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IDPSA Friday Forum

*Interning Abroad with the
Tinker-Walker Fellowship*

Friday, November 12th
5:00 – 6:30 PM

Watch the website for more information
www.idpsa.org



Website of Interest

IRIN NEWS
www.irinnews.org

IRIN is a humanitarian news and analysis service covering the parts of the world often under-reported, misunderstood or ignored.

Intimate Interventions: Talking Sex in Response to Population Growth and HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa

Wednesday, November 10, 2:00-3:30p.m.
Battelle-Tompkins Lounge, T30

Presentation by Rachel Sullivan Robinson, Assistant Professor, School of International Service, Affiliate Professor, Department of Sociology, American University. Light refreshments will be served.

Campaign for Peace in the Congo

Wednesday, November 10, 4:00 – 5:30pm
Butler Boardroom

This event will shed light on the situation in the Congo. Specifically, we will be screening a film “Peace is the New Frontier” and we will have two speakers, Sean Carasso, founder of Falling Whistles and Yves Muya, Congolese refugee, who will speak about the ongoing conflict, with focus on the impacts of war on children and how we as the community at American University can get involved.

Obama Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean: Change or More of the Same?

Friday, November 12, 3:30 – 5:00pm
SIS 102

A discussion with Ambassador John Maisto: the ambassador led U.S. diplomacy at the Organization of American States (OAS) as U.S. Permanent Representative from 2003 to 2006. President George W. Bush named him the U.S. Coordinator for the Summit of the Americas and he managed U.S. participation in summits in Mexico in 2004 and in Argentina in 2005.

Light refreshments will be served.

Lunch Discussion on Food Justice Issues with Visiting Fellow

Thursday, 11 November 2010

Carolina Fojo, the East Coast Fellow for Bon Appétit Management Company who will be hosting the Sustainable Food Challenge on campus next Thursday has generously offered to meet with students from our program for lunch on Nov. 11th to discuss her work promoting food justice issues and farmworker rights.

This would be a bring-your-own lunch or bring-something-to-share, fairly informal affair, but a great opportunity for anyone interested in engaging with these issues, which are so tied to our choices as consumers and have global impacts.

If interested, please RSVP to lyndsayhughes@gmail.com so I can get a sense of how big of a group to expect. More details on location etc TBD.

Job/Internship Opportunities

More event information is available on the IDPSA List Serve

All ID Master's Students should subscribe to the IDPSA and ID Program listserv. Please email idsis@american.edu with your full name and email address to subscribe.

Fellowships

Atlas Corps—Columbia

Atlas Corps seeks nonprofit leaders from the U.S. to apply for their 2011-2012 fellowship positions in Bogota, Colombia. Expenses are paid in this prestigious fellowship program, including a living stipend, health insurance, and training. Applicants must have 2 or more years of experience in the nonprofit sector, a college degree, and Spanish proficiency. Fellows are placed at outstanding host organizations in Bogota like the IOM, WWF and Oxfam. In addition to volunteering full time at their host organizations, Fellows are enrolled in a management development training program and join a growing network of nonprofit leaders from around the world.

In the non-profit and international development fields today, there exists a huge amount of talent and dedication among mid-level professionals. However, logistic obstacles and competition can make it difficult to obtain higher levels of responsibility, professional development, and international field experience desired to take careers to the next level. Atlas Service Corps connects exceptional leaders with organizations with the capacity and specific needs to utilize their expertise as they further develop their professional skills in this prestigious program.

Atlas Corps accepts a diverse range of applicants with at least one year of experience and is particularly interested in those with expertise in fundraising and grant writing, program management, monitoring & evaluation.

Job description details:

There are actually two potential positions at IOM Colombia and one position at WWF Colombia. The IOM position requires experience in grant proposal writing, and report writing, experience with USAID project is desirable. The position at WWF Colombia is a development (fundraising) position.

For more details about eligibility requirements and the application process, please visit: www.atlascorps.org/apply.html.

Candidates are encourage to apply ASAP for fellowship positions that begin in 2011. Applications are accepted year round.

New Course for Spring 2011

SIS 419/628.007: Health Communication Across Borders: Immigrants and Refugees in the Diaspora
Professor De Jesus

This course focuses on low-income immigrants and refugee populations in the U.S. and applies a family and community perspective to the study of their health and well-being. A community perspective recognizes the impact of economic, political, and socio-cultural context on health in general, and of inequalities rooted in policies and conditions from the global (e.g. the need for family remittances in the face of poverty) to the local (e.g. access to a livable wage) on the health of immigrant and refugee populations in specific. A family-centered perspective recognizes the influence of family and cross-generational dynamics in the decision to immigrate and to seek health care, as well as the contribution of grandparents, mothers, fathers, and children to a family's economic and physical well-being. Both perspectives assume the critical role played by people in determining policies and designing programs that affect their lives. Moreover, we will learn about the importance of adopting a multicultural approach to understanding health communication, community problems and assets, and designing and evaluating interventions with ethnically diverse communities.

SIS 628.001: Social Entrepreneurship: Culture, Communication and Change
Prof. Nanette Levinson

The last decade has seen an increase both in scholarly work related to the field of social entrepreneurship and in the number of social entrepreneurship organizations around the world. Social entrepreneurship directly matches the mission of American University and the distinctive strengths of the School of International Service with its research on international and cross-cultural communication, conflict resolution, development, organization and politics and its tradition of linking multidisciplinary theory to ethical practice in order to make a difference in the world. This course introduces students to the field of social entrepreneurship in a global perspective, focusing on communication and leadership. Involves teamwork, communication technologies, and case studies of organizations and partnerships that make a difference.