

International Studies FALL Newsletter

Fall 2006

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International Studies FALL PICNIC

The annual IS fall picnic will be Saturday, September 16 from noon to afternoon in the new Pavilion on campus at the New Intramural Fields. The Pavilion has basketball court and volleyball court nearby. All Majors/Minors and Faculty are invited.

We will cook burgers and hot dogs and supply the drinks. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert.

Come meet your fellow students and the faculty outside the classroom.

**MARK
YOUR CALENDAR**



Reports from Model UN Club

> The Model UN Club sponsored a High School Model UN in the spring. Students from Ocean Springs, McGill and Murphy participated, representing a range of countries in the Security Council and the High Commission on Human Rights. The students debated such issues as WMD and North Korea. The Russian delegation received the award for debt delegation.

> Also in the spring, the annual Mary Sollie Award for the best delegate at a model UN was awarded to Melanie Hart.

> This year the Model UN Club is planning on attending the PAXMUN Model UN conference in Las Vegas in November. So far, we know that the students will represent the countries of Lebanon and Portugal. The Club also expects to sponsor a Model UN for local high school students in the spring.

For more information on the organization contact Kelcey Morris or Dr. Morris.

CONGRATULATIONS TO IS GRADUATES

Ashley Ripple
Lucy Diegman
Travis Bruner
Dara Steele
Justin Uzojic
Kathryn Ward

IS WELCOMES ...

New MAJORS Summer 2006

David Altmayer
Candice Autrey
Heather Hardin
Brooke Hider
Stephanie Willis

New MAJORS Fall

Hiroimi Aizawa
Hanne Anderson
Shea Blalock
Genna Cole
Kimberly Johnson
Keiko Kawashima
Ayano Kubo
Tammie McCall
Rachel McClendon
Sakiko Murakami
Vanessa Nayman
Shueli Shinsato
Kento Wilhelm

and USA's Amnesty International

We are glad to be back for another year. Amnesty International is an organization that works to promote human rights and social and economic justice around the globe. We hope to do that from right here at the University of South Alabama. This semester we are planning events that deal with the issues of human trafficking, the crisis in Darfur, Sudan and also poverty. Our other goal this semester is to go to the regional conference in New Orleans in order to become better Amnesty International members and to work more efficiently as a group. We are also planning on participating in the global write-a-thon this December.

Our officers for this year: Merribel McKeever, President, Ollie Davison, Vice President, Christian Smith, Treasurer, and Brittany Troy, Secretary. Our meetings are on Wednesdays at 8:30. We meet a couple of times a month. Our next meeting is Wednesday September 13, 2006 at 8:30 in the student center, room 214. Everyone is invited to come.
(Merribel McKeever)



Calendar of Events

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IS Picnic
Sept 16

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IS FORUM

Dr. Schulz, Amnesty
International, Octo-
ber 19, 2:30, Room
150

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IS FILM

"Golden Venture" A
Film by Peter Cohn
Nov. 14 7:00 pm
Rm 150

Study Abroad
Workshop

Nov. 2, 3:00

Mobile Interna-
tional Festival

Nov. 16-18, Civic
Center



CALDWELL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2006

Three USA students received scholarships to study abroad through the Caldwell Scholarship. Since 1994, the James and Ivel Caldwell Scholarship has helped 18 USA students gain international training. The \$70,000 endowment by the family and friends of Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell helps students in the College of Arts and Sciences travel and study abroad.

Seniors Danielle Bruhl and Caroline Lyons journeyed to Dijon, France, this summer for a six-week program at Université de Bourgogne. Lyons, a 27-year-old Mobilian, said she would like to learn to speak French fluently in order to continue her education with a master's degree in secondary education, concentrating on French and social studies. At USA, she is double-major in French and international studies. Bruhl, a 22-year-old Mobilian, said she has always been fascinated with the French language and culture. She thinks bilingualism is increasingly important in a global economy. She is double-majoring in French and communication.



(Pictured are Caldwell Recipients Danielle Bruhl, Caroline Lyons and Tania Morris-Diaz with Mrs. Ivel Caldwell and her son Jim Caldwell)

For the first time this year, a Caldwell Scholarship has been given to an incoming freshman student who is interested in language and international issues. Tania Morris-Diaz said international travel interests her because it tells a story of the country. "International travel gives a different side of a story politically, culturally and historically. Each country has its own unique blend of peoples, customs, language and ideals while also holding many similarities shared throughout the world."

(Midweek Memo)

"Studying abroad in France was truly the greatest educational experience of my life. I was fortunate enough to be placed with a family that took a genuine interest in happiness, so I learned a lot during my stay. The seven weeks I was there seemed to fly by because I was so busy with school, family time, and traveling. The weekend trips were exhausting, but I managed to visit Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, and parts of France. I would like to thank the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature and the Caldwell family. Without your support this experience would not have been possible" (Caroline Lyons).

Brief CALDWELL UPDATES

> **Julia Vail (Caldwell Scholar and 2005 graduate with double major IS & Russian)** received a full scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. in journalism at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Julia plans to continue her study of Russian and hopes to work some day as an international journalist.

> **Kathryn Ward (Caldwell Scholar and 2006 graduate)** turned her internship during her last semester with Goodrich (aerospace engineering) into a full time position in the marketing department.

CALDWELL SCHOLARSHIP 2007 ?

- The Caldwell Scholarship is given annually to 1 or 2 students to help cover the costs of a study abroad program. The award is approximately \$2,000.
- The award is open to any student in the College of Arts & Sciences. Minimum requirements include a 3.0 in the major and FL courses. The award must be used to participate in an established study abroad program.
- For more information or an application, go to the internet site or the Dept of Political Science.

News from IS majors/minors — Study Abroad Participants

CCSA — LONDON STUDIES (Summer 2006)

This summer was unlike any other for me. I spent 4 1/2 weeks in London for a study abroad program through Cooperative Center of Study Abroad. I took a course on the British media because I am a public relations major and am an international studies minor. The course was exactly what I was hoping for. It offered a great comparative analysis of the British and American medias. My teacher, Dr. Sybril Bennett of Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee, was fantastic. The program was very well organized and all of the faculty were very helpful. The program offered excursions to Salisbury and Stonehenge, Paris and Edinburgh. I was able to see so much in such a short period of time! There were students from all around the United States in the program, and I made friendships that will last a lifetime.

London was absolutely amazing! It is such a diverse city full of culture and life. There is so much history around every corner and it seems as if every building has its own fascinating story. This study abroad program changed my life. I plan on seeing many more parts of the world, but I think London will always be my favorite. Paris and Edinburgh were incredible also but there is something so special about London. I stayed at King's College in Hampstead, a residential area of London. This area was so beautiful. There were gorgeous homes on all of the tree-lined streets. London is such an efficient city to get around in, too. The buses and tubes are so effective, I never missed my car! If you are considering going on a study abroad program, my suggestion is DO IT!! It is such a wonderful thing to experience a different part of the world, it makes you realize just how big and diverse this world actually is.

-- Laura Wilkins (Communications/ IS Minor)



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to work the USA table @
The Mobile International Festival, November 16-18
 Please sign up with Dr. Morris



News from IS majors/minors — Study Abroad Participants, CONTINUED...

FROM WASHINGTON DC

RESOURCES/TIPS (from a former IS graduate Sandhya Wilhelm)

A local monthly newspaper/newsletter the diplomatic circle puts out contains articles by diplomats in DC or about them. I found that they have a web site too, which might interest the IS Majors. The web site is <http://www.washdiplomat.com/>

A few other interesting web sites are:

- <http://www.cfr.org/>
- <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/> (IS Majors can subscribe)
- <http://www.nationalinterest.org/ME2/Default.asp> (IS Majors can subscribe).
- <http://www.irc-online.org/fpif/>

The following web site may help IS Majors interested in working overseas either during a semester or after they finish their degree.

- <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/123go/menu-en.asp>
- <http://www.workingabroad.org/?gclid=CKrKpuDxmIYCFSAVFQodM1ISuw>
- <http://www.goputney.com/> (especially their global awareness program)

Foreign Policy Association: http://www.fpa.org/jobs_contact2423/jobs_contact.htm

(Be sure to browse all their categories for jobs and while doing so make a note that not all their listings are from FPA, but from some other international organizations as well. And, it might be interesting to go to that respective international organizations web site and see all their job listings as well)

I found the following organizations listed on Close Up Foundations web site which are also very good and students can look them up for general interest or to work with them.

- <http://www.closeup.org/civ-orgs.htm> (Civic Organizations)
- <http://www.closeup.org/media.htm> (Media Outlet and Organizations)
- <http://www.closeup.org/thinktnk.htm> (Think Tanks)
- <http://www.closeup.org/watchdog.htm> (Watchdog and Advocacy Groups)

I encourage IS Majors who are interested in moving to DC and attempting to make their resume look good, to check out if they would consider working at Close UP for a short-time, six months to a year.

In my time there, I made good connections in the government and came across some highly motivated and intellectually stimulating people. The pay is not adequate and the hours will leave you goggle-eyed most mornings. Yet, I consider my time spent there to be exciting, challenging and well worth. I will do it again, if I had to. Their web site is: <http://closeup.org/index.htm>

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES FORUM

Dr. Schulz, former Executive Director of Amnesty International, will give an informal talk and dialogue with USA Students and Faculty on **October 19 at 2:30 in Room 150** Humb. He will also be speaking at Spring Hill College at 7:00 pm on "Terror, Torment, and Tyranny: Human Rights Today"

Schulz has "done more than anyone in the American human rights movement to make human rights issues known in the United States"



International Studies FILM

Golden Venture

In June 1993, the Golden Venture, a freighter carrying 300 undocumented Chinese passengers, ran aground off New York. The deaths and deportations that followed became a crucial turning point, ushering in a new, repressive era that has led America — once a beacon of liberty — to tighten its borders. This film raises important questions about America's policy toward those who come here in search of freedom and a better life.



*November 14, 7:00 pm
 Room 150*

LIKE MOVIES???

Check out the International Film Series
Weekly presentations in the University
Library

Look for the schedule in coming weeks

New from IS majors/minors — Study Abroad Participants, CONTINUED...

2 Reports from CHINA

I wanted to write you and tell you a little about what has been going on in my life lately. I have lived in China almost three years now. The time has blown by in a blur of activity and experiences. A short while ago I might have thought it strange to find myself in another country for so long but now it seems quite natural as there is so much to do and so little time to do it. I could only wish you the same luck of being dumped in another country that is straining towards development.

As many of you know, I have spent the last year and a half with a humanitarian organization based here in Beijing. In my free time, I accidentally came into contact with the lives of migrant workers who work here sweeping the streets, building the buildings, selling the fruit at outdoor markets, collecting the trash, etc. So a few of us began to see how we could help their children by meeting simple needs – such as education, health, counseling, etc. It gradually came to the point that I resigned from the NGO so I could focus more fully on this effort.

An organization called the Coalition for Migrant Children (CMC) was formed which is an effort to bring the skills and services of individuals, nonprofits, and companies to bear in the migrant community for the benefit of their children. We work in close partnership with each of these three groups to provide social and educational programs. Please visit www.cmc-china.org for more information and of course, you can also contact me at jonathan.hursh@cmc-china.org.

-- Jonathan Hursh --

I'm back in Beijing now, looking for my big opportunity. Haven't been here for 4 years, and have only been here for a month and a half but it feels like I never left. Teaching English at the moment, just to make ends meet. My students are high school 2, which means that their minds and English ability are developed enough for me to teach some fairly complex stuff to them... and guess what knowledge has been following out of me like water: all kinds of things about international development.

Currently I have an offer to be the general manager of an American owned fitness club here in Beijing. I realize this is something you can do without a degree in IS/ International Business, but I think it will be a good step for as far as experience goes. I found my dream job on the Embassy's website: Political Specialist. Of course you need some experience according to the site, but I'm going to apply for it anyway. I was tickled when it said that my degree or others of the kind are required.

-- Chris Lovell --

One From MEXICO

Estoy en El Paso-Ciudad Juarez investigando las escuelas de El Paso y aprendiendo sobre Border Health y dando salud a los Mexicanos. Despues de mucha introspection sobre mis metas y lo que quiero lograr en la vida, he decidido a regresar a mi plan original de ser medico. En fin, para Fall 2006 voy a tomar algunas clases de ciencia como geneticas y anatomia y fisiologia del cuerpo humano en La Universidad de Texas en El Paso, o su community college. Voy a tomar el examen para las escuelas de medicina en como en la empieza de 2006 y aplicar a las escuelas de medicina tambien.

Afortunamente, mi amigo ya ha empezado oficialmente y legalmente nuestra compania de animacion "Way of Seven" y esta haciendo animaciones para muchos clientes. Voy a seguir escribiendo escriptas para el y en algunos anos vamos a tener los recursos economicos para hacer peliculas animadas juntos.

-- Justin Uzioje (IS Graduate 2006)



And one from Bolivia (Peace Corps)

I have been in Bolivia now for almost four months and I still can't believe how lucky I am to be here, especially at such an exciting time, politically (even though my parents would beg to differ!). Bolivia is a fascinating and often forgotten country. I hope in my two years of work here to grow even more attached to the culture and its people. Life in the *campo* is much slower than life in even Alabama! I have already grown quite accustomed to the Bolivian lifestyle and the U.S. and its routine seem quite foreign to me now. I have come to welcome my peaceful afternoons with a book and the Bolivian sunset over cable TV and internet. That being said, I still have much to learn about Bolivia and its people. I have been at my site now for a little over three weeks and have come to the conclusion that my integration is going to rely quite a bit on my ability to understand and participate in the Quechua culture. Quechua, an ancient language spoken by the Incans, is still used widely in the Cochabamba department where I am located. There are still many elders that only speak Quechua and I got a great example of this while purchasing some *mote* and *quesillo* from a Cholita in Cliza yesterday. Her spanish was lacking at best when she told me the total would be 2 and 500 as opposed to 2.50 Bs! I smiled, handed her 3 pesos, and thanked her for my change. The Quechua language is extremely difficult and could be compared to speaking with mathematics. Whole sentences are formed by attaching various endings to root words and the phonetics vary slightly to unveil drastically different meanings. I have taken some lessons and in order to ever accomplish anything with this language, I plan on continuing my studies. The people in my community, however, seem to be pleased by all of my sad attempts at speaking their language. My community is called Camacho Rancho and is a small site of about 55 families. We are located just outside of Punata--a more bustling town of around 20,000. My main project here will consist of library promotion and teacher education workshops. I hope to have many side projects that will include children's clubs, women's clubs, health and environmental education, as well as the eventual possibility of building greenhouses in the community. I am just beginning this journey and could not think of anywhere else in the world I would rather be. I am a firm believer that education is the key to opening the doors to one's own development. The children of this country are some of the most creative that I have ever seen, yet some of the most restrained when it comes to expressing that creativity. The work will be difficult as the education system in Bolivia is under constant reconstruction with inadequate enforcement of policies. However, I hope to leave a positive and lasting impression on all that I come in contact with in hopes that the future of this amazing country will have a better system of education than their parents were offered.

— Vicky Fulton (Caldwell Scholar/ IS Graduate 2005)

Faculty News

New Faculty in IS

- **Dr. Nader Entessar** of Spring Hill College has joined the Department Political Science as Department Chair. Dr. Entessar specializes in comparative politics and international relations and is the author of *Kurdish Ethnonationalism* (Lynne Rienner 1992). He will be teaching courses in American Foreign Policy, International Political Economy, International Law and related areas.
- **Dr. David Faught**, who is completing his Ph.D. in Spanish at the University of California at Irvine, is joining the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures this fall. His specialty is 20th-century Spanish-American literature, especially poetry and literary theory.
- **Dr. Philip Hadlock**, who completed his Ph.D. in French at the University of Pennsylvania, is here on a one-year appointment. He has published widely on 19th-century French literature, dealing with such authors as Lautréamont, Baudelaire, and Maupassant and such topics as realism and gendered subjectivity in narrative.

International Programs brings in 2 consultants

USA is sponsoring the visits of two consultants with extensive experience in Study Abroad program. Dr. Henthorne is Professor of Marketing at the University of Southern Mississippi and has taught in study abroad programs in Cuba, Mexico, and Jamaica served as Fulbright Scholar in India. Dr. Hudson is President of the University of Houston–Victoria and used to direct international programs at Southern Miss. The two will be here September 20-23 to discuss with faculty and administrators everything from the organization and administration of Study Abroad Programs to recruitment.

USA will serve as host for the 54th Council of Latin American Studies in April the oldest regional organization de- president of the organization Isabel Brown and the current president, Steve Morris, are in charge of organizing the conference. The organization also publishes a journal entitled *The Latin Americanist*.



annual conference of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies in San José, Costa Rica. SECOLAS is voted to the study of Latin America. Former

Dr. Ryder named VP of USNS of the PAIGH (what?)

On June 4, 2006, Dr. Roy Ryder (Department of Earth Sciences) was appointed Vice-President of the United States National Section (USNS) of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH). He also became the US Representative of the Commission of Geography in PAIGH.

PAIGH originated during the VI Inter American Conference of Ministers of the American States held in Havana in February 1928. Permanent headquarters were established in Mexico City on May 3, 1930. In 1949, one year after the signing of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), PAIGH became the first Specialized Organization of the OAS.

Dr. Brown goes to Florida

Dr. Richmond Brown of the History Department has become the Associate Director of the Latin American Studies Program at the University of Florida. This is one of the premier programs in the country. Dr. Brown will be missed, but we wish him well in his new post.

The institution has four Commissions (Geography, History, Cartography, and Geophysics) which promote educational and research technical assistance projects with special emphasis on bi- or multi-national cooperative ventures. A significant ongoing project of PAIGH is the Pan American Center for Geographical Studies (CEPEIGE) located in Quito, Ecuador. CEPEIGE offers international courses in Geography at the graduate level for students from all of the American countries. Dr. Ryder was Academic Director of CEPEIGE from 1977 to 1984.

PAIGH meetings and publications encourage Pan American geographers, cartographers, historians and geophysicists to share information and human resources. Its principal source of funding comes from the State Departments of 21 member nations.

ALABAMA TRADE

Top Alabama Trading Partners (Annual 2005)

1. Canada	\$10.8 billion
2. Germany	\$2.2 billion
3. Mexico	\$912.7 million
4. Japan	\$680.9 million
5. China	\$466.9 million

Top Alabama Commodities to the World (Annual 2005)

1. Vehicles	\$2.7 billion
2. Industrial Machinery, including computers	\$861 million
3. Organic chemicals	\$801.9 million
4. Optic, Photo, Medical or Surgical Supplies	\$776.2 million
5. Mineral Fuel and Oil	\$621.2 million

(Source: *The Business View*. Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, May 2006).

Focus on Study Abroad

As part of its efforts at assessment, the IS Program will be conducting a series of Focus Groups on Study Abroad. Three focus groups will be created during the semester: 1. Students who have participated in a study abroad program; 2. junior/seniors in the IS program and other majors who have not participated in a study abroad experience; and 3. Freshman/sophomores who might be considering a study abroad program. The purpose is to better understand what might attract students to a program, how the university can facilitate greater participation in study abroad programs, etc.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING PLEASE CONTACT DR. MORRIS.

Participants will receive a small payment to compensate for their participation.

SPECIAL COURSES FOR SPRING 2007

HY 104 History of Asian Civ. II

MWF 10:10 — Dr. Miller

HY 367 Modern China (W)

MWF 12:20 & R 6:00 — Dr. Miller

IS 100 Global Issues

TR 9:30 — Dr. Biskner

IS 200 People Nations: Tibetan Phl & Culture

Baldwin County — Dorjee

IS/PSC 490 Sp Topics: International Law

TR 12:30 — Dr. Entessar

IS 492/ PSC 4902 Seminar: Military Conflict of the 20th Century

S 9:00 — Dr. Husain

Course analyzes and explains the reasons and consequences for World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, the Arab-Israeli Wars, the Indo-Pakistan Wars, and the "War on Terror."

IS 492 Seminar: Terrorism

TR 2:00 — Dr. Fornaro

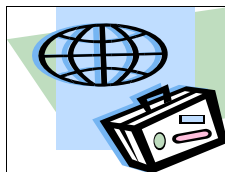
LG 492 Seminar: Rdings in French Poetry, 19th-20th C.

TR 12:30 — Dr. Fantoni

PSC 484/584 Political Corruption

TR 11:00 — Dr. Morris

**¡GET OUT OF MOBILE!
¡STUDY ABROAD!**



**Come to the IS Study
Abroad WORKSHOP
to learn more**

**November 2 at 3: 00
pm in Room 216.**

PIZZA/refreshments...

London Summer Program

> Begin making plans to study in London this summer (July 5-August 6, 2007) in the USA/CCSA **London Summer Program**. The courses are designed by USA faculty and faculty from other CCSA colleges and universities to take full advantage of the London location. Students live and take classes on the Hampstead campus of King's College, University of London. > The range of field trips is extended throughout England by the Britrail pass provided to participants. Intrigued? Contact Dr. Woody Hannum (ehannum@usouthal.edu) or Ana Burgamy in International Programs office (aburgamy@usouthal.edu), or check the CCSA website: www.ccsa.cc for further information.



The International Studies program is an interdisciplinary program drawing on courses from many departments in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Mitchell College of Business.

In addition to taking a set of core courses, students pursue an area of concentration in either Asian, European, or Latin American Studies or International Relations. Areas of concentration contain courses in anthropology, foreign language, geography, history, philosophy, and political science.

Rather than selecting a minor, students in international studies select among three pre-professional programs, including a program in international business.

Since everything is internationalizing, the International Studies program prepares students for a variety of careers in government and the private sector, or a range of graduate programs.

International Studies

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