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GPIS/CRGS News

Senior Scholar Lecture: Simon Serfaty

The College of Arts and Letters Senior Scholar Lecture will be presented by Simon Serfaty, professor and eminent scholar, in Chandler Recital Hall, Diehn Fine and Performing Arts Center. The lecture will take place on Tuesday November 18, 2008. A reception will take place from 3:30 - 4:00 PM with lecture to follow from 4:00 - 5:00 PM.

Waldo Family Lecture Series: Sen.

John Warner

John W. Warner, U.S. senator from Virginia, will be the guest speaker for the Waldo Family Lecture Series on International Relations at Old Dominion University Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the North Cafeteria of Webb University Center.

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (757) 683-5759.

Summary of Events:

Arts & Letters Thesis Workshop, Tuesday September 30, 2008 at 12:30 PM, registration required.

GSIS September Meeting, Tuesday September 30, 2008 at 5:00 PM, Sheila Ryan's house.

Arts & Letters Dissertation Workshop, Thursday October 2, 2008 at 12:30 PM, registration required.

Fall Career Fair, Thursday October 2, 2008 from 12:30 - 4:30 PM in Ted Constant Convocation Center.

Arts & Letters Thesis/Dissertation Workshop, Friday October 3, 2008 at 3:00 PM, registration required.

GSIS Pizza Cook-Off, Friday October 3, 2008 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Mike Marin's house.

Upcoming Deadlines:

- Sept. 30, 2008: NSSC Panel Abstracts
- Oct. 10, 2008: Registration for MA Comprehensive Exams
- Oct. 15, 2008: Papers for Rhetoric of the Image Conference
- Oct. 15, 2008: Papers for Taking Stock Conference
- Oct. 17, 2008: Orientation for MA Comprehensive Exams

Future Deadlines:

- Oct. 24, 2008: PhD Dissertations due in Dean's Office
- Oct. 24, 2008: Applications for Nuclear Scholars Initiative
- Oct. 31, 2008: MA Theses due in Dean's Office



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GPIS/CRGS News, cont.

Feature: GPIS Student Summer Updates

Although on break, GPIS students remained active. The following features some updates from GPIS students and what they each did during the summer.

Tatevik Movsisyan

Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program participant from Armenia.

I did my summer internship at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington D.C. where I was involved in two programs: the Energy and National Security Program and New European Democracies Project of the Europe Program.

Within the Energy and National Security Program I worked with Senior Associate, Ambassador Keith C. Smith, assisting him in his research on energy relations in Eastern Europe, Russia, and the High North; helped to organize energy-related events throughout the program. I also assisted the New European Democracies Project by writing weekly select-briefings on Poland and Slovakia, highlighting the main events of the week.

Young professionals interning at CSIS gain additional learning opportunities through regular lecture series on leadership and international policy, provided by the Abshire-Inamori leadership Academy (AILA).

Next America, another recent CSIS initiative, tries to engage future American leaders in a substantive foreign policy debate. Students are encouraged to join the Next America website and participate in online debates. Next America will then provide this content to the next administration and senior decision makers.

Next America's Summit in January 2009 will take the form of a series of Congressional hearings and will feature its members with current, former and future foreign policy decision-makers. If you are interested to take an active role in shaping the content and direction of the project, join Next America at: <http://nextamerica.csis.org/>

Yuliya Uvarova

Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program participant from Kazakhstan

Over the summer, I had an internship with the Student World Assembly (SWA) located in New York, NY. SWA is a non-governmental and non-profit organization, promoting human rights and global democracy through student participation and youth activism. I worked for New York headquarters Managing Team, Advocacy Division. My responsibilities included: internship program recruitment, member outreach and chapter establishment, advocates support and chapter development, discussion forum moderator, and SWA advocates recruitment. My area of concentration included Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasian countries, where SWA is represented by fewer members and has less active chapters than in other countries. Part of my daily routine assignments was contacting SWA members in those countries and encouraging them to establish SWA chapters on their college or University campus, supporting current active advocates in the area, thinking of ways to advertise SWA in that part of the world, contacting major Universities with info emails.

One of the major highlights of the summer was a filming of the TV political show named "Hearts and Minds" with the most prominent speakers invited, including Robert Jervis from Columbia University. The TV show was one of many fundraisers that the organization undertakes, and it was mostly aimed at the audience in the Middle East.

SWA was a great experience working in an NGO and understanding its day-to-day activities from within. SWA helps young people from around the world voice their concerns and be heard. In accordance with its philosophy, SWA provides a venue for students to address many vital social and political issues affecting our global future. Sadly, ODU is not represented in the SWA, however this leaves a lot of field for future students activism. You are welcome to visit Student World Assembly official web-site to learn more about the work of the organization: <http://www.studentworldassembly.org>

GPIS/CRGS News, cont.

Beth McNew

As I work full-time at the Joint Warfighting Center at JFCOM and normally juggle between 2 classes, work and home, summer is time for me to enjoy a lighter load and catch up on areas of personal interest.

However, this summer I was fortunate to take a few weeks off and join Dr. Chris Drake and the ODU Study Abroad program on a trip to Turkey. For two weeks I traveled with 2 other graduate students from GPIS and six undergraduate students around western Turkey. The trip not only offered a fun and welcome vacation, but I learned a wealth of information about Turkey's history – from religious and cultural to military and political – while enjoying the beautiful geography. Turkey offers a wide variety of information on all these topics, and our group was able to experience them all by travelling from Ankara through the Cappadocia region down to the Mediterranean coast, up along the Aegean coast and finally to Istanbul.

Unlike learning about all these topics in a classroom setting, we visited the sites where civilization began and culture spread. The combination of my undergraduate degree, career experience, and insights from my GPIS studies, gave me a deeper understanding of Turkey's unique role in the world both past and present on this trip.

GPIS French-American 'Dangerous Liaisons'

Lecture Series

Dr. Peter Schulman invites everyone to participate in the GPIS French-American 'Dangerous Liaisons' Lecture Series.

The next speaker will be on Tuesday October 7 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. WHRO radio personality and renowned jazz musician/composer Jae Sennett will speak about "Jazz in Paris: The French Love Affair with American Jazz from WWI to Today" in BAL 2056.

Professor Philip Nord, Rosengarten Chair of Modern and Contemporary History, at Princeton University will be talking about "'A New Deal for France, 1930-1950" on Tuesday October 28, 2008 (time and location TBA).

Election 2008 Panel

On Monday October 27, 2008 the Department of Political Science and Geography and Graduate Program in International Studies will sponsor *Election 2008 Panel* in MGB 102 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

Purple Hope and Purple Lightning Exercises

As many of you already know, GPIS maintains a close relationship with the Joint Forces Staff College. One of the opportunities given to us through this relationship are the chance to view the interagency crisis planning process in action by serving as a role player for the Purple Hope and Purple Lightning exercises. Involvement in these exercises offers many benefits both personally and professionally. If you are interested in being a role player, or if you have any questions, you may contact JoAnne Hakala-Applebaugh at jhakala@odu.edu or the coordinators for each specific exercise.

The next Purple Hope will be held on October 23rd. Gary McCorkindale (mccorkindaleg@odu.edu) is the primary contact.

The next Purple Lightning will be held on October 29th, 30th, and 31st. Alan Rogers (ajrogers@odu.edu) is the primary contact. Keep in mind that the 30th is the only full day for this exercise. The previous day only requires your attendance at an orientation briefing and the following day participation is optional.

Political Science and Geography Brown-Bag Seminar Series

The Department of Political Science and Geography, along with the Graduate Society for International Society, will host a brown-bag seminar series.

Dr. Kurt Gaubatz will be giving a talk on Friday October 17, 2008 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM in 7009 BAL. More details will be available in the future.



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GSIS Updates

GSIS September Meeting

All students are invited to the next GSIS meeting on Tuesday September 30, 2008 from 5 - 7 PM. The meeting will be informal and some refreshments will be provided.

We plan to have the meeting be primarily social in nature but we will discuss ongoing projects within GSIS. If you can't make because of class conflict, we do plan to rotate when meetings are held. Please join us at Sheila Ryan's house: 6128 Wythe Place, Norfolk, VA (just north of ODU campus).

GSIS Pizza Cook-Off

The Graduate Society for International Studies will have its first cook-off of the year on Friday October 3, 2008 from 4 - 7 PM at Mike Marin's house (1505 Melrose Parkway, Norfolk), which is just on the north-side of campus.

The theme for the cook-off will be Pizza, in all it's forms. Students are encouraged to bring homemade, store bought, or delivery; traditional, deep-dish, or dessert; New York, Neapolitan, or personal favorite pie or 'za. Bringing a pizza is not required but pizzas should be fully cooked/prepared. The cook-off is open to all family and friends of GPIS.

Even if you aren't a fan of pizza, come join us for a relaxing Friday afternoon. Questions can be directed to Mike Marin, Social Activities Officer (mmari011@odu.edu).

GSIS on Facebook

As some students already know, GSIS created a group for Facebook. Through Facebook, GSIS has been able to better manage events and important member information. If you use Facebook, you can easily join the Graduate Society for International Studies group as long as you are on the ODU network.

If you have never used Facebook, creating an account is free and, contrary to some misconceptions, doesn't require you to reveal your personal information. Visit www.facebook.com to create a profile.

Around Campus

Graduate Student Organization Open Meeting

The Graduate Student Organization (GSO) will have an open meeting on Monday September 29, 2008 at 4 PM in the Potomac and York rooms of Webb Center. Pizza and refreshments will be provided for all guests.

GSO represents all graduate students at ODU and membership is completely open. They provide a voice for graduate student concerns such as health care and tuition.

Study Abroad Fair

There will be a Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM in the North Mall of the Webb Center. Best of all, there will be a drawing for a \$1000 grant toward making your study abroad dreams a reality.

Works in Progress

Join the Communication and Theatre Arts as scholars from across the Arts & Letters community come together to discuss research and creative works in progress.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

"Digging Up Science: Representations and Responses in Image and Discourse"

Jenifer Alonzo, Assistant Professor, Theatre
Craig Stewart, Assistant Professor of English

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

"Studying the Communication Worlds of Children"

Tom Socha, Associate Professor of Communication
Avi Santo, Assistant Professor of Communication

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

"Researching Women's Perspectives and Perspectives of Women on National and International Fronts"

Fran Hassencahl, Associate Professor of Communication
Jennifer Fish, Associate Professor and Chair of Women's Studies

All sessions are scheduled from 12:20 - 1:20 p.m. in BAL 3062. No reservations required. These are brown-bag lunch get-togethers, with some refreshments provided.



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Library News

New Data Collection: ICPSR

The library is happy to announce the availability of ICPSR (The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research). ICPSR encourages and facilitates research and instruction in the social sciences and related areas by acquiring, developing, archiving, and disseminating data and documentation relevant to a wide spectrum of disciplines. ICPSR provides numeric raw data for countless topics as well as bibliographies of reports and other publications based on that data.

Access ICPSR from the library's "Databases" page or through the library's online catalog. If you have any questions, contact Judy Trump jtrump@odu.edu.

New Service: IM a Librarian

That's Instant Message! The Reference & Research Services Department is trying out a new chat service intended for use by ODU students, faculty and staff. In general, chat users can ask for help searching the library catalog, assistance selecting and searching appropriate databases, information about the library and its services, help accessing library resources from off-campus. Questions that are more complicated may be referred to other services such as Ask-a-Librarian (email) or Research Consultations (in person). Keep in mind that patrons at the Reference Desk have priority over IM users, who are taken in a first-come-first-served order.

During our trial period, the IM service will be available Monday-Thursday 2-8 PM, Friday 2-6 PM. If you already use AIM, Yahoo Instant Messenger, GoogleTalk or MSN Messenger, you can contact us by sending your IM to the screen name "askodulib." If you don't normally chat, go to the "IM a Librarian" link from the library's home page under "Research Assistance & Instruction" and enter your question in the MEEBO box.

Announcements

National Technology and Social Science Conference
University of Southern Mississippi and GPIS Alum Jack Covarrubias is, once again, organizing a trip to the National Technology and Social Sciences Conference. The conference is hosted by the National Social Science Association in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Conference is scheduled for April 5-7, 2009.

Professor Covarrubias is interested in forming panels of ODU and Southern Mississippi students into panels to present at the Conference. If you are interested in joining these scholars you should submit contact info, a title, and a 25 word abstract to him via email (Jack.Covarrubias@usm.edu) by **September 30, 2008**.

Please do not submit through Jack Covarrubias unless you are available to attend the conference. Any general questions about this conference can be directed to Melodee Baines at mbaines@odu.edu

State Department Critical Language Scholarships

The United States Department of State and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) are pleased to announce the availability of overseas scholarships for intensive summer language institutes in eleven critical need foreign languages for summer 2009.

Critical Language Scholarships (CLS) provide seven to ten week group-based intensive language instruction and extensive cultural enrichment experiences at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels (beginning not offered for Azerbaijani, Russian, Chinese or Persian). Full program details and number of scholarships available per language are available on our website, www.CLScholarship.org

The CLS Program is part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. Deadline to Apply: Friday, **November 14, 2008**.

Announcements, cont.

Call for Papers, Rhetoric of the Image: Visual Culture in Political Islam - Copenhagen University, Denmark

While narrative sources and oral communication were key in the formation and transmission of Islamic culture in the pre-modern period, an increasing use of visual media in the cultural production of modern Islamic societies has effectively placed the image alongside-- if not above-- text-based rhetorical models. Over the course of the twentieth century, visual media such as film, television, the graphic arts, illustrated books, and pamphlets were mobilized in the drive to modernize and to define a role for Islam in the public domain of everyday politics.

Proposals for papers that deal with the power and role of the image in creating a rhetorical lexicon for political Islam in the modern period in national, nationalist, and trans-national cultural production are welcome.

Topics should deal with aspects of the visual in any region of the Islamic world, from the emergence of visual media in the early modern period to the production and reception of the latest interactive media, including the presentation of Islam on television (talk shows, Qur'an classes, films); the internet and other digital media; banners, posters, murals and graffiti; and illustrated pamphlets, cartoons, graphic novels, and children's books. We also invite presenters to assist in developing a conceptual and theoretical framework to investigate more broadly the role of visual culture in modern Islamic societies.

The conference will take place under the auspices of the research unit "The New Islamic Public Sphere" at the University of Copenhagen, March 21-22, 2009. The host institution will cover transport, accommodation, and meals.

Please send a 200-word abstract by **October 15, 2008** to Sune Haugbolle (suha@hum.ku.dk) and Christiane Gruber (chgruber@indiana.edu).

World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads

The World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads will host Marwan Muasher, Ph.D on Thursday October 2, 2008. Dr. Muasher is the Former Deputy Prime Minister & Former Prime Minister of Jordan, and also served as the Ambassador to the U.S. as well as becoming the first Jordanian Ambassador to Israel (1995)

The event will be held at the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club located at 7100 Hampton Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23505. The reception will start at 6:15 PM, with dinner and the presentation at 7:00 PM.

The cost for the event is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Tables of 8 can be reserved for \$400. Students can attend at a reduced price of \$30.

A book signing will follow the lecture with copies of Dr. Muasher's books provided by Prince Books of Norfolk.

Please register by Friday, September 26, 2008 via online: www.hrwac.org

VWC Event, Three Perspectives on the Environment: What's at Stake?

Despite all of the noise of politics and campaigning, elections bring us to reflect more intentionally on major issues that face the United States.

In this series some VWC faculty members will be lecturing, some will use a panel format, but all will focus on moving beyond the "election noise" and show—in a nonpartisan way—what key issues face the country, where serious disagreements exist in how to address those issues, and how the academy can illuminate both the issues and the disagreements in important ways.

All lectures will be held on Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 11:50 p.m. in the 1/3 Boyd Dining Center. All lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsored by VWC Honor Societies.



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Call for Papers: Taking Stock: Transformative Scholarship, Transforming Practices - Rutgers University

Over the past four decades, feminist scholars have transformed knowledge in the humanities, social sciences and life sciences, challenging long-established beliefs, contesting dominant paradigms, identifying new areas of research, and introducing new strategies of analysis using a complex matrix of gender, class, race, age, ethnicity, nationality and sexuality as fundamental categories of social, cultural, historical and scientific inquiry.

"Taking Stock: Transformative Scholarship, Transforming Practices" will examine the intellectual, political, social, and interpersonal worlds that feminists have created despite three decades of backlash. The organizing Committee welcomes papers that address feminist efforts to reduce inequities and inequalities associated with race- and gender-based oppression; efforts to create adequate health care, education, welfare, employment, personal security and equity policies that redress gender- and race-based injustices; efforts to "engender" states by seeking gender parity and gender quotas in elective and appointive offices, constitutional guarantees of equal citizenship and equal protection of the law and policy changes to require gender mainstreaming, gender-impact analyses, gender equitable budgets, and monitoring to ensure compliance with equality objectives across all policy domains; efforts to make visible women's reproductive and domestic labor and to reduce the burden of women's triple shift by redistributing subsistence, childcare, and community-building labor more equitably across genders; efforts to secure women's rights as human rights, to end all forms of violence against women, and to secure reproductive freedom and sexual self-determination; efforts to transform educational and pedagogical practices; efforts to transform the arts and cultural production; and efforts to devise innovative methodologies to transform knowledge production.

Please send electronic versions of paper or panel proposals to Mary Hawkesworth, mhawkes@rci.rutgers.edu by **October 15, 2008**.

Call for Papers: Graduate Student Conference on "Democracy and Democratization" - Storrs, CT

The Political Science Department at the University of Connecticut invites you to participate in the first annual Graduate Student Conference on Democracy and Democratization to be held on February 27-28, 2009. The conference aims at bringing together graduate students from all sub-fields in Political Science, and other related fields. Participants will have the chance to present their research projects, exchange ideas and create a network of emerging democracy scholars. A cash award will be attributed to the best paper. The program will include a keynote address given by Sterling Professor of Political Science and distinguished scholar Ian Shapiro. Presenters will also be welcomed to join a dinner with Prof. Shapiro, faculty and invited guests.

Possible paper topics include, but are not limited to: democracy and human rights, gender, migration, political representation, global governance, electoral studies, political economy, environmental politics, justice, international security, development, etc. The conference will also feature a workshop on Democracy and Human Rights led by University of Connecticut faculty.

Abstracts should be submitted, along with your contact information (name, institutional affiliation, department, e-mail address), to uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com by Saturday, **November 15, 2008**.

Submissions must be 250 words or less and must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document. Conference presentations will be approximately 15 minutes. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by December 20th.

For more information, write to uconn.grad.conference@gmail.com or visit: www.polisci.uconn.edu/people/graduate.html

Announcements, cont.

"Reaching Higher Heights: Women's Conference"

Norfolk State University's Virginia Beach Higher Education Center will host its 6th Annual Women's Conference on Saturday, September 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel, located at 1900 Pavilion Drive in Virginia Beach.

This year's conference theme, Reaching Higher Heights, will focus on making the most of your career to include professional growth and personal achievements. It will also feature information that will assist you in attaining and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The cost of the conference, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, is \$99. Optional personal pampering sessions will include manicures, mini shoulder and neck massages, hand and arm exfoliating massage treatments, and facials which will be available throughout the lunch break for a nominal fee.

For more information or to register, visit the conference website at www.nsu.edu/vbhec/conference.html

"Making Peace with Viet Nam"

"Making Peace with Viet Nam," a documentary film directed by Dr. Steven Emmanuel, Virginia Wesleyan College's Batten Professor of Philosophy, will premiere to the general public at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 in the Blocker Hall Science Auditorium on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan.

"Though the war in Vietnam ended more than thirty years ago, the wounds of that war have not healed," said Emmanuel. "Making Peace with Viet Nam" documents the lingering consequences of the war, as these are revealed through the efforts of a handful of Americans and Vietnamese who have dedicated their lives to the work of healing and reconciliation between our nations."

Tickets for the public premiere are \$3 and may be purchased at the door. For more information:

www.vwc.edu/news_events/releases/index.php?id=1086

The Myth of the Rational Voter at CNU

The BB&T Colloquium Series on Capitalism at Christopher Newport University will present a lecture from Dr. Bryan Caplan, *The Myth of the Rational Voter: Why Democracies Choose Bad Policies*, on Monday, October 6 at 3:00 PM in the David Student Union ballroom. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Dr. Michelle A. Vachris at mvachris@cnu.edu.

The Challenges of American Religious Pluralism in a Post-9/11 World

Diana L. Eck, Ph.D., one of the world's leading authorities on religious pluralism, will present the Cookson Religious Freedom Lecture on October 13, 2008 from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Dr. Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University and director of the Harvard Pluralism Project. The lecture, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, will be held in the Boyd Dining Center at Virginia Wesleyan College. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Ann Shappell with Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at 757-455-3129 or e-mail csrf@vwc.edu.

Strategic Insights E-Journal

The Center for Contemporary Conflict has recently released its September 2008 issue of *Strategic Insights* at www.ccc.nps.navy.mil/si. In this new fall edition, the Center presents eight new Feature Articles, on Strategy and the GWOT; the Arab-Israel Conflict; the U.S.-India Nuclear Deal; and East Asian Security as well as two student theses and two book reviews.

Articles include:

"The Strategy of Containment in Fighting Terrorism" by Lora S. Aggour

"Reconciling the Arab Initiative with Israel's Core Requirements for Peace" by Alon Ben-Meir

"Constructive Sovereignty: A New International Relations Model for an Old Problem" by John Maszk

"A Square Peg in a Round Hole: Radical Islam in Insular Southeast Asia" by Major Andrés H. Cáceres-Solari, USMC.



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Jobs and Internships

Research Assistant Policy Analyst at Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA)

The Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) is a not-for-profit corporation that operates three Federally Funded Research and Development Centers serving the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Homeland Security, Unified Commands and Defense Agencies in addressing important national security issues, particularly those requiring scientific and technical expertise.

The position is for a Research Assistant to support a portfolio of studies on nuclear weapons policy and strategy. The portfolio utilizes a mix of quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches to explore a range of issues germane to the planning of the U.S. strategic posture and associated strategies for shaping the nuclear security environment. The research assistant will work with analysts from multiple divisions on a diverse set of topics. Some research tasks will be narrowly focused, but others will require a longer-term effort and considerable analytical autonomy.

Requirements:

An MA or MS in international relations, national or international security studies, or some related national security discipline is preferred. Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to contribute effectively to a team approach are also essential.

IDA offers a competitive salary, an enviable benefits package, and a superior professional environment in a park-like setting. Applicants selected will be subject to a security investigation and must meet eligibility requirements for access to classified information. U.S. citizenship is required.

Our preferred method of receiving your resume is via email. You can contact Brad Roberts or Victor Utgoff of IDA directly at BRoberts@ida.org or VUtgoff@ida.org.

Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Fellowship

IRES has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program. The IARO Program provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for long-term overseas research on contemporary political, economic, historical, or cultural developments relevant to US foreign policy. The IARO application and supporting materials are available on the IRES website at:

www.ires.org/programs/iaro/index.asp

Completed applications are due no later than **November 17, 2008** Masters Students, Pre-doctoral Students, Post-doctoral Students, and Professionals with advanced degrees are eligible for a IARO Fellowship IARO Fellowships cover the cost of travel and a living/housing stipend. Questions may be addressed to the IARO Program Staff at iaro@ires.org or by telephone at 202-628-8188

Countries Eligible for Research:

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan

Department of State Summer 2009 Student Internship Program

The U.S. Department of State offers a number of Spring, Fall, and Summer internships overseas and in D.C. For more information about the program and how to apply visit <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SIP> for more information. The program's brochure can be downloaded here: www.careers.state.gov/docs/4.0_Student_Intern_brochure.pdf.

Please note that the deadline to submit completed applications is **November 3, 2008**. Visit <http://careers.state.gov> for more information about State Department careers.



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Ongoing Announcements

Comprehensive Exam Dates and Deadlines

Please be advised of the following information regarding Comprehensive Exams:

MA Comprehensive Exams

Registration Deadline - Oct. 10, 2008

Exam Orientation - Oct. 17, 2008 at 4 PM in 7009 BAL

Comp Exams - Nov. 14, 2008 in 2027 BAL at 9 AM

To register for the MA Comp Exams, please complete the following form (Form 23):

www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/sgradform23.pdf

PhD Comprehensive Exams

Registration Deadline - Nov. 7, 2008

Exam Orientation - Nov. 14, 2008 at 4 PM in 7009 BAL

Comp Exams - Jan. 9 & 12, 2008 in 2027 BAL at 9 AM

To register for the PhD Comp Exams, please complete the following form (Form 15):

www.odu.edu/ao/affairs/graduatestudies/kgradform15.pdf

Important Graduation Dates for Fall 2008

Students planning to finish a dissertation or thesis this semester should be aware of the following deadlines in order to graduate in December:

Friday, October 24, 2008 - Dissertations are due in the Dean's Office

Friday, October 31, 2008 - MA Theses are due in the Dean's Office

Friday, December 5, 2008 - Final copies of dissertations and theses are due in the Registrar's Office

Conference Reimbursement

Students attending conferences are eligible to be reimbursed for expenses incurred. Currently, students can be reimbursed up to \$200 per conference attended. Students must receive approval for travel expenses in advance before attending the conference and submit receipts on return.