Academic Info

For students enrolling in 187:199 Intl Studies Senior Project in summer 2012:
- Students must find a faculty mentor (make an appointment with Karmen if you need help doing this)
- Students can enroll in 187:199 Intl Studies Senior Project on ISIS (choose your faculty mentor from the list; if your mentor is not on the list, email Karmen-berger@uiowa.edu)
- Students must submit a Registration Preapproval Form (signed by faculty mentor), and a senior project research proposal to the International Studies Program (218 SH), before 4:30 pm on June 7, 2012
- Students who do not submit this paperwork before the deadline will be administratively dropped from 187:199 Intl Studies Senior Project (and will then have to add it again with an add slip once their paperwork is submitted)
- Students must submit completed 187:199 Intl Studies Senior Project to the International Studies Program by 4:30 pm on July 27, 2012
- Questions? Contact Karmen-berger@uiowa.edu

New Fall 2012 Global Health Course (1 s.h.)

152:125:SCA Topics in Global Health: Natural Disasters and Humanitarian Aid

Begins: Nov 08, 2012
Ends: Nov 22, 2012
5:00P - 8:30P 11/08/2012 Thu UCC
12:00P - 5:00P 11/09/2012 Fri UCC
9:00A - 5:00P 11/10/2012 Sat UCC
Time and location: ARR

What can be done to relieve the suffering, cope with mass death and restore economic life after major natural disasters? This Global Health Studies short-course (Thursday November 9 through Saturday November 11) will present the insights of local and visiting experts who will explore the limits of humanitarian aid in recent disasters such as the 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean, the 2010 floods in Pakistan, the Haitian earthquake and cholera epidemic of 2010, and the Japanese tsunami and nuclear meltdown of 2011. In panels, films, breakouts sessions and simulations, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the principal forms of external aid while reflecting on the powerful and widespread desire of outsiders "to save the world." Evaluation and grades will be based on participation and on a short essay due after ten days on November 22. The lead instructor is Professor Greenough.
Climate & Culture Change in the Andes 2012

The Center for Social Well Being is offering a 3 week training program in interdisciplinary qualitative field methods, as well as Spanish and Quechua language classes, in the Peruvian Andes. This seminar is held at the center’s rural base, an adobe lodge on an ecological ranch in the Cordillera Blanca mountain range of the Callejón de Huaylas, 7 hours northeast of Lima.

Coursework provides in-depth orientation to theory and practice in field investigation that emphasizes methods in Participatory Action Research and Andean Ethnography centered on themes of Climate Change with respect to Ecology, Health, Education, Community Organization and related topics.

Students have the opportunity to actively engage in ongoing investigations in local agricultural communities to develop effective field research techniques, and to acquire language skills. In addition, the program provides excursions to museums, archaeological sites, glacial lakes and hot springs.

Total cost is $3,200 US dollars. This includes all in-country travel, food and accommodations at the rural center, and course materials. The program is under the direction of Applied Medical Anthropologist, Patricia J. Hammer, Ph.D., and Ecologist, Flor de María Barreto.

Program dates:
- July Harvest Session: July 5th through July 25th
- August Earth Session: August 2nd through August 22nd

For info or applications, contact phammer@wayna.rcp.net.pe

Juneteenth: Commemorate the End of Slavery!

Club Kazi will be hosting a day of summer fun for all families living in Johnson County including a health and financial wellness fair. Celebrating Juneteenth: Commemorating the End of Slavery will be held at Mercer Park 2701 Bradford Dr. Iowa City, IA, June 16, 2012, from 12 pm to 6 pm. It will be uplifting for families and provide an exciting, relaxing, safe afternoon.

Volunteers and community members will assist in activities and games for the carnival. There will be free food (while supplies last), vendors, music and live entertainment. Children can enjoy story time, a bouncy house, clowns, face painting and water games (IC Fire Dept.). Adults will be able to enter into a Bid Whist and Spades Tournament. There will be a Health and Financial Wellness Fair indoors and a chance for participants to wind wonderful door prizes.

Please come out and join us at this historical event!

Club Kazi is a group of professional African Americans living and working within the Linn/Johnson County corridor. C.K. is dedicated to improving the quality of life for African Americans in the greater Iowa City area. For information, please contact LaTasha Massey at 319 356 6090

One Community, One Book

“The Latehomecomer: a Hmong Family Memoir” by Kao Kalia Yang is this year’s book choice for the One Community, One Book annual reading program, sponsored by the UI Center for Human Rights (UICHR) in International Programs.

Now in its 12th year, One Community, One Book encourages community members to read and come together to discuss the same book selection with a human rights or social justice theme. Discussion forums will be held in a variety of locations from September through November.

Yang was born in a refugee camp in Thailand but Minnesota became her first true home. She is a graduate of Carleton College and earned a master’s degree in Creative Non-Fiction Writing from Columbia University. She is the co-founder of Words Wanted, an agency dedicated to helping immigrants with writing, translating, and business services. She has also released a documentary film, “The Place Where We Were Born,” which describes the experiences of Hmong American refugees.

Details will follow about a pending author visit in late September and will be available at the UICH website, www.uichr.org. Community discussion forums will also be listed on the website as those arrangements are made. For more information about One Community, One Book and the 2012 project, please contact joannashelsky@uiowa.edu.
The Iowa City Shelter House is currently advertising to fill two distinct Shelter House AmeriCorps VISTA positions. Both positions are part of the VISTA program, which is a national service program aimed at eliminating poverty. The positions are not standard “staff” positions, but are volunteer roles that come with the following:

- Monthly Living Allowance: $892
- End of Service Educational Award: $5,550
- Health Coverage
- Experience that will prepare you for a future in non-profit or social service positions

Other benefits you may qualify for:
- Relocation Stipend for individuals relocating over 50 miles
- Child Care Assistance

The two positions are:

1. Shelter House Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator VISTA position
   The Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator will stabilize and strengthen our growing programs through the utilization and support of volunteers. This VISTA will work with general and specialized volunteers to provide multiple services that will move more people out of homelessness and towards stability and success.

2. Shelter House Fairweather Lodge VISTA position
   The Fairweather Lodge VISTA will work with Shelter House staff to develop and operate a new permanent housing and employment program for homeless veterans with serious mental illness.

For more info, contact Phoebe Trepp, Director of Program Development @ (319) 338-5416 ext. 240 or phoebetrepp@shelterhouseiowa.org. For more info on the Shelter House, visit www.shelterhouseiowa.org

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The Summer of the Arts needs volunteers, particularly in the area of “green” volunteers for the upcoming Iowa Arts Festival, June 1st through the 3rd. See more information about that event here:


If you are interested, please contact Lauren Wretman @ volunteers.sota@gmail.com

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The Rape Victim Advocacy Program is preparing for its upcoming June volunteer training. This is open to anyone over the age of 19 in Cedar, Johnson, Iowa, and Washington Counties. Information and dates of training can be found on our website www.rvap.org. See attached flyer for more information or contact Jessica Schmeckpeper at 319.335.6001 volunteer-coordinator-rwap@uiowa.edu.

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Iowa City Pride is Looking for Volunteers

The Iowa City Pride Committee has been working hard for many months to prepare Iowa City Pride events. They would love to have you volunteer some of your time on Saturday, June 16 at the parade and festival.

If you can volunteer, please let Jewell at jewellamos@gmail.com know how you’d like to help.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for **festival setup** (Ped Mall) starting around 9am on Saturday, **the parade** around 10 AM on Saturday & **festival tear down** (Ped Mall) starting around 5-6pm on Saturday.

The next Iowa City Pride planning meeting is Sunday, June 3 at 3pm in Room D at the Iowa City Public Library. Another way you can get involved!