Focus on: International Jobs

Here and Abroad, I.S. Alumni Put their Talents to Work

Incoming International Studies majors all say the same thing: they want to study, travel and work abroad. This edition of the International Wire profiles two recent graduates who are doing just that.

Meet Dara Steele, International Trade Specialist for the Alabama Department of Commerce. Dara graduated from USA in 2006 with a double major in IS and FLL (French). She worked for a few years in Mobile as a customs broker before landing the job in the Department of Commerce in 2012. In her position, she helps to organize trade missions for Alabama businesses. “We bring 8-10 companies on each trade mission and they have pre-arranged appointments with potential agents/distributors/end users in each location,” she explained. Meetings are arranged using the help of the U.S. Embassy/Consulates in each country.

Dara is based in Montgomery but has traveled all over the world in her job. So far, she has been to China, Norway, Sweden, Canada, Peru and Uruguay. On deck for this year: Turkey and Bulgaria.

UPCOMING LECTURES

US-Cuba Relations after December 17: The View from Havana
Carlos Alzugaray Treto, scholar, writer, diplomat
Monday, February 23
6PM, Marx Library

Literature and Technology: The Writing Machines of Mario Bellatín.
Edmundo Paz Soldán, author and Latin American scholar, Cornell University.
Tuesday, February 24
6PM 2119 Shelby Hall

An Introduction to the Modern Middle East
David Sorenson, United States Air War College
Thursday, March 26
3PM, Humanities 122

ISIS/ISIL: Crisis in Syria
David Sorenson
Thursday, March 26
6PM, Humanities 170
Alumni, contd.

2009 IS alumnus David Altmayer is a busy man. He left behind a job in software in Seattle to pursue an MBA through Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, and a Masters in Global Management from Thunderbird. David is living in Budapest, where he volunteers at the EuCham and helps with their Greenwill program. He also just began an internship at the International Centre for Democracy Transition.

David’s degree program is on-line, so he could have chosen to live anywhere while working towards graduation, and after some time spent in Asia, he chose Budapest. When I asked him why, he replied, “I had heard good things about the startup community in Budapest, and I had generally liked Central and Eastern Europe more than Western Europe. Budapest has all the ‘comforts’ of Western European cities at half the price.” Budget is important to David, as a student. He is currently also launching a start-up called Speaker.ly, an online conversation-practice platform for language learners.

Dara and David are just two International Studies alumni pursuing careers that are taking them to new places every day!

The International Studies Faculty congratulations to this year’s inductees into the International Studies Honor Society, Sigma Iota Rho!

Kelli Green
Scarlett Lara-Alcantara
James Mozur
Jenia Parker
Natasha Patronsky
Joshua Taylor
UPCOMING DEADLINES and SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Wednesday, March 11
James A. Yance Endowed Scholarship for Pre-Law Students
For information, contact Dr. Ron Nelson
Pre-Law Advisor
460-6725
rnelson@southalabama.edu

Friday, March 13
Arts and Sciences Scholarships, including the Caldwell and the Nowlin-Caldwell Awards, for study abroad. Applications available soon. Keep checking here: Caldwell Information

Friday, April 3
Last day to drop a class. But PLEASE see your professor before dropping!

Friday, May 29
Deadline to apply for December graduation. Make sure you see your adviser!

Six great French films on campus March 12 – 21!
All free and open to the public.

For more information contact: Dr. Mihaela Marin
mmarin@southalabama.edu
http://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/artsandsci/frenchfilmfestival/index.html

Thursday, March 12: DES HOMMES ET DES DIEUX / OF GODS AND MEN, Xavier Beauvois
7PM Student Center Ballroom

Friday, March 13: QUAI D’ORSAY / THE FRENCH MINISTER, Bertrand Tavernier
7PM Student Center Terrace Room

Saturday, March 14: JIMMY P, Arnaud Desplechin
7PM Student Center Ballroom

Thursday, March 19: AUGUSTINE, Alice Winocour
7PM Marx Library Auditorium

Friday, March 20: LA GRANDE ILLUSION / GRAND ILLUSION, Jean Renoir
7PM Student Center Ballroom

Saturday, March 21: LA PRINCESSE DE MONTPENSIER / THE PRINCESS OF MONTPENSIER, Bertrand Tavernier
7PM Student Center Terrace Room
National Scholarships and Fellowships

Fall Deadlines:
The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars ([www.twc.edu](http://www.twc.edu); opportunities to work and study in Washington, D.C. for academic credit at USA)

Fulbright Program ([www.us.fulbrightonline.org](http://www.us.fulbrightonline.org); international graduate study programs in more than 150 countries)

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program ([www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits); up to four years of study leading to M.F.A. or Ph.D. in selected fields in the arts, humanities, and social sciences)

Paul and Daisy Soros Scholarships for New Americans ([www.pdsoros.org](http://www.pdsoros.org); two years of graduate study in U.S. for resident aliens, naturalized U.S. citizens, or children of two parents who are both naturalized U.S. citizens)

Early Winter Deadlines:
Harry S. Truman Scholarship ([www.truman.gov](http://www.truman.gov); up to three years of study leading to a career in government or other public service; apply in junior year.)

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship ([www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org); undergraduate and graduate fellowship for students pursuing degrees in international studies and interested in careers in the foreign service; apply as juniors, seniors for graduate fellowship)

Institute for International Public Policy ([www.uncfsp.org/IIPP](http://www.uncfsp.org/IIPP); scholarship and institutes for students from traditionally under-represented minority groups interested in careers in international affairs; apply as sophomore)

Morris K. Udall Scholarship ([www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov); for students with career plans related to environmental public policy or Native American and Alaska Native undergraduates interested in health care and tribal public policy; apply as sophomores or juniors)

Many other scholarships, fellowships, and academic programs are available. Please contact Dr. Harrison Miller at [hmiller@southalabama.edu](mailto:hmiller@southalabama.edu)