Fabulous new study abroad opportunity for Sociology majors available Spring 2012 in Europe, taught in English! Onsite U of I Professor/ Program Director: Gray Swicegood!

**The KULeuven-Illinois Experience:**

Encountering Europe through the Lens of Social Science:

Spring Semester 2012

The University of Illinois in collaboration with its partner, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL) is developing a next generation study abroad program in Leuven, Belgium. We are constructing a new field site that will provide students with unique intercultural learning opportunities in the social sciences. European and American students will participate in common classes and curriculum as they explore the social and demographic transitions that accompany and underpin globalization. The inaugural edition of the program is slated for the spring semester 2012 and will feature a thematic focus on population and family dynamics from a life course perspective.

**Academic Program.**

The sociology departments of each institution have taken the lead in implementing the program. Sociology at Illinois has programmatic strengths in population studies, sociology of the family and transnational/globalization studies. Parallel strengths characterize the KUL sociology department along with expertise in public policy and cross-national survey research. To the extent possible this means that KUL courses will fulfill specific requirements for Illinois students and for many students will provide a pathway to specialization through focused study during the Leuven semester. Tentative specializations include family demography, methodology, policy, and European society and culture. For students interested in a broader academic experience other pathways are planned that take advantage of the courses from the arts, science, theology, philosophy, and business. Although the primary language of undergraduate instruction is Dutch (Flemish), a wide range of courses are offered in English.

**The Leuven Advantage**
KUL has a long history of hosting international students. Well-developed programs to facilitate international exchange are a hallmark of KUL’s tradition and commitment to the future, including ERASMUS, ATLANTIS, and PECS (Study Abroad Program in European Culture and Society). They have about 5,500 international students in residence on their campuses, and an extensive portfolio of courses with a comparative or international dimension.

Moreover, Leuven is a beautiful ringed medieval town only a twenty-minute train ride from the international airport in Brussels, capital of the European Union. At nearly six hundred years of age, KUL is one of the oldest and most respected centers of higher learning on the continent. Students enrolled in this program will be designated as Visiting Scholars at KUL with access privileges to a wide range of university facilities. Only an hour and half away from Netherlands, France, Germany, and Luxembourg means Leuven is an ideal base from which to explore much of Western Europe.

Leuven’s historical charms are augmented by a vibrant social life supported by more than 30,000 KUL students and staff. Leuven is a great place for interactive experiences with Belgian peoples and culture as the majority of the population speaks English (as well as French). Outside of class cultural and recreational opportunities abound. In addition to beautiful abbeys, churches, parks, and farms surrounding Leuven, there are important museums and historical sites in Belgium associated with the two major World Wars. The program will include coordinated cultural and social activities such as field trips to Bruges, Ieper (Ypres), Ghent, and Brussels.

Expenses: TBA but the goal is to make costs comparable to the on-campus semester.

Watch for detailed on the Illinois Study Abroad website.

http://studyabroad.illinois.edu/

Priority Deadline: June 15, 2011

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Interested in working for an exciting government agency in St. Louis or Washington, D.C.? Here is a great opportunity!

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the nation’s premier source of geospatial intelligence, has invited University of Illinois students to apply during their entry-level hiring event. As a Department of Defense combat support agency and a member of the U.S. Intelligence Community, NGA provides imagery analysis, maps, and geospatial data for U.S. national defense, disaster relief, and safety of navigation. NGA seeks to know the earth, show the way, and understand the world.

Applications are due by May 15. Selected applicants will be contacted for interviews at the end of July for the following entry-level positions in support of NGA’s global mission:

Intelligence Analysis and Scientific field:

* Imagery Intelligence Analyst
* Geospatial Analyst
* Imagery Scientist
* Political Geographer
* Project Scientist
* Regional Geographer

Program Administration Field:

* Accountant
* Contract Specialist - DAWIA
* Counterintelligence Officers
* HD Consultant
* Recruiter

Information Technology Field:
* Enterprise Account Manager
* Information Assurance Officer
* Information Security Specialist
* Systems Engineer

Interested candidates should apply online at www.nga.mil, Current Openings <https://erecruit.nga.mil/EXPROD/erecruit_browsercheck.html>. All applicants must be U.S. citizens and able to acquire a top secret security clearance. In addition, most positions require a bachelor’s degree or equivalent work experience for consideration.

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Need a break from studying for finals? Get out from behind your books and get outside for The Career Center’s 2nd Annual Summer Send-Off, taking place Wednesday, May 4 from 5-7pm in the courtyard behind the Student Arcade Building (off the corner of Wright and John Streets). Come enjoy free grilled food, great music, fun games, and a chance to win a Netbook, iPod Touch and other great prizes! Learn great tips and strategies for things to do over the summer break whether you’re doing an internship, taking classes, working a part-time job, or just relaxing.

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Sociology Department Annual Znaniecki Lecture

May 5, 2011 @ 2:00 pm

Room 126 LIS 501 E. Daniel St. Champaign, IL

Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology at Columbia University

One way of opening up the subject of globalization to disciplines that have resisted the category of globalization is to posit that the global whether an institution, a process, a discursive practice, an imaginary-- both transcends the exclusive framing of national states and also partly emerges and operates within that framing. In my research practice I chose to focus on three complex conditions (territory, authority, rights) that a) exist in all complex forms of organization (tribal societies, kingdoms, empires, republics), b) take on specific formats and interdependencies in each, including the nation-state, and c) in the case of the nation state are becoming unstable given globalization. Seen this way, globalization is more than its more common representation as growing interdependence and formation of self-evidently global institutions. It includes sub-national spaces, processes, actors. By Saskia Sassen

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Please join us for a Population, Health, and the Life Course Brown Bag Presentation by Ray Muhammad, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology. “Exploring Depression and Fertility among Fathers.” Friday, May 6th 10:00am. CAB 229 (Poli Sci Conference Room).

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Are you a Korean speaker looking for a paid internship/job in Champaign this summer? Wolfram Research is seeking a Compiler who is fluent in Korean and has permission to work in the United States. This is a part-time summer internship or temporary position in Champaign. The position requires compiling Korean email addresses from Korean junior colleges and universities for our Outbound and Post-Sales Initiatives. Applicants must be proficient in reading and writing Korean and translating Korean to English. This is a flexible position that can be worked during non-traditional work hours. To apply, please complete an online application at careers.wolfram.com.

Fall Internship Opportunity in Communications/PR/Media
The Fleishman-Hillard St. Louis Internship Program is now accepting applications for our upcoming Fall 2011 session. While at Fleishman-Hillard, interns have the opportunity to work with counselors to develop and execute traditional and digital media campaigns; write news releases, research papers, pitch letters and other correspondence; participate in new business opportunities; and coordinate events. Applicants need at least a 3.2 GPA average and must have completed their junior year of undergraduate study, however, recent graduates are preferred. Applications are welcomed from students with concentrations in all major areas, but backgrounds in journalism, mass media, communications, public relations, and radio and television broadcasting are given first consideration. Experience in digital communications and/or media convergence is required. For more information and how to apply, visit http://fleishmanhillard.com/careers/internships-scholarships/st-louis-internships/. Information is also posted through I-Link Job #40212.

Technology and Entrepreneur Center (TEC) Summer Internship Opportunities
TEC is seeking four student interns for Summer 2011 in Marketing, Journalism, Video and Web Development. To apply please send a cover letter and resume by email to Danyelle Michelini at dmicel2@illinois.edu by Monday, May 2. For more information on these positions visit http://illinois.edu/lb/article/1443/50363.

Personal Statement Reviews
Working on a personal statement for graduate or professional school? The Career Center Counselors are more than happy to review your statement and provide you with feedback on how to improve. Please refer to the following guidelines:
* Statements can be dropped off in person at The Career Center and if needed, an appointment will be scheduled with a counselor at this time. If you are unable to come in to the office, please call us at 217-333-0820 for e-mail submission instructions.
* Allow 48 hours turn-around time for counselor feedback or if you are scheduled to meet with a counselor, your statement must be turned in to The Career Center 48 hours before your appointment.
* Pre-health students applying to a professional health program are not required to meet with an advisor but are welcome to schedule an appointment to go over their statement; students applying to other graduate programs need to schedule an appointment with a counselor.
* In order to be reviewed, personal statements must be nearing a final draft format. Counselors can meet with students to discuss how to write a personal statement and what it should include, but statements should be in a complete format for reviews as counselors will only review a statement one time per student.
* Counselors will not edit statements but will provide comments on overall content and ways to strengthen the statement.

The Career Center
715 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL, 61820
Hours: 8:30-5:00 M-F
Phone: (217) 333-0820

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Are you a junior, senior, or graduate student who may be interested in research, study, or teaching abroad? If so, you could be a Fulbright Scholar!

The Fulbright funds one-year programs for U.S. citizens in 140 different countries. Please come to a workshop hosted by the National and International Scholarships Program to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

Thursday, May 5th, 3:30-5:00
Library, room 66
(enter down the stairs from Wright Street)

The workshop will include advice from recent Illinois Fulbright recipients and help students prepare materials for the Fulbright Priority Application Deadline<http://www.topscholars.illinois.edu/priorityFulbright.html> of July 1, 2011. Students must begin working on their applications this summer to fund Fulbright experiences beginning fall 2012.

For additional information about the Fulbright and other prestigious scholarships, please visit our website at http://topscholars.illinois.edu/prestigious/index.html.

We hope to see you on May 5th!

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