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Welcome Back

Dear members of the SUNY Cortland community,

With this first issue of the International Education Newsletter for spring 2014, the Clark Center welcomes back all faculty, staff, and students to campus for the spring semester. We have another exciting set of public events in store this term, including a stimulating variety of lectures, films, forums, panel discussions, and faculty development workshops. Some of the international events we're organizing this semester will explore the career of a high-ranking United Nations official, take us behind the scenes at the Winter Olympic Games and the Soccer/Football World Cup, provide glimpses into life in different parts of the world through the lens of cinema, analyze the democratization of Eastern Europe and Central Asia 25 years on and many more…

Since last semester, the Clark Center has maintained an active social media presence using Facebook. We would encourage you to "like" us on Facebook. Starting this semester a new calendar tool is also available on the Clark Center website that will allow you to find the international

events organized at SUNY Cortland. As always, if you are organizing international events that you want advertised in the International Education Newsletter, or via Clark Center's Facebook and website, please send that information to me. Also, please stay tuned for new social media developments at the Clark Center that will be implemented soon by the interns of the Center.

Finally, I'd like to encourage units on campus to contact the Clark Center for International Education if they want to discuss ideas for events and projects that have an international angle to them.

From all of us at the Clark Center for International Education, we wish you a productive and successful spring semester.

Alexandru Balas
Director, Clark Center for International Education

International Activities at SUNY Cortland

Putin's Games

Sport, Society, Politics, and Economy

Organized by: Clark Center for International Education, Kinesiology Department, and Sport Management Department

The Sochi Winter Olympic Games start on February 7, 2014. A panel of distinguished speakers will shed light on

the lesser known economic, political, and social implications of the Olympic Games. What do the Games mean for the daily lives of people in Sochi? For Putin's Russia? For Russian business companies? For consumers around the world? For the highly volatile Northern Caucasus region? The panel will also discuss about the history of the Winter Olympic Games and China's role in the Winter Olympics.



Date: February 10, 3-4:30pm
Location: Fireplace Lounge, Corey Union

Panelists:
Dr. Yomee Lee, Associate Professor, Kinesiology Department, SUNY Cortland (Socio-Economic Implications of the Olympics)
Dr. Ted Fay, Professor, Sport Management Department, SUNY Cortland (Political Implications of the Olympics)
Dr. Susan Rayl, Associate Professor, Kinesiology Department, SUNY Cortland (History of the Winter Olympics)
Dr. Jin Huang, Associate Professor, School of Physical Education, Southwest University, China (China's participation in the Winter Olympics)

Moderator:
Dr. Alexandru Balas, Director, Clark Center for

Mandela's Legacy in the 21st Century: Historical Mythology or Useful Example?

Lecture by Dr. John Aerni-Flessner, Assistant Professor, History Department and Africana Studies Department, SUNY Cortland

Event Part of the Black History Month 2014 at SUNY Cortland and organized by the Africana Studies Department



Dr. Aerni-Flessner will examine the 'historical Mandela' to see how the public memory of the man, and his lionization across all contemporary political spectra, contrasts with Mandela the lawyer, politician, and president. The talk will draw on his own writings as well as the public outpouring of grief that followed his passing in late 2013.

Date: February 6 @ noon
Location: Jacobus Lounge, Brockway Hall

An International Career with the United Nations

Lecture by Catherine Bertini, former Director of the United Nations' World Food Programme (1992-2002)

Organized by: International Studies Program and Clark

Center for International Education

Do you want to work for the United Nations and you don't know where to start? Do you want to have an international career? Come attend this lecture by one of the highest ranking Americans in the history of the United Nations and learn what working for the United Nations entails.



Date: February 13@4:30pm
Location: Moffett 2125

Catherine Bertini is a former Director of the United Nations' World Food Program (1992-2002) and a former United Nations Under-Secretary General for Management. Ms. Bertini has also served as the UN Secretary General's envoy for the drought in the Horn of Africa and for humanitarian aid in Gaza and the West Bank. Ms. Bertini is currently a Professor of Public Administration at the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

International Grant Workshop Series

Presented by the Clark Center for International Education

The Clark Center announces a new workshop series to aid faculty in applying for grants to support their international research and collaboration.

A stipend of at least $200* will be awarded to faculty to support the acquisition of materials or necessary travel to aid in the preparation of the grant application.

There are ten seats available in the workshop series. There will be four workshops:

Two held in the Spring 2014 semester
(mid/late February and late March)
Wkshp 1: Grant success stories & methods for identifying potential funding streams
Wkshp 2: Presentation of identified grants & guidelines on writing a successful grant

Two held in the Fall 2014 semester
(late September and early/mid-November)
Wkshp 3: Peer review of grant drafts (drafts submitted Sept. 1, 2014)
Wkshp 4: Presentation of final grant proposal and process analysis

Please apply for participation in the Workshop Series by 3pm, February 7 (Friday) by notifying: Alexandru Balas, Director, Clark Center for International Education; Alexandru.Balas@cortland.edu

*Additional stipend funds may become available pending grant proposals

SUNY Cortland Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, February 19th
11am -2pm

Corey Union Lobby

The fair is your one-stop shopping for your perfect study abroad program! You will be able to talk with representatives and returned study abroad students of many of the over 600 programs available. You will also have the opportunity to enter for a chance to win $500 towards your study abroad program.

Cortland Study Abroad Promoters (CSAP)

Give 5 minutes of class time for a Study Abroad presentation

The CSAP program is built around promoting and educating students of Study Abroad programs, not only those here in Cortland but also the many opportunities via other SUNY schools and institutions. One of the many ways we promote study abroad is by visiting classrooms and presenting our own study abroad experiences and discussing with students the many options and opportunities there are to study abroad. Please consider donating a short period of your class time and have a returned study abroad student describe the amazing opportunities and benefits that studying abroad can offer.

Please contact Melanie Figueroa at Melanie.figueroa@cortland.edu to schedule a CSAP presenter for your class!

Call for Papers-

Undergrad, Graduate, & Faculty

SUNY Oneonta – 6th Undergraduate Political Science Conference

Sponsored by: Political Science Club & the Department of Political Science, State University of New York at Oneonta

Proposal Due Date: February 28, 2014

Undergraduates are invited to submit papers for SUNY Oneonta's 6th Undergraduate Political Science Conference. We encourage papers from political science or related fields (International Studies, Africana Studies, History etc.) on any topic related to politics and government. Papers should be approximately 10-20 pages in length and presentations approximately 20 minutes long.

If interested, please submit a full draft of the paper to: oneonta.polisci.conference@gmail.com

Have questions?

Please contact Christina Wlodarczyk, Student Coordinator at: wlodcw76@suny.oneonta.edu

United Nations Academic Impact - "Many Languages, One World" Global Essay Contest

How does multilingual ability advance global citizenship and understanding?

Deadline: February 21, 2014

In celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations, there will be a global essay contest focusing on multilingualism. A requirement for all participants is that their essay be in an official United Nations language which is not their mother tongue or principal medium of educational instruction. Qualified contestants will be invited to come to New York City to attend the "UN Many Languages, One World" Global Youth Forum, June 25-29, 2014.

Eligibility and Qualifications:

1. Students 18 years of age and older who are enrolled in a full-time program of study in a college or university anywhere in the world are eligible to compete.

2. The contestants must write their essay in one of the six official languages of the United Nations: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish or Russian. This language must not be their mother tongue and/or their university's principal medium of instruction.

3. The essay, not to exceed 2000 words, should explore how multilingual ability advances global citizenship and understanding. The essay should reflect the entrant's academic, cultural and national context, and should outline a program of action to support the following principles of the United Nations Academic Impact:

- Human rights, among them freedom of inquiry, opinion, and speech
- Educational opportunity for all people regardless of gender, race, religion or ethnicity
- Encouraging global citizenship through education

- Advancing peace and conflict resolution through education
- Addressing issues of poverty through education
- Promoting inter-cultural dialogue and understanding, and the "unlearning" of intolerance, through education

For more information about the Global Essay Contest click here

Grants And Fellowship Announcements

Hansen Summer Institute on Leadership and International Cooperation

Deadline: February 16, 2014

The Hansen Summer Institute, based at the University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Sciences, is currently accepting applications for its June 30 - July 21, 2014 program.

Fully funded by a generous grant from the Fred J. Hansen Foundation, the Hansen Summer Institute will take place in San Diego and involve assembling University students from the United States (5 students) and abroad (15 students) from a variety of developing countries and regions of social strife. All travel, room and board, and program expenses are covered by the Hansen Foundation.

A primary goal of the program focuses on creating an international community of college-age scholars (ages 18-25) who will use their summer experience to foster lasting friendships and acquire a common practical understanding

of a more peaceful future. Program elements involve training in the latest leadership skills of conflict resolution, mediation, public speaking and cross-cultural education.

The program features a 2-day International Social Venture Workshop at San Diego State University's Lavin Entrepreneurship Center. "Peer to Peer Coaching" and "Service Learning" are combined to help students make their social venture ideas "investor ready". The Hansen Fellows will help decide which ideas receive grants. For more information about the summer institute on leadership and international cooperation please click here.

Pre-Doctoral Fellowships for BA Graduates

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)

Deadline: February 15, 2014

Application must be submitted on line at The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS).

Fellowships start on September 1, 2014

For more information about BIGSSS' graduate programs

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) invites applications to its Predoctoral Fellowship program. The program will commence on September 1st, 2014. BIGSSS is an inter-university institute of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen and is funded by the German Excellence Initiative. The program provides close supervision of research work. The language of instruction is English.

BIGSSS offers 2 Predoctoral Fellowships of 800 Euros/month for particularly talented BA graduates. After fulfilling some course requirements and having their proposals accepted within the first year, candidates can switch into the regular three-year PhD program.

Successful applicants will pursue a topic in one of BIGSSS' three Thematic Fields:

- Global Governance and Regional Integration
- Welfare State, Inequality, and

Quality of Life
• Changing Lives in Changing Socio-Cultural Contexts

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜB□TAK)

Graduate Scholarship Program for International Students

Deadline: April 12, 2014

TUBITAK grants scholarships for international students seeking to pursue a graduate degree in Turkey. The scholarship covers fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Eligibility Information can be found here

The scholarship will consist of:

- A monthly stipend of 1.500 Turkish Liras (TL) for MSc/MA students
- A monthly stipend of 1.800 Turkish Liras (TL) for PhD students
- Tuition Fee (up to 2.000 Turkish Liras)
- A monthly allowance for health insurance coverage for the award holder only.
- Maximum duration for the scholarship is 2 years for the Masters and 4 years for the PhD program.
- All scholarship awardees that successfully complete a Master's program will be rewarded scholarship for a PhD program on the condition that they are admitted to a program at a Turkish University.

TUBITAK Fellowships for visiting scholars and academic staff on sabbatical

Take advantage of a TUBITAK Fellowship and spend your sabbatical at one of SUNY Cortland's Turkish partners: Anadolu University or Izmir University of Economics

Deadline: Ongoing (last working day of each month)

Target group: Scholars and academic staff who wish to research or teach in Turkey. Benefits include a monthly stipend of up to $3500 U.S., travel costs, and health insurance. The maximum duration for the fellowship is 12 months.
For more information about TUBITAK scholarships click here.

National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Washington D.C. Summer Internship Program for Undergraduate & Graduate Students

Deadlines: February 10, 2014 (priority)
February 28, 2014 (final deadline)

Program Dates: June 2 - August 8, 2014
Cost: Internships are unpaid. Internship program participants, upon successful fulfillment of the program's academic and internship requirements, receive a **$1,000 fellowship stipend**.

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' Washington, DC Summer Internship Program offers students a ten-week professional, academic, and career opportunity internship in the nation's capital. The program features a demanding mix of professional involvement, intellectual challenge, career exploration, and cultural encounters designed to provide interns with a rich and varied experience during their time in Washington.

Program Details:

- ***Professional workplace experience:***
  Interns are placed with one of over a dozen Near East and Arab world-related organizations in Washington, D.C., where they are expected to work 35-40 hours/week under the direct supervision of their host organizations
- ***Academic seminars:***
  Interns take part in twice-weekly seminar sessions designed to provide them with greater depth of knowledge about the Arab world, to underscore the cultural, economic, and political diversity of Arab states, and to explore intricacies of the Arab-U.S. relations
- ***Site visits:***
  Interns receive a behind-the-scenes look at many of the central institutions of federal government, national security policymaking, international diplomacy, and international

business

For more information about the National Council on U.S-Arab Relations Summer Internship please click here.

Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship

Do you like to travel abroad? Do you like taking photos/editing videos/drawing/painting or writing about your experiences abroad? Get paid to become a digital storyteller!

Deadline: February 28, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m. EST

Fellowship Themes: Biodiversity, Cities, Climate Change, Cultures, Energy, Food, Oceans, and Water (one or more of these themes)

The Fulbright-National Geographic Digital Storytelling Fellowship is a new component of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program that provides opportunities for U.S. citizens to participate in an academic year of overseas travel and digital storytelling in up to three countries on a globally significant social or environmental topic.

Digital storytelling describes the practice of using digital tools to tell a story. Stories may combine text, photography, video, audio, graphic illustrations and/or social media. Applications should include ideas for

imaginative use of digital tools to produce and distribute stories.

U.S. citizens of all ages and from all backgrounds are eligible to apply. Applicants may come from a broad range of fields. Candidates must have completed at least an undergraduate degree by the commencement of the program but may not hold a Ph.D. at the time application. The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated talent for storytelling (including but not limited to publications in print, online or multimedia platforms) and an academic or professional background relevant to their proposed project.

For further information concerning eligible countries for travel and application details click here.

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Contact Information

If you would like to announce an event through the International Education Newsletter, please send the

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