Academic Info

- **April 2, 2012**: Last day for undergraduates to drop individual semester-length courses; requires instructor and academic advisor signature on a drop slip; students receive a “W” (students are allowed a maximum of 5 “W’s” total), and are charged a $12 fee.

- **April 16 – 27, 2012**: Early Registration for summer/fall 2012 courses

- **Contact the International Studies Program at 319/384-1328; 218 Schaeffer Hall for an appointment with Karmen to be cleared to register for summer/ fall 2012 courses**

Events Today

**Careers for Change**
Thursday, March 29 – 2520D University Capitol Centre
4:00 – 5:00 pm

**Basic Human Protection: Issues and Careers**

Vlad Sambaiew was a US diplomat for 30 years before joining the Stanley Foundation as president in 2007. He also has extensive experience working with NGOs from a government perspective. Rachel Gerber was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ukraine and also worked at the UN in Geneva. Rachel directs the Stanley Foundation’s “responsibility to protect” (R2P) and human protection work, while Vlad also has considerable experience with African issues. They will talk about human protection issues and careers that allow people to play a positive role in the promotion of human rights and security.

**Autobiography is Another Story: “Lives” in Hindi**
Thursday, March 29, at 4 p.m.
1117 UCC

Hindi has a rich tradition of writing about the self – both in formal autobiography (atmakatha, ap-biti) and in more casual contexts and genres. This talk discusses a dozen works, ranging from self-consciously literary texts to the transcribed memoirs of a provincial station-master. Themes such as family life and childhood memories illuminate these narratives, while darker moments include jail writings by the sometime prime minister Chandrashekhar (imprisoned and released by Indira Gandhi during the Emergency of the 1970s) and by Ramprasad Bismil (imprisoned and executed by the British a half-century earlier). This lecture’s spotlight is on the stylistics of the narratives: how do the various authors crystalize their sweet and bitter experiences into words and bring them to the printed page?

For more information, see the attached flyer or contact Heidi Vekemans at heidi.vekemans@uiowa.edu or 319-335-3862.

**Sustainability Lecture Series**
Thursday, March 29th 6:30 PM
125 Trowbridge Hall (TH)

Dave Campbell was raised on a farm near Tiffin, studied Physics and Math at UIowa and Geophysics at UCal-Berkeley. Dave then worked for 30 years in Denver at the US Geological Survey, where his specialty was electrical exploration methods (good for water resources). At USGS he did geophysics in many places, but especially in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Utah, the Alaska Range in Alaska, and the Arabian shield of Saudi Arabia. He served for 5 years as Chief of the USGS Geophysics Branch. Dave retired from USGS 10 years ago, and he and his wife Katharine came back to Iowa for organic farming. They raise organic produce for the Iowa City Farmer’s Market, specializing in garlic, honey, and niche vegetables.
Film Screening: “The Other Side of Immigration”
Guest Speaker: Dr. Roy Germano, Director
Thursday, March 29th – 6:00 PM W151 PMM (Free)
Advantage Iowa approved. For more info, contact mailto:roy-salcedo@uiowa.edu in the Latino Native American Cultural Center.

Events Friday & Saturday, March 30-31

Workshop: Diaspora, Philanthropy & Social Development in India
Keynote Address 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM 1117 UCC, Friday, March 30th
Presentations & Discussion 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM 1117 UCC, Saturday, March 31st
Keynote Speaker Dr. Rajesh Tandon is an internationally acclaimed leader and practitioner of participatory research and development. He founded the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), a voluntary organization providing support to grassroots initiatives in South Asia, twenty-eight years ago, and continues to be its Chief Functionary since 1982. An electronics engineer (IIT, Kanpur), he studied for the MBA at IIM, Calcutta and the PhD at Case Western Reserve University.

Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival
Saturday, March 31,
12-5pm - UI Field House.
An annual event to promote meaningful cross-cultural interactions and education, and to show-case the diversity within our region. As you are likely aware, this event has existed on the UI Campus for over 20 years, and today is one of the university’s largest non-athletic events. The event is open to all, and with hundreds of performers, activities, and vendors, there is something for everyone! If you’d like more information, or you want to learn about our amazing line-up of performers, check out http://ccdfestival.uiowa.edu/.

Events Next Week

Empowering Marginalized Women and Girls in Rural Areas of Peru Through Innovative Education: A Collaborative Effort With the University of Iowa

Tuesday, April 3rd, 4-5 PM, N120, College of Public Health Building
Sponsored by the Center for International Rural & Environmental Health

Dr. Liliana Mayo, Ph.D, founder and Director General of the Ann Sullivan Center of Peru (CASP), will discuss important work in Peru and 14 other Latin American countries to train professionals and families of more than 400 students with “different abilities” living in rural areas, especially those with the most severe limitations. This innovative distance education program is facilitated by information technology (live web-conferencing) from the University of Iowa and has been recognized by the United Nations as helping these children lead independent, productive and happy lives. See http://en.annsullivanperu.org/ for more information.
Lecture with Ambassador Stephen Rapp: The tools for establishing truth, accountability and reconciliation after the commission of mass atrocities.

Ambassador-at-Large Stephen Rapp will give a public lecture in the Iowa Memorial Union on his work in global criminal justice, particularly his role in international criminal prosecution and his work with the U.S. government to hold responsible the perpetrators of war crimes. There will be a catered reception following the lecture.

Originally from Iowa, Ambassador Rapp heads the Office of Global Criminal Justice in the U.S. Department of State. Previous to this appointment, Ambassador Rapp worked with the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Through his leadership, his offices succeeded in winning the first convictions of leaders of the mass media for the crime of incitement to commit genocide, and the first convictions for the use of child soldiers and sexual slavery as international crimes under humanitarian law. For more information, contact Liz Crooks at uichr@uiowa.edu, or 319-335-3900.

The Political Scene in Central & Eastern Europe and Perceptions of the USA

Wojciech Przybylski is a visiting ambassador from Poland. He will be hosting a round table discussion about the politics and perspectives of the European Union, and would like to hear student voices chime in on contemporary issues. For more information, please contact UI Honors Program at honors-icfrc@uiowa.edu.

Thursday April 5th at 5pm
350BHC (South Commons)
Pizza and Pop will be provided!

Long Walk to Freedom: South African Cinema and the Trauma of Apartheid - Fri., Apr. 6, 4pm, 208 EPB

Several feature and documentary films have focused on the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its efforts to honor the victims of racial violence, hold accountable the perpetrators of apartheid, and further a national dialogue of reconciliation. This presentation will center on the feature film Zulu Love Letter and its harrowing portrayal of Thandeka Khumalo, a political activist, journalist and mother, who has to learn to forgive herself for her inability to prevent the murder of another activist. Presented by Marie Krüger, Associate Professor, UI Department of English.

The Walk It Out Multicultural Fashion Show

Saturday, April 7th, IMU MAIN Lounge
Cultural Appetizers will be served: 6:30pm.
Doors open: 8:00pm

Walk It Out brings various cultures together annually to showcase their cultures through a multicultural fashion show. The event is a collaboration of more than 15 student organizations to promote and celebrate the unique cultures we have on our campus. The event is AI approved. The event is free but an optional donation will be taken at the door.
Upcoming Deadlines

2012 ICRU Research Fellow Program

The Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates (ICRU) is pleased to announce the ICRU Research Fellows Program 2012-2013 -- Academic Year support to promote the intellectual development of students through collaborative research with faculty and staff. Awards provide scholarships for a University of Iowa undergraduate to work under the mentorship of a faculty or P&S staff member. Academic Year Applications are due April 13, 2012. Information available at:
http://www.uiowa.edu/~icru/ICRUResearchFellowProgram.shtml

UI’s Semester in India

The Semester in South India program is open to UI and other U.S. undergraduate students majoring in a wide variety of academic disciplines who have a common interest in India. Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, director of the Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies, serves as the Program Director. Faculty and guest lecturers are drawn from a variety of educational institutions in Mysore and Bangalore. The program runs from mid-August to mid-December. During the first 2 ½ months, students complete coursework in Mysore and participate in cultural excursions. Following a 2 week break for independent travel, students conduct research or participate in an internship until they reconvene in Mysore at the conclusion of the program. The program includes the following courses: Indian Culture and Civilization (4 s.h. required); Science, Technology and Sustainable Development; Health and Environment; Indian Women: Tradition and Change; and intensive Sanskrit, Kannada, or Hindi Language (all 3 s.h. elective). Students also have a choice of 1 s.h. courses including yoga, mridangam (drum), sitar, bharatanatyam (dance) and Carnatic vocal music. During the final month, students pursue independent research projects or participate in an internship (3 s.h. required). Previous projects have focused on sustainable development, women’s issues, health, business and management, and other contemporary concerns. The application deadline is April 30th, 2012.