**Academic Info**

1) **March 2, 2012**: Deadline for application on ISIS for spring 2012 degree (students may submit applications after this date with a late fee)

2) **March 19 and 20, 2012**: 28S physical activity courses begin for second-half of spring 2012 semester

3) **March 22, 2012**: Fall 2012 courses scheduled to be on ISIS

4) **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

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

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**Where do I start? Personal Statement Development for Global Research and Grant Opportunities**

*Looking for funding for international research?*

*Applying for a Fulbright ETA or Research Grant in the fall?*

**Kickstart your personal statement development at our workshop by joining UIHP's Fellowships Director for:**

- An introduction to the premier international research opportunities open to undergraduates – Fulbright ETA and Research Grants, the Humanity in Action Fellowship, UI's Stanley Undergraduate International Research Grant and the Pickering Fellowship.

- Inside information on what works well and what doesn't in personal statements

- Useful examples and productive exercises to help you get started on your own personal statement.

**302 Schaeffer Hall (SH) - March 21st 6:30 - 7:45 PM**

Contact [Kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu](mailto:Kelly-thornburg@uiowa.edu) for more info.
Bob Edgar is the President and CEO of Common Cause, a national nonpartisan, nonprofit "citizens" lobby working to make government at all levels more honest, open and accountable, and to connect citizens with their democracy. Edgar will address the influences of campaign financing, the Citizens United Supreme Court decision and the rise of SuperPACs on our political discourse on Wednesday, March 7th in the Shambaugh Auditorium in the UI Main Library at 6:30 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public, as are all the Policy Matters sessions. For more info on these events and future Policy Matters sessions, visit: http://ppc.uiowa.edu/policymatters

Human Rights Internship Program

The Kenneth J. Cmiel Funded Human Rights Internship Program provides funding to selected students who have secured a summer internship with a local, national or international non-governmental organization or governmental agency engaged in human rights related advocacy, research or education. Program funds cover travel and living expenses associated with the internship.

Current UI undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who will remain enrolled in a degree program at the UI the semester following their internship are eligible to apply.

The program is named to honor the late director of the UICHR, Kenneth J. Cmiel. Professor Cmiel was a faculty member in the UI Department of History and an internationally renowned scholar of the history of human rights. The program, established in 2005, was the fulfillment of a longstanding vision for Professor Cmiel.

Applications for 2012 internships will be due by 5pm on March 9. Additional information has just been posted on the UICHR website including helpful tips and the application form.

Public Health Lecture

4:00 PM Monday March 19th
106A CPHB

As part of the 2012 MPH Alumni Series, Kimberly Kim (MPH ’11) will speak about her career as a health educator with Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (PP Heart-land) in the Education and Outreach Department in Cedar Rapids, IA.

For more info, visit the Community and Behavioral Health Student Association’s website.

Nachte Raho!

University of Iowa Indian Student Alliance cordially invites you to attend the 10th Annual Nachte Raho on March 3rd 2012. Nachte Raho is the largest south asian dance competition featuring dance teams from across the nation performing 3 different styles of Indian dance: Dandiya- Raas, Bhangra and Bollywood Fusion.

Culture Shock will be performing at Nachte Raho 2012. Culture Shock is a group from Canada consisting of Lomaticc, Sunny Brown and Baba Khan that blend Indian and English music.

The show will be held in the Iowa Memorial Union Main lounge at 7pm with a preshow at 6:30pm with DJ Aladdin from Chicago Illinois and the University of Iowa BreakDancers.

Tickets
$10 General Admission (Children under 2 will not nee a ticket)
$25 VIP Admission/Seating

Tickets are available at
Iowa Memorial Union (IMU) Box Office (1st floor IMU), Zaika (Old Capitol Mall, Iowa City), Taj Groceries (216 1st Ave, Coralville):
General admission tickets available

For more info, visit www.nachteraho.com or contact Vaidehi-patel@uiowa.edu
Peace Corps Information Session

Tuesday, March 6th at 7pm
International Programs--Room 1117
University Capitol Centre

Special Guests: Returned volunteers who served in Cambodia, Nicaragua, and Senegal
Serving in 77 countries, Peace Corps Volunteers live, learn, and work with a community for 27 months. Attend a Peace Corps Information Session to hear returned volunteers' stories and see a video highlighting volunteers in service. Find out about the application process and the benefits of Peace Corps service, including paid living expenses, full health/dental coverage, graduate school programs with credit/financial assistance, a $7,425 allowance upon completion and valuable international development/cross-cultural skills.

Iowa United Nations Association Dinner

The Iowa United Nations Association and other community and student groups are sponsoring the annual Night of 1000 Dinners to benefit the U.N. Trust Fund to Support Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women.

The event will begin with an international dinner featuring items donated by ethnic restaurants. The evening will include a presentation by Elizabeth Heineman, Associate Professor of History at the University of Iowa, editor of The History of Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones: from the Ancient World to the Era of Human Rights published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011.

American Women for International Understanding

AWIU is a grass-roots organization based in Chicago, focused on bringing attention to a variety of issues facing women here and around the world. They seek to create an international network of women to foster understanding and good will among nations.

AWIU is particularly interested in starting a chapter at the University of Iowa. Students would not only acquire valuable leadership and organizational skills, they would be provided the opportunity to face pressing global issues. Though there are chapters all over the country, AWIU is very much interested in expanding their reach in the midwest.

Recent AWIU activities include partnering with the US department of state to honor women making a global difference in the lives of women, funding emerging leaders for service work abroad, and numerous events to bring attention to women’s issues.

For more information, please contact downing-thomas@uiowa.edu or visit their website, www.awiu.org.
Climate & Culture Change in the Andes

The Center for Social Well Being celebrates our 11th year offering our 3 week training program in interdisciplinary qualitative field methods, as well as Spanish and Quechua language classes, in the Peruvian Andes. The combined undergraduate and graduate level 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 hotsprings; optional recreational activities include hiking, mountain biking, rafting, kayaking, rock climbing and trekking. 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 Tosi.

June 7th - 27th 2012
Deadline: March 15th

Request an application: phammer@wayna.rcp.net.pe
Please contact us for further information and other possible 2012 program dates.

www.socialwellbeing.org

Summer Programs in Bosnia, Rwanda, NYC

Global Youth Connect, a human rights education and activism organization based in NYC, is accepting applications from young leaders for its Summer 2012 programs, which will take place in Bosnia, Rwanda, and in New York City.

Each program brings 15 visiting youth from around the world together with 15 youth in the host location (Bosnia, Rwanda, or NYC) to engage together in a human rights workshop, key visits with policy makers and to historic sites, and volunteer service with grassroots NGOs on a variety of human rights issues.

Given the age range of the programming 16 - 30 (NYC) & 18 - 35 (Rwanda/Bosnia), this is an opportunity for not only students but also for young teachers and professionals to gain intercultural human rights experience and get involved in the global human rights movement (including the movement for Human Rights in the USA).

Several spots are remaining on all three programs, for both host and visiting participants. The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2012.

An earlier decision on all delegations is possible. If interested in an earlier decision, please contact us at contact@globalyouthconnect.org, although some positions will be reserved for the final deadline.
WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES?

Job Search Strategies for the Global-Minded Liberal Arts Student

A panel of University of Iowa alumni and staff will discuss their career experiences. Students of all majors are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, March 27th, 2012
5:00-6:00 PM
40 Schaeffer Hall

~Light Refreshments Will be Served~
Did you receive chocolate on Valentine’s Day?

It is estimated that 1.8 million children in West Africa are involved in growing cocoa. Over 12,000 of the 200,000 children working to produce cocoa in Côte d’Ivoire are victims of human trafficking. Thirty percent of children under age 15 in sub-Saharan Africa are child laborers, mostly in agricultural activities including cocoa farming. Because Côte d’Ivoire is the producer of 35% of the world’s cocoa, major chocolate companies purchase this cocoa and sell it in the United States.

Think about it. Where is your chocolate coming from?

Create Awareness.
Be the Change.