Dear Sociology Majors,

We have many exciting events and opportunities for Spring and Summer 2012. Check out the new Career Fair prep list, the Sociology Undergraduate Research Symposium, and keep in the mind the upcoming Major/Minor internship fair. Please see the list below and good luck!

Sincerely,

Cameron Riopelle
Sociology Advising

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1. Mary Ramier Grant for Undergraduate Women

Mary Ramier Grant

The Mary Ramier Grant is set up to inspire undergraduate women to develop as successful leaders, activists, and professionals. Mary Ramier, a 1923 graduate of the University of Illinois, was an attorney and activist from Indianapolis, IN. She was remembered for tackling problems in her Irvington neighborhood, including a petition drive that led to much-needed urban
renovation. She also worked at the national level as an attorney and officer for the MortarBoard National Senior Women’s Honorary.

The grant will be awarded competitively and can be used to

- Support research
  - research travel
  - research materials such as books, recording equipment, etc.
  - conference travel
- Creative projects such as, but not limited to
  - zines
  - films
  - plays
- Field trips that are related to gender and women’s studies
- Other activities that promote the advancement of women

Awards are usually between $50 and $500. The Gender and Women’s Studies awards committee will determine the amount and number of awards per year based on the merit of individual proposals and financial need. Money will not be awarded for tuition costs or living expenses.

Requirements: All undergraduate women in good standing are eligible to apply. Applicants should fill out an application form (see attached), and include the name of a faculty member or TA who might be called for reference.

Spring Semester Deadline: March 1

2. Greetings from the MPH Program!

The University of Illinois Master of Public Health (MPH) Program is hosting an Open House on February 17th for students interested in applying for the MPH. We have received inquiries from students in your department, so we wanted to offer an opportunity for them to visit our program and learn more about the MPH in person.

The attached invitation includes information about the Open House, and since space is limited we encourage students to contact us as soon as possible to complete their registration for the event.

Please forward this invitation to interested students, departments, or organizations. I am happy to answer any questions.

For more information about the MPH program, students can visit www.mph.illinois.edu <http://www.mph.illinois.edu>. 
3. U of I day at the Capitol!

AT THE CAPITOL

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Please join fellow alumni, students, staff, and friends as they head to the Capitol in Springfield to speak out in support of the University of Illinois.
Participants will be briefed by Alumni Association and University leaders,

including UIAA CEO and President Loren Taylor, and UI President Michael J. Hogan –

and will then meet with their districts’ legislators and staff.

The state legislature's decisions will impact the future of the University of Illinois, so it’s important that your elected officials hear from you. You can make a difference!
We hope you will join us on this important trip.

Read More and Register Here! <http://www.ic.uillinois.edu/lobbyday>

This event is sponsored by Illinois Connection at the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

There are no costs associated with this event and transportation from campus locations will be provided.

4. College of Media ICT Info Sessions

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Please note that the deadline for all applications is March 2nd by 3:00 p.m.

The sessions will all be held from 4:00-5:30 in 100 Greg.

The dates are: February 16th, 22nd and 28th.

5. Burkina Faso Study Abroad Course

Dear Students,
I am writing to you today to let you know about an exciting opportunity to take a short-term (2 weeks) study abroad course to Burkina Faso focusing on economic development in Africa. The trip will be led by a UIUC Economics professor, Professor Richard Akresh, this spring.

Undergrad students from all years and all majors are eligible to apply. Students enrolling will meet for on-campus classes in the evening on March 12, April 2, April 16, and April 30 and will travel in May after traditional courses end.

Detailed information about the course can be found at: https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/akresh/www/GBL298.htm

The application deadline is February 10, 2012.

If you have questions, please feel free to email Professor Akresh at akresh@illinois.edu.

Have a wonderful day,

Professor Richard Akresh

6. UIUC All Campus Career Fair

The UIUC All Campus Career Fair will be on the following day:

April 4, 2012 - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Activities and Recreation Center (ARC)
201 East Peabody Drive, Champaign, IL 61820

Key Dates and Deadlines:

- **2/17/2012** - Early Bird registration deadline
- **2/18/2012** - **3/16/2012** - Regular registration open
- **3/16/2012** - Registration deadline at regular rate; late registrations will be accepted for an additional $50 fee after 3/17/2012, pending availability
- **3/28/2012** - Shipped packages may begin arriving
- **3/30/2012** - Registration payment deadline (Companies who have not paid by this date may lose their registration)

Key Contact Information:

Katie Kennealy (kennealy@illinois.edu)
Associate Director, The Career Center

Tori Spring (vspring@illinois.edu)
Assistant Director, The Career Center
7. Career Fair Prep for Social Science Majors

March 28: “How to Work a Career Fair” at 4pm in DKH 436

(Email from Zelda Gardner)

8. Career Fair for Social Science Majors

April 20: Annual Sociology Major and Minor Fair from 1-3pm in the Illini Union Room 314

- This event will highlight internship opportunities in the community! Please note the change of venue. More information will be coming.

9. Creating your own Personal Marketing Tool

February 29: “Resume Workshop” at 4pm in DKH 436 hosted by the Career Center

10. ATLAS Undergraduate Assistant Internship

ATLAS Undergraduate Assistant Internship

Applied Technologies for Learning in the Arts & Sciences (ATLAS) is looking for an undergraduate assistant who is interested in gaining experience in applied survey projects. This position is available during the spring semester and may carry on through the summer depending upon funding and performance.

Job Duties:
The undergraduate assistant will work with ATLAS consultants on projects including survey implementation. Some specific duties include conducting phone interviews to collect survey responses, preparing and organizing mail surveys, entering data, mailing out incentives, and other assigned tasks.

Job Requirements:
The minimum requirements for this position include:
a. Being detailed-oriented and responsible.
b. Being courteous and having good communication skills.
c. Having basic computer skills.
The following is highly preferred but not required for this position:
a. Experience using Excel and/or SPSS.
b. Experience conducting survey research.
c. One reference from previous job or research experience.

**Time and Salary:**
Time commitment is approximately 10 hours per week. Salary ranges between 9-10 dollars per hour depending on previous work experience.

**Application Deadline:**
Interviews will be conducted until the position is filled. To apply, please submit your resume to atlas-consult@illinois.edu. For more information, please check the ATLAS website http://www.atlas.illinois.edu/services/stats/. You may also contact us by email: atlasconsult@illinois.edu or call (217) 333-6750.

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**11. Alpha Kappa Delta Student Paper Competition**

**ALPHA KAPPA DELTA**

2012 Student Paper Competition

This is a reminder about Alpha Kappa Delta's Student Paper Competition. Please share this announcement with your AKD students. Attached below you will find a flyer that you may like to hang outside your office or hand out at your next AKD meeting.

**WHAT**

Each year Alpha Kappa Delta sponsors an undergraduate and graduate student paper competition.

**APPLICANTS**

Alpha Kappa Delta welcomes submissions from current undergraduate and graduate students who are members of the Society, whether or not they are involved in AKD chapter activities.

**PRIZE**

Available are various cash prizes and $1000.00 in travel expenses to the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association for first, second, and third place winners. Authors of all prize-winning papers will receive one-year extensions of their subscriptions to Sociological Inquiry.

**DEADLINE**
The deadline for the paper contest is March 1, 2012 via email. All papers should be sent to AKD@lemoyne.edu with "Undergraduate Student Paper Submission" or "Graduate Student Paper Submission" in the subject line.

NOTE: Please read the paper submission requirements posted on our website first before sending any papers!

WEBSITE

Please click here for more information as well as the Student Paper Competition flyers. Our website url is: www.alphakappadelta.org

12. Public Engagement Symposium

Public Engagement Symposium: Transforming Our Society April 18, 2012 | 3–6 PM | Activities and Recreation Center (ARC)

Call for Poster/Display Proposals

We invite members of campus and the community to submit proposals for poster sessions and displays that address current best practices in community engagement. Individuals or teams (led by a faculty member with other faculty, staff, graduate or undergraduate students, and community partners) may submit a proposal.

To submit a proposal for a poster/display at the 2012 Symposium, please visit the Symposium website at:

http://conferences.illinois.edu/engagementsymposium/index.html

Your participation will provide faculty, staff, students, and community partners the opportunity to share innovative ideas and approaches to community engagement activities. We hope you will learn from, support, and celebrate the quality and variety of our scholarly and creative community engagement efforts. It is our hope to enlighten, educate, and inspire; to strengthen relationships; and to develop a culture of engagement across the campus and local communities. The Symposium is free and open to the public.
13. Myra Marx Ferree Lecture, WGGP Co-Sponsored Event

Framing Inequalities in the United States, Germany, and the European Union: Race, Class, and Gender as Dynamic Intersections

Myra Marx Ferree <http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/%7Emferree/>, Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Feb 17, 2012
Time 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lucy Ellis Lounge: Room 1080, Foreign Languages Building, 707 S. Mathews, Urbana (map <http://maps.google.com/maps?q=707+S.+Mathews,+Urbana&hl=en&ll=40.106593,-88.22588&spn=0.005752,0.009645&slr=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=48.421237,79.013672&vpsrc=6&hnear=707+S+Mathews+Ave,+Urbana,+Illinois+61801&t=h&z=17> )

Sponsor: European Union Center <http://www.euc.illinois.edu/>

SPEAKER BIO: Myra Marx Ferree is the Alice H. Cook Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Director of the European Union Center of Excellence there. She is a long-time student of women's movements, especially in the US, Germany, and the EU, and her book, Varieties of Feminism: German Gender Politics in Global Perspective is out this month from Stanford University Press. In addition, she has authored numerous articles on German feminist politics in German Politics & Society, Social Politics, Gender & Society, and the American Sociological Review. Her previous books include Shaping Abortion Discourse: Democracy and the Public Sphere in Germany and the US (2002) and Global Feminism: Women’s Activism, Organizing and Human Rights (2006) and she is currently editing a collection on new gender perspectives on human security issues.

Part of the EU Center of Excellence Director Lecture series.

14. Eric Swyngedouw Lecture on Urban Space and Social Justice, March 1

CAS/MillerComm2012
Erik Swyngedouw, will give a CAS/MillerComm presentation, Every Revolution Has Its Square: Re-Politicizing the Unequal City, Thursday, March 1, 4:00pm, Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum, 600 South Gregory, Urbana.

Erik Swyngedouw is from the School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester, United Kingdom.

Hosted by: Department of Geography and Department of Urban and Regional Planning

In conjunction with: Center for Global Studies, Department of Sociology, Spurlock Museum

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.

15. Sociology Undergraduate Research Symposium April 11

2012 Undergraduate Research Symposium to be held April 11

The fifth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium will be held at the Illini Union on April 11 (Wednesday). Deadline for proposal submission is 11:59 p.m. Feb. 27 (Monday). A series of pre-symposium events will support student preparation of both proposals and presentations; watch symposium website for scheduling announcements.

URL: http://provost.illinois.edu/ugresearch/
Peter Leslie Mortensen - pmortens@illinois.edu
Provost & VC Academic Affairs

16. Office of Volunteer Programs Opportunity

The Office of Volunteer Programs (OVP) would like to announce its brand-new Ambassador Program to students! We are looking for passionate individuals who are interested in: learning more about service work; impacting the community in a lasting way; and gaining valuable professional experience.

The program consists of a 6-week course that would combine theoretical, practical, and creative outlooks on service-learning, volunteerism and community development. The only commitment that we ask of students is their participation in the weekly courses. However, if they would like to earn the title of OVP Ambassador, they would be given the opportunity to complete additional activities such as: participating in 6 volunteer events (3-5 OVP planned events + 2-3 events with outside agencies), and contributing a minimum of three posts to our blog.

We will be accepting application from now until February 15th.
The application can be found here: [https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/4517209](https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/4517209) or on our website: [www.union.illinois.edu/ovp](http://www.union.illinois.edu/ovp)

The course sessions will be from 5:30-7:30 each Wednesday from February 22nd - April 4th.

Illini Union Office of Volunteer Programs (OVP)
288 Illini Union, 1401 W. Green St., Urbana
217-333-7424

[ovp@illinois.edu](mailto:ovp@illinois.edu)

[http://www.union.illinois.edu/ovp](http://www.union.illinois.edu/ovp)

17. How do Indigenous People Make Sovereignty and Autonomy Real? Feb. 21

CAS Initiative for 2011-2012 Sovereignty and Autonomy in the Western Hemisphere: National and Regional Struggles for Power, Identity and Space announces a roundtable discussion will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 3-5pm, presentation room, Center for Advanced Study, 912 W. Illinois Street, Urbana.

How Do Indigenous People Make Sovereignty and Autonomy Real?: An Introduction to Four Parts of the Hemisphere

Alaska and the Arctic:
Thomas Swensen, American Indian Studies, University of Illinois

The “Lower 48” United States:
The Frederick Hoxie, CAS Professor of History, University of Illinois

Mexico: Lourdes Gutiérrez Nájera,
Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College

The Andes:
Andrew Orta, Anthropology, University of Illinois

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

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19. Talk by Julie Chu, Anthropology, University of Chicago Feb. 27

Unsettling Accounts: Debt, Theft, and the Calculus of Fortune Among Chinese Transmigrants
Dr. Julie Chu, Anthropology, University of Chicago

Monday, February 27, 2012
12 PM
Asian American Cultural Center Lounge
1210 W Nevada (between Goodwin and Matthews)

In contemporary accounts of transnational human smuggling out of Fuzhou, China, debt and theft commonly appear as figure and shadow, sometimes working in tandem and other times at odds, to configure the moral project of money accumulation overseas. While it is easy to see theft’s relationship to debt as simply one of crisis, this paper aims to show how such a relation—with all its polarizing tensions and slippery confusions—can be seen as mundane, immanent or even ontological to the making and managing of fortunes among Chinese transmigrants straddling rural Fuzhou and the United States.

Julie Chu is Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago. Her book, Cosmologies of Credit: Transnational Mobility and the Politics of Destination in China (Duke University Press, 2010), won the 2011 Sharon Stephens prize from the American Ethnological Society.

Sponsored by the Center for Global Studies through the support of the U.S. Department of Education Title VI grant; the Department of Anthropology; and CEAPS
20. Model Arab League

Model Arab League

There is a new chapter of the Model Arab League here on campus. This organization runs similarly to the Model U.N. programs. The Model Arab League was founded by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations in Washington D.C.

We are looking for a few more candidates in order to have a full team to attend the Grand Valley University conference in Michigan on February 23-25.

21. Screening of “New Jim Crow” author Michelle Alexander discussion hosted by EJP

The Education Justice Project is hosting a screening of Michelle Alexander discussing her book, The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness on Thursday February 16 at 6:30 in the lecture hall at IPRH (805 W. Pennsylvania Ave, Urbana). The film will be followed by discussion with James Kilgore, a local activist around prison issues who speaks from the perspective of a history professor and a formerly incarcerated person.

The New Jim Crow has been called "explosive" and "alarming." Please let your students know about this chance to discuss the implications and impacts of America's current incarceration system. [http://www.newjimcrow.com/](http://www.newjimcrow.com/)

22. Undergrad Travel Grant & Summer Abroad in Brussels

2012 EU Studies Summer Program in Brussels

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Travel Grant for U of I Undergraduates

July 9 - August 10, 2012

The European Union Centers of Excellence at the University of Washington and University of Wisconsin are pleased to announce the 2012 EU Studies Summer Program in Brussels, hosted and co-organized by the Institute for European Studies at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). This program is supported by grant funds from the European Commission. This is an exciting opportunity for undergraduate students pursuing degrees at US and Canadian universities to study the EU up close with leading experts from both sides of the Atlantic; and to gain an understanding of the "real world" of EU institutions through discussions with officials and site visits in Brussels, the political capital of the European Union. The program includes site
visits to EU institutions in Brussels and Luxembourg, along with several special group activities and meals.


Application Deadline for the Brussels program: February 24, 2012

Travel Grant for U of I Undergraduates to Participate in the University of Washington Brussels Summer Program

The University of Illinois EU Center will be offering one 1,000 €* travel grant to a participant in the University of Washington summer study abroad program in Brussels. This grant will alleviate some of the international airfare costs to fly to Brussels during Summer 2012 to complete two courses on the EU and participate in an EU simulation. For more information and application materials, please visit http://www.euc.illinois.edu/funding/rfps.html

Application Deadline for travel grant: February 24, 2012

*The University of Illinois EU Center intends to award one grant at 1,000 €, but may modify the number and amount of the award if the applications so warrant.