Happy Fall Break!

The Sociology Advising office will have walk in hours next week (Nov. 15-19) M-F, 9:30-1:30. The Sociology Advising Office will be CLOSED during Fall Break. Dr. Holtzclaw-Stone will be out of the office Nov. 18 – Fall Break.

Family Dynamics and Population Change

Sociology 396
Leuven, Belgium
May 16–June 11, 2011

PROGRAM SUMMARY

This course examines the interplay between work and family life in European societies while considering such formative events as completion of schooling, cohabitation, marriage, parenthood, divorce, retirement and death. It takes a comparative view of how these dynamics are shaped by nature of the welfare state as well as explicit family policies. A variety of activities will facilitate interaction with our hosts and thus provide a richer understanding of contrasts between the unfolding life course of Belgians and Americans.

Participants will be designated as Visiting Scholars at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, one Europe’s oldest and most respected universities. Leuven’s historical charms are augmented by a vibrant social life supported by more than 30,000 KUL students and staff.

PROGRAM FEE*

TBA. Some partial scholarships are available for the Courses Abroad programs.

* Price is subject to change due to exchange rate fluctuations and the number of participants.

Detailed information will be available soon at the Study Abroad website.

DEADLINE
February 12, 2011

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PREREQUISITE

Sociology 100 or permission of instructor

COURSE FULFILLS

LAS Advanced Hours
Sociology Major and Minor
Advanced Hours and Elective Hours

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SPRING 2011 – New Course

SOC 496: Middle Eastern Societies and Cultures
Asef Bayat

The course offers an overview of the contemporary Middle East from an interdisciplinary (political, economic and social) perspective. Focusing on the Muslim Middle East, the course is organized around the central question of why despite on-going social, economic and cultural changes in these societies, the state structure and governmental politics remain largely authoritarian. The question offers grounds to look at socio-cultural, economic, and political dynamics in the region in a more or less comparative fashion. What role does religion, Islam, play in these processes? What about the part played by globalization? Topics to be explored range from social structure, family dynamics, rural life, urban transformation, gender issues, political structure, Islam and the new public sphere, and socio-religious movements.

There will be some grad students in this course.

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Tuesday, November 16, 5:30 p.m., 161 Noyes Lab
Illinois Law Early Access Program (iLEAP), presented by Paul Pless, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid, University of Illinois College of Law

As you begin looking into law schools, the U of I College of Law would like you to consider its Illinois Law Early Access (iLEAP) Program. iLEAP provides UIUC students with the opportunity to apply for law school at Illinois before their senior year in college, and without taking the LSAT. Want to learn more? Join us
Hello!

Foreign service security specialist. Engineering officer. Biocomputing science fellow. School support coordinator. Medical technician. Budget analyst. What do all these jobs have in common? They are all hot positions that are available now with the Federal Government and they are looking for students like you to fill these roles! The Federal Government is hiring and they offer an excellent salary, world-class benefits, promotional opportunities and a great work life balance.

Visit The Career Center today and learn how YOU can make a difference!

Workshops

Monday, November 15, noon: Exploring Careers in the Federal Government
Monday, November 15, 5pm: Successful Interviewing
Tuesday, November 16, noon: Mastering the Federal Application Process featuring US AID
Tuesday, November 16, 7pm: Technology Etiquette
Wednesday, November 17, 6pm: Getting "LinkedIn" to What?

Workshops last one hour and are located in the Student Arcade Building Conference Room 143 at The Career Center - 715 S. Wright Street, Champaign. Attendance is limited to 35 students so register early!

Looking for an exciting course to take this spring? How about ENGL 380/INFO 390 Writing in a Digital World? It's new (and it counts as an upper-level course for the informatics minor).

Read about it here: https://www.informatics.illinois.edu/display/infoarchives/Writing+in+a+Digital+World

Here's the course schedule entry: http://courses.illinois.edu/cis/2011/spring/schedule/ENGL/380.html?skinId=2169

And some info on the professor, Spencer Schaffner: http://metaspencer.com/

We're really excited about this course, and it is a good complement to another great informatics class, the extremely popular INFO 303 Writing Across Media (which you can read about here:  

for this presentation by Paul Pless, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Financial Aid, U of I College of Law.  

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The Career Center at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu>
INFO 303 is also an Advanced Comp Gen Ed (and counts toward the informatics minor).

Any student who enjoys being on the Web (and who doesn't?) should be encouraged to take this class.

GLBL 499 – International Diplomacy and Negotiation

Examines the complexities of international diplomacy and negotiations among states and other actors. The course focuses on three main subject areas: negotiation theory, applied negotiation, and practical considerations that affect negotiations. We will utilize theoretic, case-based, and active-learning approaches during the semester as we explore the topic in detail. Issues and topics include security, public health, economic development, human rights, and the environment. Students will participate in a number of in-class and multi-campus online negotiations simulations in this class. The content and skills developed in this course will be beneficial for students interested in law school, diplomacy, negotiation, advocacy, or simply improving their odds of winning arguments. This course can be counted for Political Science credit by Political Science majors.

The 2nd Annual GIS Fair will take place Nov19th. The official webpage for the fair is -

* http://webstore.illinois.edu/GISFair/

This year's keynote speaker is Todd Presner, founder of the Hypercities.
* http://hypercities.ats.ucla.edu/

GPS Rally with fabulous prizes (Nov. 4rd to Nov 17th).
* Open to all students currently enrolled at the university.
**http://www.library.illinois.edu/sc/geochallenge_2010.html

Puzzles and clues will lead you on a path to eight locations on campus. All teams that finish the course correctly will be entered in a drawing for a grand prize and some secondary prizes.

Grand prize includes an Ipod touch (4g) for each team member and a $100 gift certificate to the Illini Union Bookstore.

Secondary prizes will include gift certificates to the Illini Union Bookstore.

Don't miss your chance to learn more about the GIS university community, have fun, and earn some prizes!

Spring 2011
Language and Minorities in Europe
FR/LING/GER/SLAV/ITAL/SPAN/PS 418
Meets: Tuesdays 3-4:50 pm  
Instructor: Zsuzsanna Fagyal (French)

Description:
Introduction to political, linguistic, and cultural issues concerning territorial and migrant/immigrant languages in the countries of the European Union. Focuses on political, legal, and social aspects of bilingual education, indigenous, and immigrant minority language use, transmission, diffusion, loss, and revival. Taught in English. No background in linguistics or political science necessary. (3 undergraduate, 4 graduate credit hours.)
Recommended reading on-line, include W. Kymlicka, S. Gal, D. Crystal, P. Bourdieu

Structure:
Introduction to basic concepts of language policy and societal bilingualism. One territorial/immigrant minority language per week, including but not limited to Irish Gaelic, Breton, Frisian, Basque, Catalan, Hungarian, Skolt Sami, and Turkish. English as a lingua franca, ethnic identities, and new diasporas in Europe.
Midterm, final project on any aspect of minority language policy, language use, loss, maintenance, and/or revival in Europe.
Guest speakers and student presentations.
Movies:

Sam McCready, Professor Emeritus of Theatre, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, will present "Art Within Walls: Artists and Musicians of Terezin, 1941-45" on Tuesday, November 16, 4:00 pm, Spurlock Museum, 600 S. Gregory, Urbana.

When the Nazis transported 150,000 Jewish artists and intellectuals from Czechoslovakia and other European countries to the former garrison town of Terezín (Theresienstadt), they planned to suppress potential revolts against their brutal authority; instead they released a revolt of a gentler but more powerful kind. Over the four-year period when Terezín functioned as a Jewish ghetto, there was an extraordinary outpouring of creativity in all the arts; art, music, dance, drama and opera. Sam McCready examines the work produced by the major artists of Terezín, illustrating the lecture with sound recordings and visual images.

This presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Center for Advanced Study at 333-6729 or www.cas.illinois.edu

Paid Summer 2011 Undergrad Research Placements:
Over 400 programs - REU and Other Summer Research Opportunities for Undergrads
http://www.pathwaystoscience.org/Summerresearch.asp
Thinking about transferring to the College of Media?

The College of Media will be hosting an ICT Informational Fair Wednesday, December 1st in 18 Greg Hall. Students can come by anytime between 3:00 and 4:30. There will be representatives from Media and Cinema Studies, Journalism and Advertising. Students will be able to ask their questions one-on-one with either a department representative or one of the academic advisors from the Student Services Center.

AFRO 298

Minorities and Reality TV: Fact/Fiction

3 hours

Instructor: Margaret Browne Huntu

The course is designed to introduce students to some of the complexities of the relationships between race, culture, popular culture and mass media. It explores how aspects of reality television represent diverse ethnicities and cultures in relation to each other and to dominant American media conventions and social ideas. Reality television shows are analyzed within their socio-cultural contexts, with particular attention paid to how constructions of race, identity, and community interact with class, gender, and sexuality.

AFRO 199

Black Identities in Blockbuster Cinema

3 hours

Instructor: Ron Jackson

The course is a dynamic exploration of images and representations of Black people and their identities in film. It is a highly interactive and engaging conceptual overview of controversial scholarly and popular literature, national discussions, and popular cultural images pertaining to race, class, gender, identity, and cinematic messaging. The class will view and critique several films. Additionally, guest lectures and classroom activities will facilitate dialogue about the social construction of race in the United States and how Hollywood globally exports fragments of this discursive formation.

AFRO 298

Facebook, Google & Gaming: The Shaping of African-Americans on the Internet

3 hours

Instructor: Safiya Nobles
The portrayal of African-Americans with respect to technology has typically posited the culture on the “wrong side” of the “digital divide.” These narratives stem from a series of intersecting practices that are technological, commercial, ideological, and discursive. In this course, we will go beyond issues of computer and Internet access to look at commercial, image-centered online practices, which covet the idea of “representation.” The central theme of our work is focused on unpacking the social, political and economic interests of a variety of platforms: from video games like Grand Theft Auto to software platforms Twitter and Facebook to universal search and cloud computing companies such as Google or Bing. We will use a critical visual studies approach to this work as we examine a variety of new media and information technologies that affect, and are affected by race, class and gender.

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AAS 485 (CRN 54608) / GWS 485 (CRN 48855) The Politics of Fashion
(undergraduate students only)
04:00 PM - 06:50 PM Wednesday

AAS 490 Transnationalism and Diaspora
04:00 PM - 06:50 Monday
CRN 30108 (Undergraduate students)
CRN 48932 (Graduate students)

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> Master of Public Administration Open House
> Thursday November 18, 2010
> 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
> Room 110 CUPPA Hall
> 412 S. Peoria Street
> University of Illinois at Chicago
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> Get your questions answered about the MPA degree, concentrations and careers in PA, admissions requirements, and financial aid. Even if you would simply like to see our facilities and meet program faculty, current students, and college administrators --our next Open House is for you!
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> RSVPs are appreciated but not required, please email to painfo@uic.edu or call (312)996-3109.
>
> Sit In On A Class
> Attend one of our many MPA classes to get a real feel for the MPA at UIC. This is a unique opportunity to meet current students as well as PA faculty.
>
> Informational Meeting
> Meet with PA Program faculty, staff, or current students. This is a wonderful chance to meet with college representatives and make great contacts within the program.
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> To schedule a visit to CUPPA, a classroom visit, or for more information on the next Open House, please call (312) 996-3109 or visit our website at <http://www.uic.edu/cuppa/pa>
Interested in pursuing foreign language and area studies this summer or next academic year? Apply for a FLAS Fellowship!

FLAS Fellowships are administered by the University of Illinois Area Studies Centers and are awarded annually on a competitive basis. Students from all majors, departments and professional schools are encouraged to apply. Priority is given to the study of less commonly taught languages and each Center has specific priorities. A standardized FLAS application is available online at: http://flas.illinois.edu. Graduate student applications are submitted by the student's department; undergraduate applications are submitted directly to the Center to which the student is applying. All applications are due 11 February 2011. Information sessions will be held for students interested in applying.

FLAS Information Sessions

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 4:00 pm
126 Graduate School of Library and Information Science Building
501 E. Daniel St., Champaign (PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE)

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 4:00 pm
101 International Studies Building
910 S. Fifth St., Champaign

Award Amounts:
During the academic year graduate student FLAS recipients receive full tuition, mandatory fees, and a $15,000 stipend; undergraduates receive $10,000 for tuition and fees and a $5,000 stipend. Summer awards are $5,000 towards tuition for a summer language program as well as required Illinois fees and a $2,500 stipend. In some cases, a travel award may also be made.

Strangers Extranjeras: An inspiring story of cross-cultural friendship in Guatemala

Where: Channing Murray Foundation, Chapel (1209 West Oregon St., Urbana, IL)

When: Tuesday, November 16th, 2010

Co-Sponsored by: Department of Anthropology, Department of Sociology, Amnesty International-UIUC Chapter, Center for Democracy in a Multicultural Society, Channing Murray Foundation and Global Studies.
Description: From Looking for Lilith Theater Company, Strangers/Extranjeras is two-woman show presents two very different young women -
a generous Mayan mother with limited independence and an idealistic, academic volunteer from the United States - who form a powerful friendship while reconciling conflicting world views. At once humorous and heartbreaking, the story speaks to a global family about cultural exchange, the pain of isolation, the horrors of poverty and the strength of those who persevere through it all. This performance is free and open to the public.

Facebook Link:
http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=129608157093412&index=1