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WRITERS IN PEACE AND WAR

Old Dominion University Literary Festival

The 32nd Annual Old Dominion University Literary Festival Oct. 6 to Oct. 9 will focus on literature about peace and war. For four days, writers, visual artists and photographers, a soldier-turned poet, journalists, a faculty member and others will share their experiences how conflicts such as in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Pakistan and other areas have affected and transformed human lives.

For centuries, literature has served as the center stage for the raw emotions of humanity and human interaction. But literary work also never shied away from the bigger picture that links our smaller worlds of broken hearts and mundane daily lives to the complex

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Important Dates

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| 1: Paper proposals due for VPSA Conference | 6-9: 32nd Annual Old Dominion University Lit Festival |
| 1: Brzezinski lecture, 7:30 PM Webb Center | 7-10: NASGA Conference in Washington D.C. |
| 2: ODU Maritime Institute speaker series at Nauticus in Norfolk, | 12-16 Fall Break |
| 5: Issue Briefs due for ODUM UN Conference Feb. 2010 | 15: Africa Day Webb Center |

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Writers in Peace and War

Old Dominion University Literary Festival

spiderweb of politics, international relations, human rights, war and peace.

This year's ODU Literary Festival Oct. 6 to Oct. 9 focuses on writers, visual artists and photographers who try to tackle with what they know best - words and pictures - the many global conflicts of today that span across many borders from the war on terror to the struggles in Lebanon and the West Bank.

The participating authors include Mark Bowden, a national correspondent with the Atlantic Monthly, author, journalist, screenwriter and teacher. His well-known book *Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War* became an international best-seller, found itself for more than a year on the New York Times bestseller list and was a finalist for the National Book Award. The festival will also feature Jane Mayer, a staff writer for The New Yorker. She writes about politics, but has also been covering the war on terror. Another festival participant, Farah Nosh, is an award-winning photographer who has covered extensively today's political hotbeds such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Syria, the West Bank, Gaza and Egypt.

Jim Sheeler, who will also be featured at the festival, won in 2006 the Pulitzer Prize for his series *Final Salute*. His story, which was originally published in the now-defunct Rocky Mountain News, illustrates the effects of the Iraq war by following for more than a year an U.S. Marine casualty notification officer and the many families he touched. Joyce Hoffmann, who coordinates the journalism program at ODU's English Department, will also participate in the festival.

For a complete list of all the participating artists and the schedule, please go to www.lib.odu.edu/litfest or contact the English Department's Creative Writing Office at 683-3929.

News and Notes

Congratulate GPIS Student **Narisong Huhe** for being awarded the **Linda Hyatt Wilson Scholarship in China Studies** for the 2009-10 academic year. The scholarship was established by Linda Hyatt Wilson to assist a full-time graduate student involved in the study of China's culture, history, economy, politics or foreign relations.

ODU's College of Arts & Letters Lectures will present **Rabbi Walter Homolka 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 28** at the **Chandler Recital Hall** as part of the The Evelyn J. Kanter Lecture in Interfaith Understanding.

By 2011, the library's first floor will be fully renovated to become a learning commons. In the meantime, a "**Mini Learning Commons**" has been created to **test out furniture, equipment, collaborative spaces**. There are six GIS workstations, five high end Macs, numerous PCs, a color and a black and white printer, scanners, lots of network connections for laptops, and a computer lab consultant. The hours are the same as library hours. Come over and check it out.

The library will also feature a workshop **Oct. 6** about **ARTstor**, a digital library of images in the areas of art, architecture, the humanities, and social sciences. ARTstor collections are comprised of contributions from museums, individual photographers, scholars, special collections at libraries, and photo archives. The workshop has two sessions: **Session I, 10:00-11:30am**, focuses on ARTstor for Information Professionals (**library faculty and staff**). **Session II, Teaching and Presenting with ARTstor**, is for **teaching faculty in all departments, 1:00-3:00pm**. Each session will also include an introduction to ODU's Visual Resources Collection. For further information, contact Karen Vaughan at kvaughan@odu.edu.

Join the ODU Alumni Association for its second annual **Fall Beer Tasting 6:30 p.m., Wed., Oct. 21** at Old Dominion University Barry M. Kornblau Alumni Center (corner of **49th & Hampton**). **\$25 per person RSVP: Space is limited**. Beer experts Diane Catanzaro '92 and Christopher Jones '76 & '82 will lead a tasting of 6 specialty beers and food pairings. **Register before Wednesday, October 14** by calling 1-888-ODU-3435.

From **7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2** **Dr. Austin Jersild** reflects about his recent research abroad with "**A Fulbright Scholar Speaks on Oldrich Havlicek and Chen Peilu in Shanghai, 1955-58.**"

Zbigniew Brzezinski

National Security Adviser Visits ODU

Join GPIS in welcoming Former National Security Adviser Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski to talk about "Key Challenges to U.S. Foreign Policy" 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the North Cafeteria, Webb University Center. The event is part of the Waldo Family Lecture Series on International Relations. Brzezinski was the former National Security Advisor under the Jimmy Carter administration from 1977 to 1981. The 81-year-old, Polish-born geo-strategist, author and scholar and Harvard professor was honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1981 for his role in the normalization of the U.S. and Chinese relations and for his contributions to human rights and national security policies in the U.S. Today, Brzezinski is a professor of American foreign policy at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and counselor at the Center for Strategy and International Studies. For more information about the lecture, please call 686-5759.

JOBS & INTERNSHIPS

Nuclear Scholars Initiative

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Project on Nuclear Issues runs a yearly Nuclear Scholars Initiative for graduate students and young professions. This year the program will run January to June 2010. Those accepted into the program are hosted once per month at CSIS in Washington, DC where they participate in daylong workshops with senior government officials and policy experts. Over the course of a six-month program, scholars prepare a research paper, which they will be given the opportunity to present to a panel of experts and later publish in a journal produced by CSIS. Upon successful completion and publication of their articles, the scholars receive an honorarium of \$500. Travel costs for participants living outside D.C. are covered by the program.

Application requirements: Candidates must have or be pursuing a graduate degree and have an interest in nuclear issues. Applicants must submit the following:

1. Cover letter, detailing interests in nuclear issues, relevant professional and academic experience, and career goals
2. Resume or CV listing complete educational and professional data and relevant extra curricular and research activities
3. Two-page proposal outlining the nuclear issues to be investigated in their research paper if selected for the program.

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Send applications to: PONI Nuclear Scholars Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1800 K Street, NW, Ste. 400, Washington, DC 20006 email: poni@csis.org. For more information, please visit www.csis.org/isp/poni

Faculty Positions in Turkey

Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey, invites applications for full-time positions in History, Philosophy, Sociology and Anthropology, Psychology, Economics, Communication and Media Studies, Political Science and International Relations. Positions are available for candidates at all ranks beginning in August 2010 or earlier. Successful candidates, once hired, are expected to fulfill their respective Department's requirements with regard to teaching, research, record of publications, and service to the institution. Junior candidates are expected to have a Ph.D. at the time of appointment. All candidates should have an excellent command of English and a strong commitment to teaching and research.

Istanbul Şehir University (ŞEHİR) is a newly founded, private institution owned by the Foundation for Sciences and Arts based in Istanbul, Turkey, which has been dedicated to research and teaching in social sciences and humanities for the last 25 years. The medium of instruction is English. ŞEHİR is an equal opportunity employer, and socially and financially supports its faculty members' housing, medical insurance and other needs. Salary is very competitive and commensurate to rank, experience and qualifications. Several fringe benefits (housing and travel allowance, private health insurance, sabbatical leave etc.) will apply.

Review of applications will begin on November 2nd, 2009, and continue until the positions are filled. Please submit an application file that includes information about your research and teaching interests, your curriculum vitae, two samples of written work and names of three references (for senior candidates) or three letters of recommendation (for junior candidates) via e-mail to: Nurullah Ardiç (nurullahardic-at-sehir.edu.tr). Short-listed candidates will be individually informed of their selection for formal interviews and job talks/lectures. Please visit their website for more information at www.sehir.edu.tr.

Boren Fellowship

Continue an ODU Tradition

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to add an important international and language component to their educations. Most recently, GPIS PhD student Melodee Baines was the recipient of the Boren dissertation fellowship. The Washington-D.C.-based Boren Fellowships focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad.

The 2010-11 application deadline for graduate students will be January 28, 2010 at 11:59 PM EST. **All applications must be submitted online.** Boren Fellowship applicants design their own programs and may combine domestic language study with overseas study or research. Study of a foreign language appropriate to the identified country or region must be an integral part of each application proposal. All online components must be submitted, and all original supplementary material must arrive at the below address, by the application deadline.

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For more information or to apply, please visit www.borenawards.org or call 1-800-618-6737.

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RESEARCH CONFERENCES

ASMEA'S Annual Conference October 22-24, 2009 Washington, D.C.

The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) is holding second annual conference, The Middle East and Africa: Historic Connections and Strategic Bridges, will be held October 22-24, 2009 in Washington, D.C. The conference will feature presentations that demonstrate the inter-relationships between the two regions over time with special emphasis on the historical, political, economic, religious, security and cultural links between them. Panels includes themes such as The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Counter-terror, Conflict Resolution and Political Division; Iran's Strategic Importance from WWII to the Present; North Africa: Conquest, Empires and Modernization.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The 10th International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, communities and Nations will be held July 19 to 21, 2010 in Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The Diversity Conference has a history of bringing together scholarly, government and practice-based participants with an interest in the issues of diversity and community.

The Conference examines the concept of diversity as a positive aspect of a global world and globalised society. As well as impressive line-up of international plenary speakers, the Conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. The conference's organizers would like to invite everyone to respond to the Conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in The International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations. If you are unable to attend the Conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication. The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is Oct. 8, 2009. Future deadlines will be announced on the Conference website after this date. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. The Conference will seek to explore the full range of what diversity means and explore modes of diversity in real-life situations of living together in community. The Conference supports a move away from simple affirmations that 'diversity is good' to a much more nuanced account of the effects and uses of diversity on differently situated communities in the context of our current epoch of globalization.

Whether you are a virtual or in-person presenter at this Conference, we also encourage you to present on the Conference YouTube Channel. Please select the Online Sessions link on the Conference website <http://www.Diversity-Conference.com> for further details including an online proposal submission form.

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Va Political Science Association *2009 Conference*

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 Mae-rek 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 VPASA 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. 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

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PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

ODUMUN ISSUE BRIEFS

Global Change, Peace & Security journal, a leading peer reviewed journal published by Routledge (UK) and based at La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia, invites entries for the annual Routledge–GCP&S Essay Prize competition. This competition is designed to encourage outstanding new contributions to research on practical and theoretical questions posed by a rapidly globalizing world. It seeks to attract new research into the international dimensions of political, economic and cultural life, and into the contradictions of an increasingly integrated yet fragmented world.

Of specific interest are entries that look at events and developments that reverberate beyond the confines of a particular country, and those that are concerned with the sources and consequences of conflict, violence and insecurity, as well as the conditions and prospects for conflict transformation and peace-building.

The winning essay will be refereed with a view to publication in *Global Change, Peace & Security*. The author will receive the Routledge–GCP&S Essay Prize winner's certificate, as well as **\$500 prize**. The competition is open to those enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or who have graduated within the previous four years. Previously published research articles, or those that are being considered for publication, will not be acceptable. Essays currently being assessed as part of a degree will also not be accepted.

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For more information, please contact Dr. Stephen James, Editor, *Global Change, Peace & Security*, stephen.james@latrobe.edu.au or visit <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/14781158.asp>

CALL FOR ESSAYS – MA STUDENTS ONLY

The Daisy Alliance, a non-partisan grass-roots peace organization that seeks global security through nuclear nonproliferation, disarmament, and the elimination of all Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) - is announcing its \$1000 Prize Essay Contest/Student Scholarship. Bruce Roth, the founder of the alliance, will award the prize (and \$500 for second and \$250 for third place) to the MA students, who submit the best original papers. The alliance raises funds in order to educate the public about the devastation that WMDs are capable of inflicting and the threat they pose to civilization.

The essay's topic is "The Role of NATO in the 21st Century." The United States' role in extending a nuclear security guarantee to allied nations in Europe has diminished since the Cold War, and several new nuclear security threats have emerged. North Korea has nuclear weapons, Iran may have them soon, and there are terrorist organizations who aspire to using weapons of mass destruction against the US and its allies. Russia and the U.S. are no longer on the brink of nuclear war, but tensions still exist from disagreements over missile defense, NATO expansion, and the Russian invasion of Georgia. Students should address all of the following questions: How has the deterrent usefulness of the U.S. nuclear umbrella changed since the end of the Cold War? What effect has this had or is it likely to have on nonproliferation and disarmament? How important is this for the security of all NATO partners? Is NATO still needed to provide a nuclear security guarantee to its non-nuclear members? Should NATO decrease or end its reliance on nuclear weapons?

The essay should be at least 2,500 words and not more than 3,000 words, excluding footnotes and bibliography. Papers must be submitted by January 26th, 2010 in a Word file to bruce@daisyalliance.org. Be sure to include your name, mailing address, school name, and grade. For more information or any questions regarding the scholarship or the essay contest, please email bruce@daisyalliance.org.

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