



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT and For Global Unity and Tolerance

The International Luncheon held last Friday to mark the 8th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. was a great success. In the spirit of tolerance, respect, and understanding, GPIS students and faculty members from a myriad of nations, including Brazil, Germany, and Turkey, shared their most favorite dishes and desserts representative of their home country as a symbolic gesture of conciliation and global community.

### Important Dates

#### September

24: Judge Theron, Supreme Court of South Africa

21: International Day of Peace

28: Yom Kippur

#### October

1: Paper proposals due for VPSA 2009 Conference

5: Issue Briefs due for ODU Model UN Conference

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## Food for thought

*and for global unity, conciliation and tolerance*

**G**PIIS students and faculty members cooked and baked their favorite dishes and desserts from their home country for an International luncheon held last Friday in commemoration of the eight anniversary of 9/11. The unusual exotic waft of food, exiting the Model UN Conference Room Friday, could only hint at the large, eclectic spread of dishes representing the many GPIIS student from around the world. Kheer Mat-tir Pilau, a traditional rice dish from India sat next to Golubtsi, cabbage leaves filled with rice and meat from the Ukraine; Coxinha, chicken and potatoes and Brigadeiro, a dessert from Brazil next to Jaegerschnitzel and Gulasch from Germany; Turkish Baklava and next to Humus from Israel. If international relations and global unity would just be as easy as apple pie!



Above: students share in the wide variety of international cuisines  
Below: Just a few of the many dishes at the luncheon



## S. African Justice at ODU

*Judge Leona Theron*

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 **GPIIS at 12:30 p.m. in BAL 2002** and Dr. Fish's Women's Studies Department will host a discussion at 4 p.m.

## News and Notes

If you are you interested in doing more than just sitting on the couch this Fall Break? Love to travel? Love to serve? Then **Alternative Fall Break** is for YOU! An interest meeting for those interested in attending an Alternative Fall Break is scheduled for **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 in the Richmond room of the Webb Center**. Stop by to find out how you can get involved with the Alternative Breaks Council and/or attend an Alternative Fall Break. The Alternative Breaks program at ODU provides students with opportunities to spend their spring break or a long weekend providing service to others outside of our local community. While completing short-term service projects students will be able to experience and reflect on issues such as poverty, the environment, homelessness, literacy, and animal rescue/rights. If you are interested to learn more about the Alternative Breaks, please contact the Center at 1104 Webb center for Service & Civic Engagement at [volunteer@odu.edu](mailto:volunteer@odu.edu) or at 683.6948.

The Office of Intercultural Relations is kicking off the new semester with the **International / American Student Reception** from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16** in the North Cafeteria. Help promote global unity by interacting with both American and International students and student leaders while enjoying free authentic food and global music. For more information, please contact by email [oir@odu.edu](mailto:oir@odu.edu) or call 683-4406.

The Women's Center is holding a **Returning Women's Reception** **3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22** at the Webb Center's James/Lynnhaven Room. Take time to relax, enjoy some refreshments, network with other adult women students and meet with The Women's Center staff. Members of Delta Sigma Lambda, ODU's adult women's sorority, will be present to share information regarding their organization. Please **RSVP** to [womenctr@odu.edu](mailto:womenctr@odu.edu) by **Sept. 18**. For more information, contact The Women's Center, Division of Student Affairs, 1000 Webb Center by phone at 683-4109 or email [womenctr@odu.edu](mailto:womenctr@odu.edu) or visit their website at <http://StudentAffairs.odu.edu/WC>.

Not to forget: The library will offer several workshops of interest to GPIIS students. "**Using EndNote with Library Databases**" will be held **10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28** at the Perry Library Room 163. Also stop by for "**Doing a Literature Review in Social Sciences**" from **10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24** at Room 163. Register at <http://www.lib.odu.edu/libinfo/contact/classregister.php>

Please take note of the following Arts and Letters Graduate Thesis and Dissertation Workshops :

- Thesis Workshop: Tue., Sept 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m., BAL 9002
- Dissertation Workshop: Thu., Sept 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m., BAL 9002
- Thesis & Dissertation Workshop: Fri, Sept 18, 3:15-4:30 p.m., BAL 9002

## JOBS & 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, multi-national, 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 an 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.

For more information please contact Lt Col Jeffrey D. Dille-muth, at [dille-muthj@ndu.edu](mailto:dille-muthj@ndu.edu).

### **Publishing Opportunity** *ODUMUN Issue Briefs*

The ODU Model UN is hard at work preparing for the annual ODU Model UN Conference (ODUMUNC), February 10-13. To strengthen the quality of the conference, we rely on GPIS students to write conference Issue Briefs. This is an opportunity to publish with the university's Model UN program. The audience is an important part of this. The primary audience is about 800 high school students and their 70 social studies teachers. Issue Briefs are designed to introduce them to an issue and help them as they prepare for role playing and simulation.

Is there an issue you know about, or want to learn more? Please contact Political Science Professor Aaron Karp via email at [akarp@odu.edu](mailto:akarp@odu.edu) to receive a list of topics. The finished briefs are due Oct. 5.

### *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

Do you have information, announcements, or resources you would like to see published in this weekly bulletin?

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Over 1,600 colleges and universities have announced job openings at [AcademicKeys.com](http://AcademicKeys.com). Top institutions choose it as it provides an economical way to reach qualified applicants.

Chronicle Careers is an online job search resource for International Studies and Political Science. View current open positions as well as to join the email list in order to be notified regularly of new opportunities!

<http://chronicle.com/jobs/>

# RESEARCH CONFERENCES

## *Virginia Political Science Association 2009*

The 2009 annual meeting of Virginia Political Science Association will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21 in Norfolk and this year's conference is co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science and Geography and the Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS).

The department is delighted to be hosting this year's event, following the impressive work last year by Maerek Payerhin at Lynchburg College. We are working to insure this year's event is the largest and most diverse in memory and Virginia-based political scientists and scholars of public policy, their colleagues elsewhere, are encouraged to join us. The VPSA conference is the Commonwealth's leading opportunity for professional networking and collaboration.

The conference particularly welcomes graduate student presentations. The conference emphasizes community-building for Virginia political scientists, analysts and graduate students. Panels will cover the full spectrum of subfields in political science:

- Virginia politics
- American
- Comparative
- International relations
- Methods
- Political theory
- State and local

Panel and proposals—a title, abstract and contact information—are needed no later than Oct. 1. Register early. The \$40 registration fee will cover refreshments and the conference lunch. For further information, please contact GPIS Director Regina Karp at BAL 7045 at 683-5700 or rkarp@odu.edu

## *Transcultural mappings: emerging issues in comparative, transnational and area studies - Sydney 2010*

The idea of transculturation was coined by Cuban anthropologist Fernando Ortiz in 1940, to describe a process of transition from one culture to another. It has come to the fore once again in our third millennium, where concepts such as international and cross-cultural, based on an idea of nations and cultures as relatively stable and clearly delimitable entities, have become, if not obsolete, then inadequate. The ideas of the transnational and transcultural have been put forward in recent years as conceptual frameworks that enable us to develop new interdisciplinary epistemologies of the global, the local, and the "glocal". This conference aims to track why and how such debates have gained prominence in transnational, area and comparative cultural studies as well as the methodological and ideological implications of such theoretical reworkings.

Specific themes of presentations might include:

- Locating culture in the globalised third millennium: can it be done?
- Mapping and culture: complementary or mutually exclusive terms?
- Cultural identity, hybridity and border(zones)
- "Trans-," "post-" "inter-" and academic discourse
- Postcoloniality and postmodernity: is the discussion over?
- The geopolitics of culture / culture and globalization
- Culture, translation and the production, trafficking and negotiation of meanings
- Ethics, power and the challenges of conceptualizing culture
- The South/North debate and the West/East debate
- Diasporas and comparative cultural studies
- Identity politics and area studies
- Interdisciplinarity, pluridisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity:

We invite scholars to submit 200 word abstracts for individual presentations (20 minutes) or panel proposals (90-120 minutes) that address these issues either theoretically or through case studies. Abstracts, along with your affiliation, contact information and a short biography should be sent as an email attachment in Microsoft Word by 30 November, 2009 to tcm.10@usyd.edu.au. Enquiries should also be sent to this address. If you wish your paper to be considered for refereed publication, it should be submitted by 1 March 2010.

## **Preparing Future Faculty Event** *Cheating and Cyberplagiarism*

Research indicates that many (maybe most!) students cheat – copy answers, plagiarize papers, work together to "beat the system". New technologies make it harder than ever to prevent and detect cheating. Join us **from noon to 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 25, in BAL 9024** for a discussion with faculty and a Judicial Affairs staff member about how to prevent and deal with cheating in your classroom. Participants:

- Mary Louise Antieau, J.D., Judicial Counselor, ODU Office of Judicial Affairs
- Dennis Gregory, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Higher Education, "Cheating and CyberPlagiarism"
- Douglas Green, Ph.D., Professor of History, to discuss Academic Dishonesty in Large Classes

Graduate students from all ODU departments are welcome so bring a friend. Refreshments will be provided. Adjunct and tenure-track faculty are also welcome. We hope to see you there!

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