the region to participate in this exciting activity. In addition to GPIS students Cody Zimmerman, Christopher White, and Valerie Sprouse, who are members of the ODU MUN staff, many other GPIS students volunteer to assist the conference organizers, who are ODU undergraduates. GPIS students play a special role facilitating the conference, preparing much of the background material that the high school students rely on and getting involved directly in managing the conference.

Old Dominion University MUN Faculty Sponsor and Director Aaron Karp had this to say about the importance of MUN: "Model UN was my own introduction to a world beyond the Midwest, where I grew up. It was at a model UN that I got started on a path that led to graduate study, work for United Nations in New York, research institutes abroad and ultimately to ODU, where I have continued to work as a consultant to the UN Secretary-General. Being able to help build the program here is a way of sharing something that has served me well."

From the Library

Perry Library will be holding a tutorial workshop for graduate students on **EndNote**, a computer program for organizing bibliographic materials. According to the library, "this workshop has received rave reviews—don't miss it!" **Registration is required.** The next workshop will be **Saturday, 28 March.** Contact Nancy Schafer (nschafer@odu.edu) to participate. Please visit <http://www.lib.odu.edu/libassist/howto/endnote/> for more information.

Learn to use the **ICPSR** (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research) **database**, which provides access to a vast archive of social science data for research and instruction designed for use with statistical software, such as SAS, SPSS, and Stata. Come to the **Perry Library, Room 163** on **Saturday, February 7, 10:00-11:30am.** **Registration is required.** Contact Judy Trump at jtrump@odu.edu or 683-4484.

Hundreds of thousands of journal articles, dissertations, government publications and other resources can be found online through various library online subscription services. Learn how to do a thorough literature review in the social sciences, using the library's research information databases.. A graduate workshop

on doing a **Literature Review in the Social Sciences** will be held **Saturday, February 14, 10:00-11:30 am, Perry Library Room 163.** **Registration is required.** To register, Registration is required. To register, contact Edward Wladas at ewladas@odu.edu or 683-5910.

Google Scholar keeps getting better. It was developed for academic users, so why not come and learn how to use Google Scholar to its fullest. On **Thursday, February 12,** come to **Perry Library, Room 163 10-11am** for a **faculty workshop.** Registration is not required but is helpful to us in planning. To register, contact Karen Vaughan at kvaughan@odu.edu or 683-4184.

On the library's Website under "Research Assistance & Instruction" you will find "**Subject Guides.**" These guides, **created by subject-specialist librarians** at the ODU Libraries, provide suggested resources that may include print materials in the Old Dominion University Libraries, online resources provided by the Library, and select recommended resources on the Internet. The focus and contents of the guides vary significantly, depending on the subject area, and they are by no means comprehensive. Select the "Subject Guides" option, and look at the guides for your interests. Contact the Subject Specialist in your area for more information.

News and Notes

The **7th Graduate Research Conference** is fast approaching. The day-long conference is in the **Webb Center on February 20th.** A draft of the program is attached to the same e-mail message as this bulletin. Registration is open for audience participation until February 13, 2009. There is no fee but registration is required and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration includes a continental breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks, and a reception. The electronic registration form can be submitted via e-mail to kvanddyke@odu.edu. Please contact Kimberly Gilligan at kvandyke@odu.edu or 757-683-5700 with any questions.

Please join the **World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads** for its extraordinary **Great Decisions program** on **Saturday mornings from 10-12** at the **Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.** Join local and invited experts as they deliver exciting presentations on current events and explore issues during an audience-driven Q & A session. **Admission is free for students.** This Saturday's event is *Egypt in the 21st Century* by Dr. Salah Ayoub, Former Chief of International Organizations, Ministry of Manpower, Egypt. Egypt has long played an important role in the Arab world while maintaining a strategic relationship with the U.S. Dr. Ayoub will address issues from Egypt, such as upcoming elections, Islamic radicalism, and food shortages in this regional heavyweight. For more information on upcoming events, visit the World Affairs Council's website at www.hrwac.org



left: high school students participating in the ODU-MUNC conference, 2007.

Special thanks to Alan Rogers, Valerie Sprouse, and Professor Aaron Karp, who contributed to the ODU MUN article.

JOBS, INTERNSHIPS, and FELLOWSHIPS

Baltimore City Mayoral Fellowship

The City of Baltimore is now accepting applications for the Summer 2009 Baltimore City Mayoral Fellowship program. The program is highly selective and provides broad exposure to the highest level of local government officials in a city that is nationally recognized for its innovative urban management programs.

The Baltimore City Mayoral Fellowship is one of the best urban policy fellowships in the country. Students accepted into the program are provided with a unique opportunity for on-the-job training in one of several municipal agencies through a ten-week, full-time summer experience. The objective of the program is to encourage talented individuals with an interest in public service to seek permanent positions within City government at the conclusion of their degree. Fellows are placed in agencies such as Recreation and Parks, Finance, Police Department, Health Department, Office of Neighborhoods, and Communications.

In addition, the fellows attend a weekly speaker series featuring leaders from government, business, foundations, and the media. The Fellows also attend community activities. In previous years, participants completed a day with Outward Bound, served dinner at a homeless shelter, and painted an inner city school.

Undergraduates finishing their junior or senior year are eligible to apply, as are graduate students from every discipline. There is a stipend of \$4,000 for undergraduates and \$5,000 for graduate students.

Check out the website at www.baltimorecity.gov/fellows for more information and the application. Fellowship dates are 6/8 – 8/14/2009.

**APPLY BY
27 FEBRUARY 2009**

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Junior Visiting Fellowships in Vienna

Scholars working on projects related to the topics "United Europe - Divided Memory" or "Religion and Secularism" are invited to spend six months in residence at the IWM in Vienna.

The fellows will receive a stipend of **€10,500** for Ph.D. candidates or **€15,000** for Post-Docs to cover travel, accommodation in Vienna, health insurance and incidentals. The IWM will provide fellows with an office and access to e-mail and internet, in-house research facilities and other relevant sources in Vienna.

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Please refer to our website www.iwm.at, "Fellowships", "Junior Visiting Fellowships" to learn the details of application procedure and documents required.

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Leadership and Entrepreneurship

The Nonprofit Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship Program (NLP)'s Phoenix Project seeks to prepare Virginia's next generation of highly effective social entrepreneurs to bridge the emerging and serious leadership gap in the Commonwealth's nonprofit sector, to expose leaders to the challenges of communities in distress and to infuse those communities with able hands and minds to assist their revitalization efforts to the benefit of the entire Commonwealth.

Program dates: 14 June - 25 July

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Applications are submitted online http://www.phoenixproject.org/socialentrepreneurship/nlp/nonprofit_leadership_form/

American U. Summer Internships

This is an extraordinary year in Washington, DC. Opportunities to live, learn, and intern this summer in Washington are at a premium. However, once you apply and are admitted, American University immediately begins working to find you an internship that suits your interests and academic focus. Additionally, based on your academic interest, you are assigned a professor or mentor, who will also be involved in finding the right internship for you and guide you through the entire process. That's why being a "priority applicant" is so important, because the earlier you apply the more likely it is that you will obtain your "first choice" internship!

Internships last from Monday, 6/1 to Friday, 7/31/2009.

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FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

Apply online at <http://american.edu/summerintern/apply/index.html>

Contact: Raihan Amin
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RESEARCH CONFERENCES

ODU Symposium: Mother Tongues and Other Cultures

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures is organizing its 7th international symposium, this time on the theme "Mother Tongues and Other Cultures: Creative Writing, Translation and Multi-Cultural Transformation" (Sept. 10-13, 2009). As in the past, we would like to invite you to participate, either with a scholarly contribution or a reading of your own creative writing, provided it is in another language than English.

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Red de Solidaridad con Mexico

The Mexico Solidarity Network has a job opening for an organizer. The ideal candidate is committed to an anti-capitalist project with a strong ethical commitment to building a community-based and international political project. The MSN is a dynamic and growing organization with a clear vision for building radical, bi-national social change. The hours are long, and the work is extremely rewarding for the right candidate.

Applicants should submit a resume and a brief description of their commitment to anti-capitalist organizing to MSN@MexicoSolidarity.org. The position is based in the Mexico Solidarity Network office in Chicago. Applications will be accepted beginning in January 2009, and the job will remain open until filled. We hope to fill the position as early as February. Starting salary is \$25,000 per year, with an increase to \$30,000 after a six month probationary period. The position includes five weeks of paid vacation per year and a stipend for health insurance. Please send resumes to MSN@MexicoSolidarity.org.

Foro de Multiculturalismo y Minorías Étnicas en las Américas

The 2009 INCC forum on Multiculturalism and Minorities in Mexico this coming May calls for papers. The objective of the Forum is to explore from a multidisciplinary viewpoint the presently growing ethnic diversity, multicultural and pluricultural practices in the Americas, and the response to the multicultural phenomenon through public policies. Submit a one-page abstract for a 20-minute (7-10 pages) presentation. The acceptance or rejection of proposals will be notified by March 13, 2009. The cost of registration for the Forum is 250 Mexican Pesos for presenters and 100 Mexican Pesos for students and the general public.

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ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

International Human Rights Exchange

IHRE is the only study abroad program to offer a fully integrated, liberal-arts-style curriculum in human rights open to both U.S. and South African (as well as other international) undergraduate students. The semester program promotes a critical understanding of human rights as a part of a broad intellectual and social movement, not simply as a code or set of laws, but a discourse in transformation and often in contest, extending to the humanities, social sciences, arts and sciences. The program is run by Bard College in partnership with the University of Witwatersrand (Wits) in Johannesburg and offers 16 credits of human rights-related coursework as well as the opportunity to participate in a fascinating internship with a local NGO in Johannesburg.

The IHRE program consists of two core courses: Human Rights: Perspectives from the Disciplines and Engagement in Human Rights. Students may also choose from 11 different electives on a wide range of human rights topics, such as Gender and Human Rights; Human Rights and African Literature; Human Rights and the Media; and Philosophy of Human Rights, among others. Students also have the potential to take regular Wits courses offered by the Humanities department. The internship option is an especially attractive and unique component of the IHRE program. As one student who recently interned at Zimbabwe's Action for Conflict Transformation Center notes: "My internship experience provided a platform for me to practice what I am learning in the human rights course and acted as a stepping stone for me towards promoting human rights to achieve sustainable development." Program dates are 28 June – 16 November 2009.

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For more information on the program, please visit the following website: <http://www.ihre.org>

Peacebuilding Seminar in Geneva, Switzerland

Month-long course in Peacebuilding skills: conflict analysis and prevention, intercultural communication and interfaith dialogue, trauma healing. Overlooking Lake Geneva, Mountain House has been a place for reconciliation since World War II. For the past 17 years, The Caux Scholars Program has been held to benefit from the resources of this place. Under the direction of Dr. Barry Hart, Professor at Eastern Mennonite University and editor of the 2007 book, "Peacebuilding in Traumatized Societies, this training also includes a day in Geneva at the United Nations and Interpeace, participation in the Caux Forum for Human Security (see www.cauxforum.net) and designing and presenting a conflict analysis to a public audience. Caux Scholar alumni number over 300 from 85 countries.

Program dates are 10 July – 9 August 2009.

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CAMCAS Summer Institute on Popular Culture and the City

We are very proud to present the first CAMCAS Summer Institute on Popular Culture and the City, which will be held at the Graduate School of Social Sciences at the University of Amsterdam, NL from July 7- 22, 2009.

Amsterdam is a vibrant city with a rich cultural-historical heritage, a substantial creative industry and a diverse cultural life. Its inhabitants are a colorful mix of different cultures and lifestyles. In short, Amsterdam is the perfect testing ground to study and to explore popular culture. We will examine theories and concepts on media, entertainment and popular culture in an urban setting and explain the different research methods used in media, cultural and urban studies. We will discuss how city life is represented in popular culture and how popular culture moulds and forms urban life. We will describe the different subcultures among urban youth and take a closer look at the creative industry and the music scene.

This Summer Institute offers students of various disciplines, but with an interest in media, cultural and urban studies, a great opportunity to study and to explore Amsterdam. The Institute is an intensive and active two-week summer programme that seeks to provide an interdisciplinary approach to the study of urban popular culture and to promote opportunities for international networking among participants

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1 MAY 2009**

Applications must be addressed to the University of Amsterdam at the address below. You can visit our web site http://www.graduateschoolof-socialsciences.nl/gsss_education/object.cfm/0760D4BC-1321-B0BE-A4A4957B76D75AB9 for further information or to download an application form..

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES DOCTORAL STUDENT SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS PROGRAM

Kimberly Gilligan, an Old Dominion University doctoral student in the Graduate Program in International Studies, has been chosen to participate in the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Nuclear Scholars Initiative in Washington, D.C.

The highly competitive program brings together graduate students and young professionals with a demonstrated interest in nuclear issues to attend monthly day-long workshops from January to June 2009. Experts in the field of nuclear issues will participate in each workshop, engaging in an exchange of ideas with the class of scholars, which includes candidates from institutions such as Columbia, Georgetown, UC Berkeley and Harvard. The program will conclude with the presentation and publication of a research paper.

Gilligan's professional experience includes three years at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria, working in the area of nuclear safeguards. She also served as a consultant at Los Alamos National Laboratory on safeguards technical issues.

Gilligan has taken part in other prestigious nuclear non-proliferation programs since beginning her studies at ODU, and earned a fellowship last summer to the Public Policy and Nuclear Threats program at the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation at the University of California, San Diego. She also was a student associate in summer 2007 at the Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs' Project on Managing the Atom.

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World Affairs in Pictures

Somali pirates (shown above) released the Ukrainian-flagged MV FAINA on Thursday, February 5 after holding the vessel and its crew hostage since September. The ship, whose cargo includes 33 Russian-built T-72 tanks and other munitions is bound for the port of Mombasa, Kenya.

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