March 2015 Newsletter

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Graduate Minor in Global Studies

Interested in expanding your disciplinary and professional vision as well as your job prospects? The Graduate Minor in Global Studies enables students to gain a deeper understanding of the processes of globalization. The Minor builds on students’ disciplinary and professional knowledge base to integrate their specialized skills within the broader intellectual, and public policy demands of the challenges confronting the world’s populations.

Questions? Visit our web site: http://cgs.illinois.edu/global-studies-graduate-minor

Summer Workshop in International Security for Undergraduate Students
June 7, 2015 – June 12, 2015

This workshop aims to inform students about key security issues and equip them with the analytic tools to evaluate global policy proposals to address them; to develop a self-sustaining network of students with competence and interest in security studies; and to introduce students to careers in security policy-making in private and public sectors. Applicants should be rising sophomores or advanced undergraduates. Majors of all fields are encouraged to apply. Applications will be reviewed and acceptance notifications will be sent via email no later than April 10, 2015, after which time you will be asked to register for the conference.

Sustainable Futures Workshop for High School Students
June 14, 2015 – June 19, 2015

This intensive course for motivated high school students offers a college-level interdisciplinary foundation in environmental sustainability. The course includes discussions with University faculty and expert practitioners, combining an academic assessment of the fundamental challenges of sustainability with case-study investigations of local practice. Students will engage in research, visit field sites and make team presentations on their findings. Students earn one college credit.

Applications due April 30, 2015.
Scientific Animations Without Borders Workshop for High School Students

This intensive week-long camp gives students a unique opportunity to explore community health care issues related to infectious disease in a global comparative context, while offering practical solutions to address local problems. Over the course of an intensive 5 days on campus, high school participants will work with a variety of Africanist faculty, global public health experts, and animation technicians from Illinois’ Scientific Animation Without Borders (SAWBO http://sawbo-illinois4.org/) to produce a public service animation that drives innovative community-based solutions to need-driven health and development problems.

Applications due May 8, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Bridging Cultures Initiative

Moving beyond the academic and theoretical of most teacher workshops, Bridging Cultures provides teachers with real-world comparative approaches. Workshops and other sessions are held jointly with a cohort of visiting international secondary educators from the Global Institute for Secondary Educators - a U.S. Department of State program held annually at the University of Illinois. The 2015 Bridging Cultures program will be held Monday, July 13 – Saturday, July 18 on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus. Online Application due May 1, 2015.

Global Studies Summer Research Lab for Community College Faculty
June 1, 2015 – August 1, 2015

The Center for Global Studies and the International and Area Studies Library at the University of Illinois will host a Summer Research Lab for community college faculty interested in expanding global studies curricular and library offerings at their home institutions. This summer research opportunity is open to all community college instructors and administrators who wish to spend time on the University of Illinois campus during the summer months. Participants have the opportunity to access the world-class International and Area Studies library resources and to work one-on-one with international reference specialists during their time on the Illinois campus. All interested candidates must submit an online application form by April 30, 2015. The application form requests basic information as well as a brief research proposal statement and a current CV. The online application form can be accessed here: https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/3589709. Funding is available for applicants coming outside of the Champaign Urbana-Area. Stipends to cover travel and lodging costs will be provided on an as-needed and first-come, first-serve basis.
Global Utopias: Professional Development Workshop for Secondary Teachers

The Experience of Revolution: Imagining, Seeking, and Making Utopia
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Illini Union Room 210 (General Lounge)

This workshop, cosponsored by CGS and the Department of History, will explore questions of revolution and utopia across history and across the globe, with a particular focus on usable primary sources that bring alive people’s motives and experiences and can awaken student thinking and exploration. Register for the workshop at: http://globalutopias.weebly.com/sign-up

If you have any questions, contact Mark Steinberg (Professor of History) at steinb@illinois.edu

CGS now offering Choices Program Workshops for Secondary Teachers

The Center for Global Studies is pleased to announce our new partnership with the Choices Program, a non-profit organization based at Brown University that develops curricula on current and historical international issues.

Choices materials incorporate the latest scholarship from Brown University and beyond to draw connections between historical events and contemporary international issues. In each unit, a central activity challenges students to consider multiple viewpoints on a contested issue. Students examine the historical, cultural, and political background of the issue to prepare a coherent presentation. Follow-up discussion demands analysis, and evaluation of conflicting values, interests, and priorities. Ultimately, students are expected to formulate persuasive arguments and express their own views.

In an effort to make these resources more available to Illinois teachers, the Center for Global Studies’ Outreach Coordinator, Jeremie Smith, a certified Choices trainer, is available to conduct professional development workshops for Illinois teachers.

If you are interested in scheduling a Choices Program Professional Development for your department or district, please let contact Jeremie Smith at smith193@illinois.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Week 2015

Help us celebrate all things international April 6-12, 2015, on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus! International Week at Illinois is comprised of a series of educational, cultural and recreational events designed to foster interest in our global community. Coordinated by International Programs and Studies and a cross-campus organizing committee, the goal of International Week is to raise awareness about the breadth of international education, activities and resources at Illinois.
9th Annual Transatlantic Security and Turkish Studies Symposium
Friday, April 3, 2015 - 8:15 am – 5:00 pm

This symposium examines the challenges and opportunities facing Turkish foreign policy-makers in the ever-evolving Middle East/North African region. Although its position in NATO and its relationship with both the United States and the member states of the European Union remains an important component of Turkish foreign policy, domestic and regional factors are now playing an increasingly important role in what Turkey does and how it sees itself. The presenters cover a wide range of topics, including Turkey and the EU, Turkey and NATO, Turkey and the Prospects of a Middle Eastern Nuclear Weapons Free Zone, Turkey and the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

International Jazz Day
Join us Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 5:00 pm at the Art Theater, 126 W Church Street, Champaign for an evening of Jazz. From 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, a traditional jazz orchestra will be at the Esquire Lounge, 106 N Walnut, Champaign. This event is sponsored by UNESCO Center for Global Citizenship, Sousa Archives and Center for American Music, and University of Illinois

GLOBAL STUDIES LIBRARY AND RESOURCE COLLECTIONS

Remember to check out the Global Currents blog at http://publish.illinois.edu/globalcurrents/ to keep up on the issues that are impacting the greater information society, and our corner of the world. The blog highlights resources for upcoming events on a regular basis as well as noting many of the issues that face us in the networked society. If you have an upcoming event for which you would like to see resources gathered on the blog, let us know!

Uncover and discover your window to the world through information resources on our homepage at http://www.library.illinois.edu/jas/cgs. The librarian's office hours this semester are 9:00-11:00 on Mondays and Fridays in room of the International Studies Building. Send your students or drop by and say hello yourself.
The Center for Global Studies is currently searching for undergraduate and graduate students to help in administering our summer programs. Applications due April 1, 2015.


- 2 Positions: Global Institute for Secondary Educators Program Assistant | May 1 – July 31, 2015