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INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON on Terror and Reconciliation

Next week Friday marks the 8th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. GPIS would like to take this opportunity to get together for an International Luncheon in a symbolic gesture of conciliation and global community. Please bring a dish from your own country so that we can all share in the spirit of tolerance, respect, and understanding. Soft drinks will be provided. The luncheon will be held in BAL 2002 Friday, September 11, from noon until 2 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Important Dates

September

10: GISIS kickoff meeting, Sobo Pizza Kitchen, 7:15 PM

10: University Chaplains' Iftar Dinner, 7:15 PM

11: International Luncheon, 12-2 PM, BAL2002.

24: Judge Theron, Supreme Court of South Africa

28: Yom Kippur

News and Notes

The Graduate Society for International Studies will be hosting a kick-off meeting and social gathering at Sobo Pizza Kitchen on **Thursday, September 10 at 7:15**. Come on out to reunite with old classmates and meet new ones! Pizza and beverages will be provided by GSIS, with a suggested \$5 donation. Sobo is located in the University Village at 4414 Monarch Way.

As our Muslim friends observe the holy month of Ramadan, they invite us to share a wonderful dinner together. Enjoy a delicious meal in a relaxed, social setting. This will be a GREAT inter-cultural experience for anyone who attends. The University Chaplains' Association & the Better Understanding Club are sponsoring the dinner Thursday, Sept. 10th 7:15pm at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center 1410 W. 49th St Dinner is free and open to all ODU students, faculty, and staff. Please RSVP at hroads@rumiforum.org OR call (757)362-2487

Jobs and Internships

Exercise Purple Lightning

This is a paid role-playing exercise and represents a great opportunity to all GPIS students to participate in. This exercise is done four times a year, about every three months, at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk.

In this exercise, Nigeria is dealing with a humanitarian crisis caused by flooding as well as insurgencies, resulting in almost 100,000 internally displaced people. Your role, either as a UN or NGO representative, will be to provide the military students with crucial information in order for them to work out their strategy how to best assist the Nigerian government in this crisis.

Objective of the Purple Lighting exercise is to submerge the military students in an environment where they have to deal with the complexity of planning and executing joint, multinational, and interagency operations. Your role is vital in providing the military with a civilian perspective on this mission. You'll be interacting with senior military officers from the various Services: Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

For the past several years GPIS students have played an integral part in this exercise playing either a UN or NGO representative. These role-plays add to our theoretical classroom experiences and also expose us to the military world. The best part, all GPIS students can get involved because no military background or other prerequisites are necessary to play a role. Joint Forces will provide a binder with information about your role and some background information on Nigeria.

No experience is necessary. This exercise is a lot of fun and you get paid. Take advantage of this opportunity to work with the military and add this exercise to your resume.

On behalf of everyone in GPIS, the program would like to congratulate its newest alumnus. Dr Matthew Hall graduated from Old Dominion and GPIS in August.

This is the last week for a brief Library tour, open to all staff and students at ODU. Interested individuals (not whole classes, please) meet in the lobby of Perry Library near the poster for a 30-minute informative tour led by a staff member from the Reference and Research Department. Tours are available **Sept. 8, 9, 10, 11 at 11:00 AM**.

Additionally, the library will be offering several workshops of interest to GPIS students. "Using EndNote with Library Databases" will be held **Wed., October 28, 10:00-11:30AM**, Perry Library, Rm 163. Also stop in for "Doing a Literature Review in the Social Sciences" **Sat., October 24, 10:00-11:30AM**, Perry Library, Rm 163. Register at <http://www.lib.odu.edu/libinfo/contact/classregister.php>

Exercise Purple Lightning Schedule of Activities

October:

Interagency Panel and workshop: 14 Oct

Exercise: 15 Oct

Press conference: 16 Oct

Day 1/ Wednesday:

8:00am– 10:45am: Interagency Panel consists usually of several speakers, e.g. former Ambassador, NGO and UN representatives. This event is for the current Joint Forces students but GPIS students are welcomed to attend.

11:00am – 12:30pm: UN and NGO workshops for GPIS students to prepare you for your role the next day/ participation required.

Day 2/ Thursday:

8:00 am – 3:00 pm: Role playing exercise
participation required

Day 3/ Friday:

9:00am – 11:15am: Press conference, GPIS students play reporters/ participation welcomed

For more information please contact Lt Col Jeffrey D. Dillemath, at dillemathj@ndu.edu.

News and Notes, cont'd

The Honorable Judge Leona Theron, Judge of the High Court of South Africa (KwaZulu Natal Province) and a candidate for a seat on South Africa's highest court (the Constitutional Court), will visit Old Dominion University on **September 24**. She has agreed to address students and faculty on legal issues relating to the profound political and social changes occurring in South Africa since the historic election of President Nelson Mandela. Judge Theron earned a Master of Law Degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C in 1990. In South Africa, she practiced as an Advocate and lectured at the University of Natal. In 1999 she was appointed as a Judge – becoming the first black female judge to be appointed in KwaZulu-Natal and at the age of 32, the youngest judge in the country. She has served as an Acting Judge in the Supreme Court of Appeal and has adjudicated some of South Africa's most high profile legal cases

Judge Theron is the guest of ODU Ambassador-in-Residence and History/Political Science Lecturer Ambassador Bismarck Myrick and Madam Marie Pierre Myrick. Ambassador Myrick headed several United States Diplomatic Missions in southern Africa, including service as Consul General in Kwa-Zulu –Natal, Judge Theron's home province.

There will be a brown bag discussion with **GPIS at 12:30 p.m. in BAL 2002** and Dr. Fish's Women's Studies Department will host a discussion at 4 p.m.

What did you do this summer?

Please send a paragraph about the activities, internships, academic programs, or other interesting events in which you participated this summer. This will help us with not only preparing exciting new articles for the GPIS bulletin but also to promote you!

Direct your responses to blamb@odu.edu



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