

# International Studies Newsletter



Spring 2005

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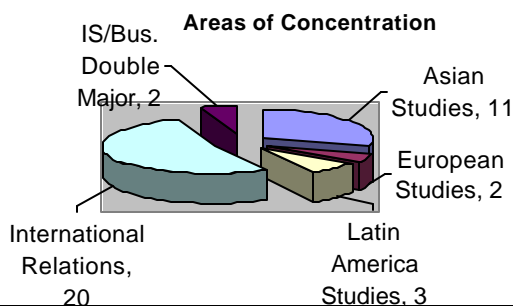
**Career/ Graduate School  
Workshop for IS Majors  
Wednesday, March 30 @ 3:00  
Room 210 HUMB**

## Former COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT VISITS USA

Rodrigo Carazo, president of Costa Rica (1978-82) and president of the UN's University for Peace (1983-87), spoke during the fall commencement. More importantly, Carazo met with faculty to discuss opportunities for exchanges and study abroad programs in Costa Rica. The University has short courses and Master's programs in International Law, Sustainable Development, Peace Studies, Peace Education, among others. INTERESTED???

Check their web site [www.upeace.org](http://www.upeace.org)

**International Studies Program** has approximately 70 majors. Here is the breakdown of those declaring an area of concentration.



Letter from **EMILY HORTON**, Caldwell Scholar 2001, currently in the Peace Corps...

Saludos, ladies and gentlemen. Emily here with another random informative update on my status in Paraguay. Hope this screen finds you all well and happy. Just returned from a visit my future site to be: Arroyo Claro, which means Clear Creek in Spanish. It is situated in the department of Itapua in south-eastern Paraguay. I LOVE IT! Paraguay is so weird and neat to me. The department of Itapua...which is our equivalent of a state...has all kinds of interesting characters and dynamics: Japanese, Koreans, Germans, Mennonites, Argentinians, and Brazilians and more. The little town I live in is rather small... apparently about 400 houses and around 2,000 people. continued on page 2.



## Congratulations to IS Graduates

(Fall 2004/Spring 2005)

Stephanie Cousens  
Victoria Fulton  
William Hennesey  
Trista Lackey  
Noriko Kawabata  
Melissa Limoges  
Noellie Mankatu  
Laura Price  
Julie Sells  
Monica Tapper  
Brandice Turner  
Sandhya Wilhelm  
Amir Zuzo

## Senior Survey and Information Form

Graduating seniors must submit a completed **SENIOR INFORMATION FORM** and **SENIOR SURVEY** prior to graduation.

Both forms are available in the Dept of Political Science or online at [www.southalabama.edu/internationalstudies](http://www.southalabama.edu/internationalstudies)

Please return completed forms to the Dept of Political Science.

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## Student Portfolio Program

Every IS Major is required to submit a copy of a paper from each 300 and 400 level course taken as part of their IS Program. If a course does not require a research paper, you should submit a copy of a written assignment from the course. This applies to GEO 312 in the Core, and all required and elective courses within your Area of Concentration. It does not include courses in the Pre-professional programs (International Business, Language Fluency, Personalized Program).

Drop-off your paper in the Dept of Political Science or email it to Dr. Morris. Your portfolio must be complete before you graduate.

## Apply for the CALDWELL SCHOLARSHIP

An award of \$2,000 plus to help cover the costs of participating in a foreign studies program

### Requirements:

- Any major in the College of Arts and Sciences
- Minimum 3.0 GPA in the major and 3.0 in FL courses
- Junior or Senior
- Must participate in established foreign studies program

Application Deadline: March 11

For Application Materials or more information see Dr. Morris in the Dept of Political Science or on-line at [www.southalabama.edu/internationalstudies](http://www.southalabama.edu/internationalstudies)

### Emily Horton, continued from page 1

To explain a little bit about its geographical lay out (which is very important to know as you will see) is made up of 5 lines, which is essentially 5 parallel dirt roads with houses. Lines 4 and 5 are actually located in the reserve of San Rafael...and thus are illegal. The people encroaching on this ! area are mainly small farmers, referred to as "campesinos sin tierra" who are moving in, burning and cutting down the reserve's forest to do small scale cultivation. This is a HUGE controversy as the San Rafael is made of privately owned land by approximately 60 different people and groups. Obviously, the owners and defenders of the reserve are strongly opposed to the campesinos illegally entering and squatting upon their land and destroying the forest. Equally, the *campesinos sin tierra* entering see things in a different light. Some really need to feed their families or more income and so justify their actions in this manner. Some are blatantly

invading the land in hopes that they will eventually be given this land. Some are ignorant and don't understand the situation. Don't freak out mum or whomever, but nearby where I live a police officer was killed by one of these *campesinos* trying to enter private property. So tensions are high on this subject and I will have to carefully maneuver within my community being cautious not to take sides or mediate in any fashion between conflicting interests. There is a local NGO called PROCOSARA that owns some land in the reserve and works to patrol and preserve the area. I will hopefully be doing some work with them. things like taking school kids on field trips to the forest there. Again, PROCOSARA has conflicting interests with some of the people I will be working with in my community...as some of them will inevitably be illegally living and cultivating things within the reserve. Complicated, but interesting and challenging. And there is so much more I am not explaining or sharing. I have yet to see all of Arroyo Claro, but I have seen all of the 1st line...and guess what? There is a small Mennonite community at the end that has lived there for 2 years. Lots of them, I hear, come from the U.S. and Canada. I will definitely be talking with them in the future. There is no running water at my site, no internet, no phones, and when it rains... no public transportation. Though, we do have wells, bucket baths, and I will be getting a cell phone and bike in the near future. There is a Japanese soy farmer who owns a lot of land in and around *Arroyo Claro*....they call him Suzuki. And though no one really ever sees him or knows him all the people there know the name Suzuki. He apparently got funds from the Japanese embassy to build the main school in arroyo claro...and know he is funding the construction of a nice high school. The nearest volunteer, who is also in environmental education is only 40 minutes away by *colectivo*...er, I mean bus. I feel I am learning and growing so much and being challenged to push myself with frequency. Christmas will be interesting, as I will be staying with a complete strangers...but I'm sure it will be fine as it often takes little time for the Paraguayans to warm up to you and take you in. Oh yeah, get this Jess. I saw a baby Quatamundi (spelling?) the other day. Cool and also not cool, as it was tied to a little short chain and came from the reserve. Damn humans. I forgot to mention that the department of Itapua touches Brazil and Argentina...which makes for cool dynamics overall. And mum, there is Japanese colony about an hour or two from my site. I'm seriously debating showing up on one of their doorsteps and begging them to feed me some Japanese food and hot green tea. Though, they might think that is weird. I'm not sure what is weird anymore. I mean, after just randomly going up to houses and trying to talk in Guarani and clumsy Spanish...without knowing anyone. After a lot of things that I observe and live in here...I am not sure what is weird anymore...just that everything is connected. Geez, you guys are going to think I am starting to lose it. Well, expect even stranger emails in the future. It is a completely different reality down here and I dont miss the hectic commercialized Christmas frenzy of Walmart and super shopping malls right now. Though I do miss my family, friends, boyfriend and little things...like hot showers or cooking with lots of exotic spices. I am not sure where this email is going...just as I'm not sure where the next two years will lead me. There are a lot of things happening in my community that I have a chance to be involved with...the formation of women's committees, the school and high school, summer camps, field trips to the reserve, working with farmers, and even perhaps with an environmental plan project that will be receiving money form the world and Interamerican bank. Who knows. We will see. I think I will have to construct my own one room house at my site. It is all wide open and waiting. Love to everyone and thanks to all who have sent me mail and e-mails or even read the one's I send. They are quite much. Please understand that if you don't hear from my for a while...it is because of lack of access to communications. I have not forgotten about anyone. Have a rockin day amigos. -Gonna go catch a bus back to my host family's place. Mi amor, -Emily

## Dr. Quinn Retires

Dr. Quinn, former chair of the Dept of Foreign Languages and Literature and a major architect of the IS Program, retired this past fall. Dr. Quinn was a champion of international education, promoting the IS program, foreign study initiatives, exchanges, etc. Dr. Quinn did more to internationalize USA than anyone in the history of the institution. His spirit, leadership, and friendship will be missed. The IS Program and the Director thank him and wish him well in retirement.



## Special Course for Fall

### Special Topics: Strategic Intelligence and International Relations

This course will be taught by George Smith, adjunct professor in the Dept of Political Science and Criminal Justice. Mr. Smith brings to the classroom over 20 years of experience as a Naval Reserve Intelligence Officer. Over the past two years, he has been involved in the War on Terrorism in the Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific and Defense Intelligence Agency assigned to the Joint Intelligence Task Force. The Special Topics course will focus on the nature of intelligence gathering and analysis, the relationship between intelligence and National Security strategy, and the role of intelligence in the current War on Terrorism.

! "What can someone with a degree in INTERNATIONAL STUDIES actually do"?

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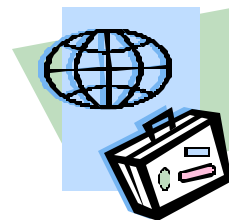


We will talk about some of your options, answer questions and introduce you to the Career Services Center.

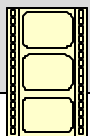
## Scholarships Opportunities

- **Caldwell Scholarship (USA).** Established by friends and family of Dr. James Caldwell, this scholarship has helped USA students participate in study abroad programs since 1995. An award of approximately \$2,000, the award is designed to promote international education for USA students. Recipients must use the award to participate in an established study abroad program. For additional information, see Dr. Morris or the IS web site.

- **CET Chinese Studies Program in Beijing!** Starting in the fall of 2005, students will be able to take both Chinese language and area studies courses, such as Chinese Politics, History, Literature and Environmental Studies. Area studies courses, taught in English by American and Chinese professors, make use of the local landscape and include field trips to sites in and around Beijing. As in CET's other programs, students will have the opportunity to live with Chinese roommates. The program will be based at Capital Normal University, a short distance from CET's existing center. **Distinct from CET's current Chinese language programs in Beijing,** Harbin, Nanjing and Hangzhou, this program offers students a new option for study abroad. **Application deadline for the Fall 2005 program is May 1, 2005.** For more information, visit our website at: [www.cetacademicprograms.com](http://www.cetacademicprograms.com).



- **Gilman Scholarship** The Institute of International Education (IIE) is currently accepting applications for the Fall 2005 cycle. Recipients receive up to \$5,000 that can be used towards eligible study abroad program expenses. The scholarship is open to all US undergraduates, in good academic standing, who meet the criteria listed below:
  - \* The applicant must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant or provide proof that he/she will be receiving a Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of study abroad.
  - \* The applicant is applying to or has been accepted into a study abroad program eligible for credit by the student's institution of higher education in the US
  - \* The applicant is studying abroad for a least four weeks in one country.
  - \* The applicant is studying abroad in any country except Cuba or any nation currently under a US Department of State issued Travel Warning
  - \* The applicant is participating in a Fall 2005 study abroad program of up to one academic year that begins between the dates of July 15, 2005 and October 15, 2005. Summer-only study abroad programs are excluded as the Gilman Scholarship does not have a summer award cycle nor are awards made for summer-only study abroad. Students apply online via the Gilman website at <http://www.iie.org/gilman>. The deadline for the Fall 2005 cycle is April 4, 2005.



## Foreign Film Series

All screenings at 7:00pm in Library Auditorium, USA Main Campus

*\*Free Admission\**

**The Crime of Father Amaro.** El crimen del Padre Amaro (Mexico, 2002). Directed by Carlos Carrera  
Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rated R

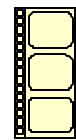
**Baran.** Baran (2001, Iran, Persian) Directed by Majid Majidi.  
Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Rated PG)

**Good Bye, Lenin.** Good Bye, Lenin (Germany, 2003). Directed by Wolfgang Becker  
Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Rated: UR

**The Return.** Vozvrashcheniye (Russia, 2003) Directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev's  
Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: UR

**Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter...and Spring (2004)** Bom, Yeoreum, Gaeul, Gyeowool, Geurigo Bom (South Korea) Directed by Kim Ki-duk  
Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Rated: R

**Carandiru,** Carandiru (2004) Brazil Directed by Hector Babenco  
Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Rated: R



**Eat, Drink, Man, Woman** (1994) Yin shi nan un (Taiwan ) Directed by Ang Lee  
Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> Rated: UR

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## IS People in the News

- **Vicki Fulton**, Caldwell Scholar 2002, was appointed to the Caldwell Scholarship Board of Directors.
- **Jonathan Hursch** – “I am still living in Beijing, coming up on 15 months now. I studied Mandarin for the first half of this time and can easily get around. But it is a very complex language so I would like to give a little time to study again. I will attempt the Foreign Service Exam again this next spring here in Beijing and have also been applying with NGO’s here in Asia. In the meantime, I have started an English language school here which is growing more and more steady by the day.”
- **Tomoko Yokoyama** – “I’ve just gotten a job in Chicago. It’s a French insurance company that covers the whole American continent. My responsibilities are taking care of our clients who travel within Spanish speaking countries in the Americas. My clients will be mainly Japanese tourists because Japanese is my native language. I’m required to speak Spanish to contact people in those countries. Although English is spoken, our office is very international; the executives are French, of course, there are a few Americans who speak only English, a lot of Latinos and some Japanese. My supervisor told me what I studied at USA was essential knowledge to do my duties. I’ll join the Latin American project shortly that my supervisor has been working on for a long time. I’m now very happy to get what I wanted! I’m going to be extremely busy to get used to my new life in Chicago.”
- **Ana Zeiger**, Caldwell Scholar 2000. For the past year Ana has been working in inquiry and sales for Pharmaceutical Trade Services in Mississippi. Ana works exclusively with foreign customers, has traveled to Europe, translated documents, and worked with customers from all over the world. She claims that her international studies education has provided much needed skills.

## Model U.N. CLUB

The Model United Nations team of South Alabama has been a very involved organization already this year. We have attended several conferences all over the country. Our first conference last September was hosted by Florida State University. Richard Soto (Head Delegate), Brack Bruner, and Melanie Hart (President) all received awards for their hard work and outstanding performance during the conference. Four students from the Model UN Club were selected to attend the NCSC (National Collegiate Security Conference), the national competition held in Washington, DC: Heather Boone, Melanie Hart, Jason Marquis and Richard Soto. Most recently, the Model UN team attended our Southern Regional Model UN (SRMUN) competition in Atlanta. SRMUN was a challenging competition, but all the delegates stepped up to the plate.

In addition to all the hard work this group has done in preparation for these conferences, they also managed to have fundraisers as well. In the fall, the Model UN had a car wash close to campus and they are currently planning to host a conference at South Alabama for the high schools in the surrounding area. Even though this group has been very busy, there's much more to look forward to from this aspiring group of students.

[IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE MODEL UN CLUB, CONTACT



### ***FYI***

#### **Foreign Policy and Public Opinion**

>“The U.S. should do its share in efforts to solve international problems together with other countries”

- 72% of Republicans and 87% of Democrats ‘agreed’

>“Do you think that the United States has the responsibility to play the role of ‘world policeman’?”

- 73% of Republicans and 80% of Democrats said ‘no’

>In a survey of 21 countries by BBC World Service Poll, on average 58% said that Bush’s reelection was negative, while 26% that it was positive for global security. The most negative countries were western European, Latin American and Muslim ones. The only three countries in which a majority or plurality saw Bush’s election as positive are the Philippines (63%), India (62%) and Poland (44%).

—> for information on these and other polls, check out PIPA (Program on International Policy Attitudes) at [www.pipa.org](http://www.pipa.org)