



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **9/14 - Sigma Iota Rho meeting, SH 409, 6:00 PM**
- **9/15 Applications for Spring 2012 study abroad are due.**
- **9/15 - International Club meeting, 3:30 PM, DSC 201-A**
- **9/30 - Fall 2011 Graduation Applications are due.**

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **9/19 - International Simulations Association meeting, SH409, 5:00 PM**
- **9/14 - Chinese Conversation Club, SH 409 5:00 PM**

INTS to Offer New Course

INTS will be offering a new class on Africa next semester. It will be an upper division seminar class. The class listing will be INTS 4300 - Grassroots Development Management: Perspectives from Africa.

The course will seek to critically examine the role of development plans, programs and projects as different forms of managing grassroots development initiatives and interventions in Africa. The course will enable students to analyze and evaluate the significance of resource allocation for development. Students will also be able to assess the relative merits and demerits of development project and program design, implementation and monitoring in achieving development goals at the community level. Students will be exposed to critical examination of policies which seek to meet development objectives, particularly in the context of the debate about interventions as "blueprint" or "process."

It will also familiarize students with the range of assumptions and methods underlying the dif-

ferent instruments of intervention, and to be able to appraise their advantages and disadvantages. The course will engage students in thinking critically and imaginatively about the meaning of and rationale for promoting grassroots development and enhance their knowledge, ability and skills in the design and management of grassroots development at the international level, particularly in Africa.

The instructor for this course will be Saeed Bancie. Saeed is the East Africa Program Officer for Heifer Project International. His responsibilities include monitoring and evaluation, program review and planning, and writing grant proposals for existing African country programs as well as developing strategies for expanding into new countries. He has worked in Ghana and the Togolese Republic.

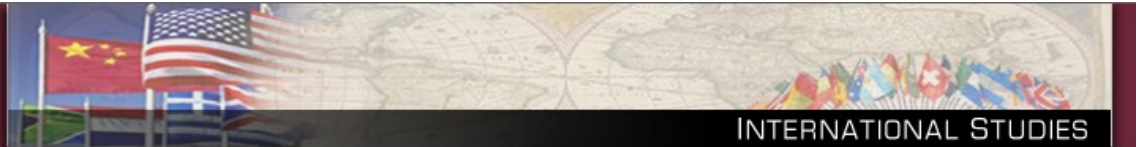
Saeed taught another INTS seminar class in the Spring 2011 semester entitled Political Economy of Africa. The Grassroots Development course will link concepts learned in Political Economy of

Africa (though not a prerequisite) and other relevant courses to practical needs and applications in the field of international development. In doing so the course will focus on:

- The analytical techniques, theories and concepts that have emerged in the field of grassroots development management
- The policy and institutional context within which projects and programs are designed and implemented. Issues to be covered will include: participatory community assessment; strategic planning; the project cycle management; data collection methodologies; project planning; project design/proposal writing; budgeting; implementation plans; setting of performance indicators; monitoring and evaluation; team building.

This will be a great course for those students interested in non-profit administration. For more information contact Dr. Jacek Lubecki at jxlubecki@ualr.edu.





Quills & Pixels Call for Submissions

Quills & Pixels 2012 is seeking Nonfiction writing of all kinds: Personal essays, research essays, academic and non-academic writing, journalistic features, and many more.

A publication of the UALR Rhetoric and Writing Department, Quills & Pixels is the annual, peer-reviewed, student publication of the UALR Writers' Network, an organization

dedicated to spotlighting the importance of writing in society journal of nonfiction.

Quills & Pixels is open to all writers associated with the UALR community—students, staff, and faculty, as well as alumni of the university and persons involved in any of the UALR's outreach and community programs. The editorial staff welcomes submissions from persons affiliated with UAMS, with the Wil-

liam H. Bowen School of Law, and with the Clinton School. Writers may submit more than one essay per issue, but should not expect more than one to be published.

For more information and a submission form, contact Jo Mary Smith at atjmsmith1@ualr.edu.

The submission deadline for Quills & Pixels 2012 is September 19, 2011.



*"Interest does not tie nations together; it sometimes separates them. But sympathy and understanding does unite them."
-Woodrow Wilson*

Gilman International Scholarship

The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards for undergraduate study abroad and was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide.

The online application for students studying abroad in the Spring 2012 term is now open. **Gilman Scholarship Spring 2012 online applications are due October 4, 2011.**

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Gilman Scholarship Program, the program has launched a new application system. It is anticipated this will streamline the application process.

For students applying for any

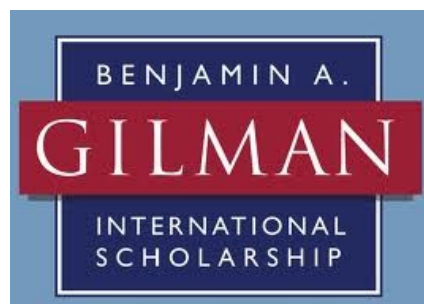
academic term (Academic Year, Fall, Spring or Summer) please find the eligibility requirements below:

- Enrolled as an undergraduate student at a two or four-year U.S. Institution
- United States citizen
- Receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of study abroad
- Participating in a study abroad program that is no less than 4 weeks (28 days) in one country and no more than an academic year
- Receiving academic credit Study in any country not currently under a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Cuba

For more information about the Gilman Scholarship please visit

the Gilman website at www.iie.org/gilman

UALR applications for Spring 2012 Programs Abroad are due Thursday, September 15th. Also, Study Abroad Information Sessions are held every Tuesday at 10:00 AM and every Wednesday at 3:30 PM in the Office of International Services. To reserve a seat at an information session or for more information on studying abroad visit ualr.edu/programsabroad.



INTS to Offer Free Turkish Classes

The Little Rock branch of the Raindrop Turkish House, in conjunction with INTS, is offering free Turkish language classes at UALR. **Classes are every Wednesday at 3:30 PM in Stabler Hall.**

The classes are free and open to the public. While students are not able to receive credit for taking the class, we encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity. Learning a language that not many others know can be advantageous if applying to a U.S. agency.

Raindrop Turkish House is a non-

profit, educational, charitable, social and cultural organization founded by Turkish-Americans in Houston in 2000. It now operates in seven states: Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, New Mexico and Louisiana.

Besides being a home to Turkish-Americans, Raindrop Turkish House addresses their social and cultural needs and helps them integrate into this multicultural society better. The mission of Raindrop is to introduce Turkish culture into American society and cultivate friendship and promote the understanding of diverse cultures

through its unique services to the community, through dialog and corporation.

In addition to offering free classes, Raindrop organizes every year its traditional Turkic Cultures and Children's Festival where the kaleidoscope of varying people from Turkic World is showcased. , music groups, folk dances, and of course delicious worldwide known Turkish cuisine.

For more information email the Raindrop Turkish House at turkic-culture@gmail.com or call (501) 223-2155.



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

-Kofi Annan

China Travel Course Info Meeting

There will be an information meeting about the China travel course that will take place over Spring Break. **The meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13th at 4:00 PM at Vino's Pizza (923 West 7th Street in downtown Little Rock).**

Students who successfully com-

plete the course will receive three upper division credit hours in history or geography. The group will visit four cities all across China: Beijing, Xi'an, Mianyang, and Chengdu.

For more information about this trip, you may contact Dr. Kyong McClain at jwkyongmccl@ualr.edu or Dr. Jess Porter at jcporter@ualr.edu. Stu-

dents may also contact the UALR Office of Programs Abroad at stud-yabroad@ualr.edu

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International Friends Outreach Club

The Metro Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) at UALR hosts an International Friends Outreach Club (IFO) each week. This is a free and open weekly event that features fun, social interactions between American and International students. There are usually food and drinks provided.

IFO meets every Monday night at 6:00 PM. The club meets at Metro BCM, 5515 West 32nd

St, on the UALR campus across from the resident halls.

The IFO's goals are:

- For Americans and international students to come together each week.
- To help students practice and improve their English listening and speaking skills.
- To share culture, country, family, faith, and values.

- To facilitate the meeting of new friends each week

Also, each Fall the IFO host a large picnic. The picnic will be on Saturday, September 24th, Maumelle Park, Pavilion 5.

For more information on IFO and the events we offer, check out the IFO website at: ifoarkansas.org or e-mail lajuana@ifoarkansas.org and ask to be put on the IFO event list.





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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:

Southwest University of Science & Technology - China

The Southwest University of Science and Technology (SWUST) is an institution located in the south-central province of Sichuan in China. The campus covers an area of about 675 acres with a building area of 9 million square feet. The University serves over 25,000 full-time post-graduate and undergraduate students. It employs a 2,300 strong faculty, including 1,600 instructors, one academician of the Chinese Engineering Academy and 600 associate professors. SWUST has 16 schools, offers 67 undergraduate degree programs, 34 master degree programs and 5 engineering master degree programs in 8 subjects. As a large, dynamic and diverse University of the 21st century, SWUST offers a wide range of programs at the Bachelor and Master levels, exchange or visiting students programs. Flexible Chinese Language Training Programs at different levels are also

available for international students.

Mianyang is the second largest city in Sichuan. It has a population of 5.2 million. Mianyang's climate is damp subtropical; its average temperature is 61°F with a high temperature of 102°F in summer and low temperature of 23°F in winter. Mianyang has lovely scenery, a long history, and deep cultural roots; the Sanxingdui Ruins and the Leshan Giant Buddha, both located near Mianyang, are on the World Natural heritage list.

Unfortunately, the SWUST application deadline has past for the Spring 2012 semester, but the Summer 2012 semester applications aren't due until February 1st. For more information on SWUST, you may visit english.swust.edu.cn or ualr.edu/programsabroad.

