



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **9/30 - Fall 2011 Graduation Applications are due.**

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **9/26 - International Simulations Association meeting, SH409, 5:00 PM**
- **9/26 - International Friends Club, Metro BCM, 6:00 PM**
- **9/21 - Turkish Classes, SH 409, 3:30 PM**
- **9/21 - Chinese Conversation Club, SH 409**

## Posters on the Hill Call for Abstracts

It is increasingly important that the undergraduate research community works to ensure that those in the U.S. Congress who provide funding for research and education have a clear understanding of the programs they fund and why these programs are important. Undergraduate research must be among those programs that members of Congress understand if it is to continue to be supported.

Nothing more effectively demonstrates the value of undergraduate research than the words and stories of the student participants themselves. In the Spring of 2012 the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) will host its 16th annual undergraduate poster session on Capitol Hill.

This event will help members of Congress understand the importance of undergraduate research by talking directly with the students whom these programs impact.

CUR is calling for students to submit an abstract of their research that represents any of

CUR's disciplinary divisions (Arts and Humanities, Biology, Chemistry, Geosciences, Health Sciences, Mathematics/Computer Science, Physics/Astronomy, Psychology, and Social Sciences). In order to ensure proper review of applications, the above are the only disciplines that may apply. Should your research be interdisciplinary, please select the division that most closely describes your research.

Abstract submissions will only be accepted by using the on-line submission form. Prior to submitting the form, students should gather the contact information for all co-authors, advisors and sponsors (if applicable), prepare a short vitae/resume, and poster abstract. A document listing the information required for submission can be found by visiting:

[www.cur.org/poh/pohsubinfo.html](http://www.cur.org/poh/pohsubinfo.html)

For more information, and the link to submit an application, please visit: <http://www.cur.org/pohcall.html>.

**Please be sure that both portions (the electronic application and the electronic rec-**

**ommendation letter) are submitted by October 18, 2011.** This is a highly competitive program, which makes for a very exciting experience for the students and their faculty advisors alike.

This is a unique opportunity that we believe will have a very positive impact on the future of federal funding for undergraduate research. A committee of CUR members anticipates selecting approximately 60 posters for participation in the evening poster session and approximately 15 posters for the luncheon panel and poster session. Students selected for participation will be notified in late January.

While students may present their poster without mentor accompaniment, mentors are strongly encouraged to participate in the poster session.

For more information about the Posters on the Hill program, please visit <http://www.cur.org/postersession.html>. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robin Howard, at [robin@cur.org](mailto:robin@cur.org)





*“Interest does not tie nations together; it sometimes separates them. But sympathy and understanding does unite them.”*

*-Woodrow Wilson*

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## New Computer in Student Lounge

The Political Science student lounge now has a computer and printer that students may use to do homework or study. This latest development is due to the efforts of the Political Science Department's Interim Chair, Dr. Joe Giammo. The computer sits on a large table that is also large enough to do homework on. This lounge is open to all UALR students.

The lounge is located within the

Political Science office suite in Stabler Hall 603. To find the lounge, simply come in the office and ask the administrative assistant Ms. Tina Tipton for directions and she will happily direct you to it.

As always, the lounge is still stocked with many books and magazines that students may borrow to help with their research. There is a television, VCR and expansive library of movies on

VHS, as well. If you have any suggestions for the lounge, please direct them to Joshua Thomsen at [jcthomsen@ualr.edu](mailto:jcthomsen@ualr.edu)



## Scholarships to Study in Asia

Freeman-ASIA provides scholarships for U.S. undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. Applicants should have a minimum 2.8 GPA. The program's goal is to increase the number of Americans with first-hand exposure to & understanding of Asia & its peoples and cultures. Awards of up to \$5,000 are available for spring programs. Award recipients are required to share their experiences with their home campuses or communities to encourage study abroad by others.

Students must apply through the U.S. home campus & must have applied or have been accepted to a study abroad based program in: Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam. Also, stu-

dents must submit the online Freeman-ASIA Student Impact Survey within one month of returning to the U.S. & must initiate his/her service project to promote study abroad opportunities in Asia on the college campus or in the local community.

Students must also submit a Service Report on the implementation of his/her service project at the end of the term following his/her return to the U.S.

There are two deadlines that potential applicants should know about: **Student Application Deadline - October 12, 2011** **Adviser Endorsement Deadline - October 19, 2011**.

The UALR deadline for applications to study abroad during the Spring 2012 semester has passed. However, a consultation with the UALR Programs Abroad Coordinator Aimee Jones may yield an appeal for an

extension of that deadline. INTS makes no promises about that last statement. It is also not too early to apply to student abroad for the Summer 2012 semester.

The Office of International Services provides Study Abroad Information Sessions every Tuesday at 10 AM and every Wednesday at 3:30 PM in Room 101 of the Education Building.

For more information, the online application, please visit: [www.iie.org/freeman-asia](http://www.iie.org/freeman-asia)

For more information on study abroad, visit [ualr.edu/programsabroad](http://ualr.edu/programsabroad).



# Undergraduate Research Awards

Once again, the UALR Graduate School will be providing funding for undergraduate research activities. This funding is available to provide an opportunity to up to 30 undergraduates who have never had a formal research experience or to build on previous research experience. Awards up to \$500/student will be given to degree-seeking students in any UALR undergraduate program who is involved in a discovery project under the supervision of a faculty member. Discovery is defined as any form of research, scholarship, artistry, or other form of creativity.

Funding, given to the supervising faculty member, may be used for

any legitimate project expense, including travel, but not salary or stipend, and may be used in conjunction with other awards.

Students receiving awards must commit to presenting a poster session at the 2012 UALR Research Expo to be held in April. Recognizing that all projects may not be completed by April, 2011, students will be expected to make a poster presentation showing progress made to date. For students who commit to applying for an NSF Graduate Research Program Fellowship (GRFP), awards of more than \$500 may be possible with appropriate justification attached to the application form. A

faculty member must agree to advise the student.

**The form must be submitted to the Graduate School by the faculty supervisor by 5:00PM, Friday, October 14, 2011.**

Awards will be made shortly thereafter. To download the application form please visit [ualr.edu/research/index.php/2011/09/13/undergraduate-research-awards](http://ualr.edu/research/index.php/2011/09/13/undergraduate-research-awards)

For further information, please call Dr. Patrick Pellicane, Vice Provost for Research/Dean of the Graduate School at 569-8656.

Applications should be submitted to: Ms. Angela Willis e-mail: [aewillis@ualr.edu](mailto:aewillis@ualr.edu)



***“More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together.***

***-Kofi Annan***



## UALR Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

The Office of Campus Life and Diversity Programs, presents the National Hispanic Heritage Month Activities for the campus. All students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to attend. All events are free for students. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact Kara Matthews at [kmatthews@ualr.edu](mailto:kmatthews@ualr.edu).

The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, September 27th, Dinner & Movie: Selena, Donaghey Student Center Ledbetter Room A, 6:00 PM
- Monday, October 3rd, Documentary & Discussion: Crossing Arizona, Donaghey Student Center Ledbetter Room D, Moderator: Director of Crossing Arizona, Dan Devivo, 12:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 4th, Documentary & Discussion: Mendez vs. Westminster School District, College of Education: East Lab, 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 11th, Immigration Panel Discussion & Box Lunch: "Issues, Challenges, & International Relations," Donaghey Student Center Ledbetter Room A, 12:00 PM
- Friday, October 28th, The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) National Scholarship Awards Gala, Donaghey Student Center Ledbetter Hall A,B, & C, 6:00 PM

For more detailed information, please visit [ualr.edu/campuslife](http://ualr.edu/campuslife).



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*"A little knowledge  
 that acts is worth  
 infinitely more  
 than much  
 knowledge that is  
 idle."*

*- Khalil Gibran*

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## UALR Arabic Language Classes

Registration Now Open for Fall 2011 Arabic. This semester we will offer one section of beginning Arabic on Wednesdays, September 21-December 7th, 2011 from noon to 2:00 PM in Stabler Hall Room 206.

Arabic classes are non-credit classes provided by the UALR Middle Eastern Studies Program as a service to the community. However, we recommend that students think about taking these classes as Arabic is considered a "super-critical language" by many government institutions and may give applicants an edge.

To register, please fill the online registration form. A link to the form is below. You will also have to pay a \$100 registration fee on the first day of class. You can pay this fee by check or cash (sorry no credit cards).

Everyone (age 15 and up, please) is welcome to enroll if they have a serious interest in learning this important world language. One does not need to be a UALR student or enroll in UALR in order to take the class. Class fees are \$100 plus the cost of the required textbook. Registration priority goes to UALR Middle Eastern Studies students and otherwise is first come first served.

To sign up to take an Arabic class at UALR, we use a simple online registration system. We will post

the class schedule first, along with the dates that registration will be open. Please check the webpage frequently for the latest information about upcoming classes. You will just need to fill out your basic contact information and give us an idea of your knowledge of and interest in Arabic when you register.

Beginning Arabic is taught for the absolute beginner, you do not need to have any previous experience with the language in order to take the class. In order to qualify to take Intermediate Arabic, you must have passed previous Arabic courses at UALR or take a placement test to show that you are ready to take this level of Arabic.

The classes are taught by Basel Khalil. Mr. Khalil is a native Arabic speaker with training in teaching Arabic as a foreign language from the UK based International House Worldwide Organization of Language Schools. Dr. Krista Lewis, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and member of the UALR Middle East Studies Committee, coordinates the classes.

Arabic I: This class will focus on the essentials of Modern Standard Arabic. You will learn to read and write the Arabic alphabet, some fundamentals of grammar and sentence structure, and learn important phrases you need for essential daily functions such as visiting an Arabic speaking home, shopping, and traveling. At the end

of this course you should be able to read and write simple texts and have basic polite conversations.

The textbook we use is "Al-kitab Al-asasi Volume I: A Basic Course for Teaching Arabic to Non-native Speakers" by El-said Badawi, American University in Cairo Press (2009), ISBN-10: 9774162315. The book is usually available at the UALR bookstore.

Arabic II: This class will focus on developing skills in Modern Standard Arabic. You will learn to read, speak, understand, and write about topics that are useful in daily life in an Arabic speaking country. Grammatical topics you will study include noun and verbal sentences, duals, plurals, noun and verb conjugations, connecting words, grammatical constructions, and proper use of numbers. You will also learn about Middle Eastern culture, food, and holidays. Each week you will have writing based homework. At the end of this course you should be able to read and write moderately difficult texts and have functional conversations with native speakers.

For more information or to register for classes, visit [ualr.edu/minors/mest/index.php/home/arabic-classes/](http://ualr.edu/minors/mest/index.php/home/arabic-classes/) or you may contact instructor Basel Khalil at [UALR-arabic@gmail.com](mailto:UALR-arabic@gmail.com) or Dr. Krista Lewis [kxlewis@ualr.edu](mailto:kxlewis@ualr.edu).

# Boren Scholarships & Fellowships for Study Abroad

The applications for the 2012-2013 David L. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships are now available at [www.borenawards.org](http://www.borenawards.org). Boren Awards provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East, where they can add important international and language components to their educations.

Boren Scholarships provide undergraduate students up to \$20,000 for an academic year's study abroad. Boren Fellowships provide graduate students up to \$30,000 for language study and international research. In exchange for funding, recipients commit to working in the federal government for a minimum of one year. The National Application Deadlines are as follows:

- Boren Fellowship: January 31, 2012
- Boren Scholarship: February 9, 2012

The Boren Awards are an initiative of the National Security Education Program (NSEP) and are administered by the Institute of International Education.

The Language Flagship is a breakthrough in foreign language and culture instruction in the United States designed to help individuals achieve superior-level proficiency in critical languages including Arabic, Chinese, Hindi/Urdu, Korean, Persian, Swahili, and Russian. Flagship students participate in advanced language programs offered at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Language Flagship Fellowship is an award for up to two-years for

graduate students to support their intensive language study at Flagship institutions in the U.S. and overseas. Flagship Fellowships are available for the study of Arabic, Chinese, Korean, and Persian at designated Flagship Programs. Eligible applicants for Flagship Fellowships must be U.S. citizens with advanced proficiency in the Flagship language of study. Past recipients of Boren Scholarships or Fellowships are eligible to apply for the Flagship Fellowship. In addition, students currently enrolled in undergraduate or graduate Flagship programs may apply for Boren funding to participate in overseas Flagship programs.

Flagship Fellowship Application Deadline: January 12, 2012. Application information can be found online at [www.flagshipfellowships.org](http://www.flagshipfellowships.org). You can also email [flagship@iie.org](mailto:flagship@iie.org).



*"If we are a metaphor of the universe, the human couple is the metaphor par excellence, the point of intersection of all forces and the seed of all forms."*

*- Octavio Paz*



## French Movie Now Playing in Little Rock

*Sarah's Key* (French: *Elle s'appelait Sarah*) is a French drama starring Kristin Scott-Thomas and follows an American journalist's present-day investigation into the Vel' d'Hiv Roundup (where French police in German-occupied Paris on 16 and 17 July 1942 rounded up 13,152 predominantly non-French Jewish emigres and refugees and their French-born children and grandchildren, who were then shipped by rail to Auschwitz where they were murdered). It tells the story of a young girl's experiences during these events, vividly illustrating the willing, and even enthusias-

tic, participation of the French bureaucracy, including the Paris police, French Secret Service, and French army in aiding and abetting this Nazi persecution and the plundering by the Germans and French of the victims' property. It is also a story of how a farmer and his wife, and by extension a number of French country people, hid and protected Jews from Vichy authorities, the Germans, and French collaborators, at great risk to their own lives. It is an adaptation of the novel *Elle s'appelait Sarah* ("Her Name Is Sarah") by Tatiana de Rosnay.

*Sarah's Key* is playing at Market Street Cinema, 1521 Merrill Drive in west Little Rock. Show times this week are 1:45 PM, 4:20 PM and 6:45 PM. This film is rated PG-13 with a runtime of 111 minutes.

For more information about Market Street Cinema visit [www.marketsreetcinema.net](http://www.marketsreetcinema.net)

For more information about *Sarah's Key*, visit [www.sarahskey.com.au](http://www.sarahskey.com.au)



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*"I will admit that we are attracted to issues that unify people rather than divide them."*

*-Bono*



## ONE Campaign to Offer Course

The ONE campaign has an exciting leadership opportunity for members: the Hunger and Agriculture Griot Project. You may apply to the free, six-week online course today.

In West Africa, a "griot" is a storyteller, singer, history keeper and agent of cultural change. Echoing this tradition, ONE is excited to announce the launch of the Hunger and Agriculture Griots Project, an online course designed to train passionate volunteers into powerful spokespersons in the fight against hunger.

Griots will kick off their experience with an online learning course designed by policy and advocacy professionals at ONE. The concept came from Elliot Masie, chair of the Learning CONSORTIUM and an early pioneer in distance learning and e-Learning. This six-week, in-depth course — which will be housed on Blackboard Inc.'s online learning ProSites™ platform — will include access to cutting-edge articles, videos, lectures and fact sheets about global hunger and sustainable agriculture, as well as skill-building tutorials built by ONE and WFP campaigners. As a participant in the Hunger and Agriculture Griots course, you will hone your campaigning skills and take action to end hunger under the guidance of ONE and WFP, ultimately become a leading force in the fight against hunger.

Through this interactive course, ONE and WFP will equip you with the tools to be a local advocate in your community, a voice in the media,

an engaging presenter at neighborhood church basement meetings and an educator to everyone you meet. We need more Griots working to change lives and to rid the world of hunger and poverty. During the course and afterward, ONE and WFP will guide you in making your voice heard in the struggle to make hunger history. This is your opportunity to be a part of the story and to truly make a difference.

What you'll do:

- Successfully complete a six-week, intensive online education course
- Be a part of a live campaign to end hunger
- Organize your own action project to educate and mobilize your peers
- Learn to write Letters to the Editor and to use new media tools for advocacy
- Refine your public speaking and presentation skills

What we're looking for:

- Interest in ending global hunger
- Ability to learn and navigate new technology
- Access to computer with audio/video capabilities
- Outgoing personality (or a willingness to reach out to your community)
- Civic interest and understanding
- Commitment of 6-8 hours per week for six weeks

What you'll walk away with:

- Ability to advocate intelligently for agriculture as a solution to hunger
- Sense of accomplishment at having used new skills and knowledge to make a difference
- Opportunity to be a community leader
- Connections to ONE and WFP field organizers
- Power to truly help put an end to hunger worldwide

The ONE Campaign is an international, nonpartisan, non-profit organization which aims to increase government funding for and effectiveness of international aid programs. As a campaign to fight extreme poverty and global diseases, it supports the Millennium Development Goals.

Although ONE centers on ending extreme poverty and fighting the AIDS pandemic, ONE supports a broad variety of international development and relief issues. ONE holds the position that increasing foreign development assistance will create a more secure world, believing that global poverty and the ideological extremism that fuels terrorism are linked.

The course will start on October 3, 2011 and end on November 14, 2011. You can find the application form at the following address: [act.one.org/go/87?akid=2570.2186764.5wtZGa&t=2](http://act.one.org/go/87?akid=2570.2186764.5wtZGa&t=2)

Completed forms should be emailed to [griot@one.org](mailto:griot@one.org) by September 27, 2011 at 6 p.m.

# Habitat for Humanity Restore Event

On Thursday, September 29th Habitat for Humanity will celebrate their 2nd Annual, ReStore and After For just \$25 a ticket, you can enjoy beer, wine, cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres and entertainment from local favorites, The Rodney Block Band. 100% of all ticket sales, purchases, and donations will help further Habitat's goal of eliminating poverty housing and homelessness by building adequate housing in partnership with people in need.

On the silent auction block will be items from Habitat for Humanity's very own outlet center, the ReStore. These items have been hand picked by local artists and "restored" to works of art.

Tickets can be purchased on their web site, at the door or by sending a check to our office. Please include your email so tickets can be emailed to you.

Habitat For Humanity International is an international, non-

governmental, non-profit organization devoted to building "simple, decent, and affordable" housing. The mission statement of Habitat for Humanity is to "seek to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action."

For questions, please call 501.379.1583 or you may visit the "Events" section of the web site at [www.habitatpulaski.org](http://www.habitatpulaski.org)



# Call for Mentors for Exchange Students

Programs Abroad is looking for students who are interested in welcoming our exchange students to UALR.

The Exchange Student Mentor Program is designed to help our incoming exchange students adapt and enjoy the UALR and Little Rock communities.

Student mentors must commit to the following:

- Attending a mini-workshop that will provide resources to

help you connect with your exchange student. The upcoming mini-workshop is scheduled for Friday, October 7th 2:00 PM

- Making initial contact with your exchange student a month prior to the student arrives (via e-mail and/or skype)
- Welcoming your exchange student at the airport and helping your student get set-

tled into their accommodation (e.g. take your student to Target for house items)

- Introducing your exchange student to UALR and Little Rock area
- Casually meeting with your exchange student throughout the semester

If this program interests you, please e-mail Programs Abroad Intern Porntip Israsena at [pmis-rasena@ualr.edu](mailto:pmis-rasena@ualr.edu)

***"The world is now too small for anything but brotherhood."***

***- Arthur Powell***

***Davies***

# Heifer International to Offer Course

Heifer International is now offering a new course titled "Heifer U for College and University Students." This program introduces students to Heifer's mission and provides them with opportunities for involvement at the campus level and beyond. The course will take place on October 27-30 at Heifer Ranch in Perryville, AR.

By participating in this program,

students will:

- Learn how to implement Heifer's values based community development model on campus.
- Create a plan of personal civic engagement.
- Receive and share information with peers from around the country.

- Gain a deeper understanding of global poverty and what is necessary to end it.

This program is offered free of charge. Lodging and meals are provided. Students are responsible for transportation.

Download application at [www.heifer.org/heiferu](http://www.heifer.org/heiferu)





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"A nation, like a person, has a mind - a mind that must be kept informed and alert, that must know itself, that understands the hopes and needs of its neighbors - all the other nations that live within the narrowing circle of the world."

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt

## Foreign Institute Spotlight: University of Alberta - Canada

The University of Alberta (UA) offers over 200 undergraduate programs. Students can take courses in both official languages: English and French. Proof of language proficiency may be required.

Students in any discipline or area of study are encouraged to participate in the Study Abroad at UA program. Students will be admitted to the Faculty, which best matches their home program of study or degree or to the Faculty that best accommodates the student's desired list of courses. Students should be prepared to be flexible in their course selection.

Please be aware that some courses will have prerequisites and you must be able to show that you have completed a comparable prerequisite course.

Study abroad at UA is reasonably priced; tuition

and fees are among the most competitively priced for Canadian post-secondary institutions. Tuition fee per single term course is approximately \$1,500 CDN. UA is unique in offering financial assistance to international study abroad students. You may be eligible for scholarships up to \$2,000 CDN. For more information, visit [www.international.ualberta.ca/studyabroad](http://www.international.ualberta.ca/studyabroad).

UA does not have an exchange agreement with UALR, so students wishing to study at UA should consult with the UALR Programs Abroad office to make sure that credits will transfer. Study Abroad Information Sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10am and every Wednesday at 3:30pm in the Office of International Services. Sign up to attend online at [ualr.edu/programsabroad/](http://ualr.edu/programsabroad/)

