

# International Studies Newsletter



Spring 2006

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**Graduate School Workshop  
for IS Majors  
Thursday, March 23 @ 3:30  
Career Workshop for IS Majors  
Thursday, April 20 @ 3:30  
Room 210 HUMB**

**IS GRADUATE and FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER**

**TO SPEAK AT CAREER WORKSHOP**

Jonathan Hilton, an IS graduate, will speak at the CAREER WORKSHOP about his career in the Foreign Service. He will discuss the application process, opportunities, etc. Gain some insights from someone who once sat where you are now and who has been out in the so-called "real world."

## Report from USA Chapter of Amnesty International

The University of South Alabama's chapter of Amnesty International is dedicated to promoting social and economic justice as well as human rights around the world from Mobile, Alabama. It is run by President Justin Uzoije, Vice-President Merribel McKeever, and Janet Habib.



In Fall 2005 their biggest event was the Global Write-A-Thon, where students could learn about human rights violations, the death penalty, and sign holiday cards of encouragement to political prisoners. In the end over 100 letters were signed and sent to people around the world.

In Spring 2006 each month will deal with a different human rights issue. In January they are showing "Lord of War", a movie starring Nicolas Cage about the illegal arms trade. In February they will focus on human torture by showing a documentary film and setting up tables to inform USA students on the laws behind torture and ways they can stop it.

The group has organizing meetings twice a month on Wednesday nights at 7:30.

For more information about the USA Chapter of Amnesty International, contact Justin Uzoije at [jeu301@jaguar1](mailto:jeu301@jaguar1).

## Congratulations to IS Graduates

### Fall 2005

Travis Bruner  
Raesah Et-Tawil

### Spring 2006

Jessica Breland  
Stephanie Cousins  
Lucy Diegman  
Kina Horne  
Takatoshi Kano  
Masao Ogawa  
William Pollard  
Christopher Reihsmann  
Ashley Ripple  
Dara Steele  
Justin Uzoije  
Katie Ward  
Ramsey Wash

## Program Assessment

Like all programs, International Studies engages in an annual assessment to identify ways to improve the program. We are currently working on a means to evaluate student research based on the **Student Portfolio Program**. We are also trying to collect information on the number of majors who participate in Study Abroad programs, who continue on to graduate school and the types of jobs our graduates get after graduating. Such information comes largely from the **Senior Survey/Information Form**.

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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)

To assist with the Student Portfolio Program, please send me a copy of a research paper from your courses in International Studies. This includes just courses in the Core and Area of Concentration.

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## Apply NOW for the CALDWELL SCHOLARSHIP

An award of \$3,000 to help cover the costs of participating in a foreign studies program

### Minimum 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 10

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

## IS goes **RETRO**

### International Studies Forum Film

Stanley Kubrick's classic...

*"DR. STRANGELOVE or HOW I  
LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND  
LOVE THE BOMB!"*

Starring: Peter Sellers  
and George C. Scott

*Thursday, March 9  
at 7:30 pm Room 150*



If you have never seen this movie, you should see it now. If you have, see it again.

## Model UN Club

About a dozen USA students from the Model UN Club traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada in November to participate in the Western Model United Nations Conference. USA students represented a number of countries including North Korea, China, Ivory Coast, Thailand and the Congo, in various UN committees. The students debated and addressed a wide range of issues including multinational corporations, development, HIV/AIDS in Africa, Children Refugees, and Weapons of Mass Destruction. The trip was funded by the SGA and the College of Arts and Sciences.



This semester, the Model UN Club is hosting a Model UN Simulation for the local high schools. High School students from the area will spend two days on campus in early March, simulating the work of the General Assembly, the World Health Organization, the Commission on Refugees, and the Security Council. USA students will serve as committee chairs and coordinate the conference. Michael Smith will serve as the Secretary-General.

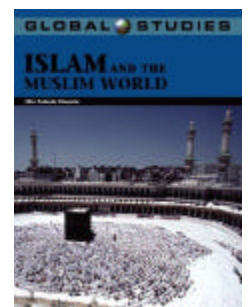
In addition, the Model UN Club will be hosting a series of fundraising events to replenish the budget so they can travel to a regional conference in the spring.

The current president of the Model UN is Kelcey Morris. If you would be interested in joining the group, contact Klecey Morris at [lilangeldustforeva@yahoo.com](mailto:lilangeldustforeva@yahoo.com) or me.

## FACULTY NEWS

In June 2005, **Dr. Roy Ryder (Geography– Latin America)** was appointed Alternative U.S. Representative to the Commission of Geography of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH). PAIGH is a specialized branch of the Organization of American States (OAS) with four Commissions (History, Geography, Cartography and Geophysics). Commission members have the responsibility of stimulating multinational educational and scientific research projects in 21 American nations. In November, Dr. Ryder had the opportunity of participating in the XVIII General Assembly of PAIGH, held in Caracas, Venezuela (November 16-23, 2005). His principal task was to assist in the evaluation of activities of the Geography Commission in 2001-2005 and help formulate proposals and resolutions for 2006-2010. In the Closing Ceremony, he gave a formal presentation about the Carl Sauer school of North American Geography and its current leader Dr. William Denevan who was awarded PAIGH's prestigious Arch Gerlach prize.

**Dr. Husain (Political Science- IR/Asian Studies)** has published a new book on Islam and the Muslim world as part of the Global Studies series by McGraw-Hill Dushkin Press. This book provides an overview of Islam, Islamism, as well as the reasons for Islamophobia in the non-Muslim world and anti-Westernism/anti-Americanism in the Muslim world. The book is a mini-encyclopedia of Islam and offers readers several teaching tools including comparative tables, boxes, a timeline of Islamic civilization and the contributions of Muslims to world civilization, country profiles of the 57 Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) countries that comprise the Islamic bloc, noteworthy press articles on Islam and the Muslim world, and a glossary. Like any book, you can find it on Amazon.com.



**CONSIDERING GRADUATE SCHOOL ???****GRADUATE SCHOOL WORKSHOP**

**Thursday, March 23 @ 3:30  
Room 210 HUMB**

Learn about the options, the opportunities and the process.



George Washington University  
Florida International University  
Georgetown University  
University of Pittsburgh

**CALDWELL BOARD ESTABLISHES A SCHOLARSHIP FOR MURPHY STUDENT TO ATTEND USA**

The Board of Directors of the Caldwell Scholarship recently established the first scholarship for a Murphy graduate to attend USA. The scholarship is in recognition of Murphy's emergence of an international program. Students applying for the scholarship must have demonstrated academic excellence, have two years of foreign language and an interest in international affairs and foreign cultures. The hope is for the student to major in a field related to international matters like IS, Foreign Languages or International Business. The first recipient will be announced during Murphy's Honors Program and will be presented during the annual Caldwell Banquet in the spring.

**Special Course for Fall  
New Adjunct Joins USA****IS Seminar 492 (FALL Semester):  
Women, Gender and Politics**

**Dr. Julie Biskner** recently received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Virginia. She does research on social movements and has taught at the University of Virginia on Western Europe, gender and social movements.

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

Hear what one IS student did.

**Career Workshop  
Special Presentation by former IS student  
Jonathan Hilton  
Thurs, April 20, at 3:30 pm  
Room 210 HUMB**



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

**GET A DEGREE IN  
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES****Requirements****I. IS Core** (12 hours)

IS 100, PSC 250, PSC 270, GEO 312

**II. Area of Concentration** (27 hours)

(select one)

- A. Asian Studies
- B. European Studies
- C. International Relations
- D. Latin American Studies
- E. International Political Economy  
(for IS/Business double major)

**III. Pre-Professional Program** (21 hours)

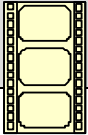
(select one)

- A. International Business
- B. Language Fluency
- C. Personalized program

**WEB SITE**

Check the IS Web Site for information on the IS program, the Caldwell scholarship, links to information and more. You can also download the student advising form, the senior survey and other forms.





## Foreign Film Series

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

*\*Free Admission\**

January 19<sup>th</sup> *¿Qué he yo hecho para merecer esto? What Have I done to deserve This?* (Spain, 1986) Directed by Pedro Almodóvar (In Spanish with English subtitles, 110 minutes, Rated: R)

February 9<sup>th</sup> *Kavkazskaya plennitsa, ili Novye priklyucheniya Shurika Kidnapping Caucasian Style* (USSR, 1966) Directed by Leonid Gaidai (In Russian with English subtitles, 82 minutes, Rated PG 13)

February 23<sup>rd</sup> *Un air de famille, Family Resemblances* (France, 1996) Directed by Cedric Klapisch (In French with English subtitles, 110 minutes, Rated: U)

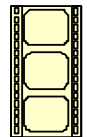
March 23<sup>rd</sup> *Mar adentro The Sea Inside* (Spain, 2004) Directed by Alejandro Amenabar (125 minutes, in Spanish with English subtitles, Rated: PG 13)

March 30<sup>th</sup> *Une hirondelle a fait le printemps The Girl from Paris* (France, 2001) directed by Christian Carion (In French with English subtitles, 103 minutes, Rated: PG)

April 20<sup>th</sup> *Bella Martha Mostly Martha* (Germany, 2002) directed by Sandra Nettelbeck (In German with English subtitles, 109 minutes, Rated: PG).

April 27<sup>th</sup> *Shiqi sui de dan che Beijing Bicycle* (China, 2001) Directed by Xiaoshuai Wang (113 minutes, in Chinese with English subtitles, Rated: PG 13).

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## *IS People in the News*

- **Courtney Taylor** (IS, 2001) After spending some time in France, Courtney moved to Washington and worked as an intern in Senator Sessions' office. For the past two years, she has been working with a Lobbying firm in DC. She has recently applied to a number of schools to begin a Master's degree in International Affairs with a focus on international development.
- **Rachel Kleinpeter** (IS Major and Caldwell Scholar 2004) graduated last year and is currently in San Angelo, Texas attending Air Force Officer Intel school. From 17 September until 28 October, Rachel participated in a Language and Area Studies Immersion (LASI) program in St. Petersburg, Russia. The current program in San Angelo entails 21 blocks of study, 6 1/2 months, and expects to graduate in June of this year. Though unsure of her next assignment, she is hoping to go somewhere overseas either Spangdahlem, Germany in the Eifel region or in England.
- **Katie Ward** (IS Major and Caldwell Scholar 2005) is doing an internship at Goodrich Corporation which she calls "an eye opening experience." Goodrich services airplane parts for airlines throughout the world and Katie has been working with Fed Ex, their biggest customer, and will work with a Mexican and Jamaican airline in the future.
- **Ana Zeiger** (IS Major and Caldwell Scholar 2001) received an appointment with the U.S. State Department as a Special Agent with Diplomatic Security. She is currently at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center in Arlington, Virginia.