SOC NET NEWS – 9/16/11

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The KULeuven-Illinois Experience: Encountering Europe through the Lens of Social Science

* Alongside European and US peers, you will explore the social and demographic transitions of globalization.
* All students enroll in one core course on Family Dynamics and Population Change in Comparative Perspective.
* You will choose other courses that fit one of a range of academic pathways, such as Sociology and Policy, Anthropology, Political Science and Governance, or a multidisciplinary pathway.
* Many of the courses on the program have already been pre-approved for UIUC course credit and degree requirements.
* Economical program allows you to study abroad in Europe for less than the cost of studying at Illinois for a semester.

Learn more:

* See the attached handout.
* Visit the program website for information on courses and course equivalents, dates, cost, and how to apply.
* Email the Study Abroad Office program coordinator, Moira Rogers, at moirargs@illinois.edu
KULeuven Program Advising Sessions

Thursday, September 15
4:00 PM
Gregory Hall 221

Wednesday, September 20
4:00 PM
Gregory Hall 221

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Sociology Club and AKD Pizza Night

Are you a passionate sociologist?
Do you want to learn more about sociology, connect with people like you, and make a difference?
Consider joining the Sociology Club and AKD, our International Sociological Honor Society!
To find out more, come to the:

Sociology Club and AKD Pizza Night
Tuesday, Sept. 27th
6:00 pm
Union Basement / Food Court
Open to current and future SOC majors

*This is a valuable experience that also offers leadership opportunities.

Please note that applications for AKD are only taken in the fall. The application link is below:

http://www.sociology.illinois.edu/undergrad/major/organizations/documents/AKDapplication.pdf

If you have any questions regarding Alpha Kappa Delta or the application process, contact:

  Becky Gresh and Nicole Brown
  UIUC Department of Sociology, Advising Office
  70 Computing Applications Building
  (217) 333-4903
  soc-advising@illinois.edu

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Sociology Tutoring Opportunities!
Sociology tutors are needed this fall semester (especially for SOC 275: Criminology and SOC 374: Immigrants in the US). The hours are flexible and offer a pay rate of $10-12 per hour. You can apply online at:

http://www.athletics.illinois.edu/academics/
Click on “Tutor Application” on Left Hand Toolbar

For further information, call 217-333-9530.

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Scholarships for freshmen!

KEVIN T. EARLY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Deadline: October 14, 2011
Amount: $2,000

The Kevin T. Early Memorial Scholarship is given each year to recognize and encourage a talented freshman poet. The award, established by William and Donna Early, honors the memory of their son, Kevin T. Early, who was himself a talented, dedicated, and award-winning young poet with plans to major in English at Illinois. The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage talented young poetry writers to continue pursuing their craft.

Eligibility:

Any student with freshman standing at UIUC for the 2011-12 academic year and who has demonstrated an aptitude for and a skill in writing poetry.

Rules:

Students must submit 5 poems, and the total number of pages for the entire manuscript of poems should not exceed 5 pages. The award will be given to the student with the best overall manuscript of poetry.

Deadline for application: October 14, 2011

Contact and Submission Information: Amy Rumsey, Department of English, 208 English Building, MC-718, 608 S. Wright Street, Urbana, IL 61801. Phone: (217) 333-2390 (rumsey@illinois.edu).

The name, address, phone number, e-mail, and UIN of the writer are to appear on a title sheet that will be separate from the entry. The writer’s name is not to appear on the entry itself. Entries will not be returned.

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Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship
This fellowship is available annually from the European Union Center to study Modern Greek. Two levels of the language (Beginner and Intermediate) are currently offered through the Department of Linguistics. Applications for the AY 2011-12 are due February 11, 2012, and informational sessions will be held on November 16 and December 1, 2011, for interested students.

For more information see: http://www.moderngreek.illinois.edu/awards/

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Social justice

Last spring, Student PIRG interns at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign collected hundreds of petitions to defend the EPA’s ability to enforce the Clean Air Act; University of Arizona interns lobbied alongside Arizona PIRG advocates to get the state transportation board to pass a proposal to create a passenger rail line between Phoenix and Tucson; and Kent State students collected over 3,000 canned goods to alleviate hunger in Cleveland.

If you want to make a difference and learn valuable skills, join our team of interns and volunteers. We’ve got plans to take on the problems our country faces - and with your help, we can.

Fall Campaigns:

- Energy Service Corps
- Sustainable University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- End Unhealthy Food Subsidies
- Make Textbooks Affordable
- No Hunger, No Homelessness

Find out more and apply for a Student PIRG internship: https://www.studentpirgs.org/internships

If you care about these issues or others, we can give you the skills you need to make a difference. We're working together, and we're getting things done.

Reading Group on the New Jim Crow

Today nearly 2.4 million people are in prisons or jails across this country. Nearly 40% of these are African-American. An increasing number are Latino. This mass incarceration is one of the most important and most neglected issues in the U.S. today. Michelle Alexander has written an important book on this topic: The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness. She explores the history of mass
incarceration and concludes that it is a new form of racial oppression, similar to the segregation of Jim Crow. We think this is a vital book for people to read so through the IPRH we are organizing a reading group on The New Jim Crow during this semester. We will meet every other Wednesday to discuss what we have read and what can be done to reverse this trend of mass incarceration. If you are interested, we invite you and members of your organization to join us. We hope you will also help spread the word about the group. Thanks.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th at 7 p.m. at the Independent Media Center, 202 S. Broadway, Urbana. You can still attend meetings even if you have missed the first session!

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STRONG Kids: Fall 2011-Spring 2012

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The STRONG Kids research program is a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to the study of childhood obesity and health. The program is currently recruiting students to assist with data collection during the fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters!

This opportunity will provide students with a first-hand experience working as part of a research team as well as to help them develop a working knowledge of the theory and applications of trans-disciplinary research used to guide the STRONG Kids research program.

Students will also attend class once a week and earn course credit!!!

You are eligible to participate if you:

* Have Soph., junior or senior standing for fall 2011;
* Are available at least one morning per week from 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.;
* Are able to attend a lab meeting every other week on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

For an application please visit:
http://familyresiliency.illinois.edu/SKUnderResearch.htm

Visit http://go.illinois.edu/frcstudents to learn more about:

· The STRONG Kids research program
· STRONG Kids research sub-projects
· A list of project investigators and their affiliation(s)
· FRC Undergraduate Research Program
· Examples of research activities
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**Power Reading Course**

The POWER READING COURSE is designed to help students improve their reading speed, concentration, comprehension and productivity. This is a non-graded, non-credit, twelve session course that meets for 50 minutes on a M-W or T-TH sequence. Sessions will be available twice a semester. Books and materials will be provided. A materials fee of $15.00 will be assessed each student.

**Schedule**

Second Session

M&W Sections: October 24 – December 7, at 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm, in room 309 English Building

T&TH Sections: October 25 – December 6, at 10am, 11am, and 12pm, in room 307 English Building

**Registration Information**

Applications for fall 2011 are now available. Register online at [www.illinois.edu/goto/powerreadingregistration](http://www.illinois.edu/goto/powerreadingregistration). If you have questions regarding registration or need any additional registration or need any additional information, please email Susan Herbert at skherber@illinois.edu.

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**Witness needed for College of Law's Trial Advocacy Program**

Volunteers are needed to play expert witnesses in a U. of I. College of Law Trial Advocacy class Sept. 27, 28 and 29 (Tuesday-Thursday) from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Champaign County Courthouse. You will be given a script for your role and all the information you need.

Contact Julie Campbell at jjhill@illinois.edu for more info.

**Jurors needed for College of Law Trial Advocacy Program**

Volunteers are needed to sit as jurors and hear opening statements from U. of I. College of Law students Oct. 11, 12 and 13 (Tuesday-Thursday) from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Champaign County Courthouse. You will hear opening statements in both a homicide and a serious personal injury case.

Contact Julie Campbell at jjhill@illinois.edu for more info.

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Pre-law students: Upcoming workshops

Perfecting Your Personal Statement & Resume for Law School workshops—Sept. 12, 22, and 26
If you are applying to law school this fall, this workshop is for you. Topics for this workshop include: What the personal statement and resume can do for you; How to begin drafting the personal statement; Professional versus law school resumes; and Troubleshooting the personal statement and resume for your law school applications. Each of these sessions is the same, so you may pick the one that best suits your schedule. Please register online to ensure enough seating and materials for everyone.

Freshman Pre-Law Orientation—Sept. 22, 5:30-6:30 in 514 Illini Union Bookstore Building (Sessions will also be offered Oct. 5 and Nov. 3)
Welcome to Illinois! If you are a freshman who is interested in attending law school, this is the session for you. We will cover: what it means to be pre-law at Illinois; what you can do now to make yourself a great law school candidate; and how you can take advantage of campus resources to help you succeed! All Illinois students of any major are welcome. Freshmen should attend an orientation session prior to making an appointment with a Pre-Law Advisor. Please register online to ensure enough seating and materials for everyone.

SAVE THE DATE! The Law School Fair will be October 26 from 11-3 at the ARC
It's the biggest pre-law event of the year! Join us as over 100 law schools visit campus to speak with YOU about everything you ever wanted to know about law school. Ask questions about specific schools, learn about schools that interest you, collect some fun giveaways and even get a few application fee waivers. ALL students, freshmen through seniors (and alums!), any major, are welcome! This event is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. This is a do-not-miss event if you are considering attending law school! More information is posted on our website at http://www.prelaw.illinois.edu/prelawfair.html

All of our events and newsletters are also posted to our website at www.prelaw.illinois.edu

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Internship Opportunities in Washington DC

Hi,

I am the director of the Illinois in Washington program (IIW). I want to let you know that IIW is an academic internship program for students of all majors. Whether you are interested in our political process, in business and economics, the myriad of ways in which government affects your life, or if you just curious about what goes on in Washington, the IIW has something for you. No matter what your current interests are or future plans may be; you should consider interning and studying in our nation’s Capitol for a summer or for a semester.
There will be two information meetings this week. Please feel free to attend any one of these meetings to learn more about the Illinois in Washington Program. Here is the schedule of meetings:

Thursday, September 15th at 3:00pm in Room 33, Education Building.

Friday, September 16th at 1:00pm in Room 33, Education Building.

*If you can’t make any of the meetings but are interested in the IIW Program feel free to email me at dgreco@illinois.edu and/or visit our website at www.engagement.illinois.edu/iiw

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**Internship opportunities in Illinois State Legislature**

Are you interested in a paid internship working for the Illinois State Legislature?

Interns receive a stipend of $2,026 per month with student health insurance included.

Interns earn 8 graduate credits in political studies from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Interns work as legislative staff with either the partisan staffs of the Illinois General Assembly or the Legislative Research Unit.

Interning with the Illinois Legislature prepares interns for a variety of career paths.

Interns work closely with seasoned professionals in the unique environment of the State legislature.

Interns provide research and analytical support to committee leaders and members.

Interns analyze agency budgets and take part in crafting the state budget.

Interns handle press and newsletters for assigned legislators.

Interns gain personal access and build relationships with legislators, lobbyist and other state contractors.

Interning with Legislative Research Bureau primarily prepares interns for research career paths, while working with seasoned legal and communication professionals.

Interns gain legal research skills.

Interns respond to research requests from state legislators.
Interns help write official state documents and resources.
Upon completion of the program, interns pursue a number of professional avenues.

Interns are offered full-time positions on a legislative staff.

Interns pursue careers in public policy with a state agency or lobbying firm.

Interns pursue law degrees.

Interns continue their educational pursuits.

The Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program has a 48-year history and is considered one of the top ten internship programs in the United States.

Applicants must complete their undergraduate degree by September 1, 2012.

Applicants with advanced degrees are preferred.

Applicants with a minimum 3.0 GPA are preferred for partisan internships and required by the Legislative Research Unit (LRU).

Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. Internships start August 16, 2012 and end June 30, 2013. Application materials are available online at http://ilsip.uis.edu For more information, please contact me at 217.206.6579.

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Career Center Information

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

So you've made it through the career fairs, and are perhaps nervously awaiting that first interview with a recruiter. How do you prepare? What do you wear? What do you say? The Career Center has plenty of resources to help you get ready, including Mock Interviews http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/interview/mockinterview, workshops http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/upcomingevents, and more. Don't miss this week's blog post, How to Prep to Impress in Interviews, to get some great tips and resources on how to interview successfully.

Are You Ready?
Visit The Career Center Today!
Upcoming Workshops

Are you ready? Use these workshops to help you prepare!

Tuesday, September 20, 4pm: Exploring Careers in Federal Government
Tuesday, September 20, 6pm: Freshman Year 101
Wednesday, September 21, 4pm: Mastering the Federal Application Process
Wednesday, September 21, 5pm: Successful Interviewing
Thursday, September 22, 4pm: Career Planning for Third and Fourth Years (Career Exploration for International Students)
Thursday, September 22, 6pm: Peace Corps Application Writing Workshop

Download our complete Fall 2011 Calendar of Events
http://illinois.edu/784/fall_2011_calendar.pdf. 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
http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/upcomingevents! If you wish to have a career workshop brought directly to your classroom, residence hall, academic department, or RSO meeting then please submit a request online
http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/services/workshops/request

Women of Worth (WOW) Seminar Series

Calling all women! Join The Career Center, Illinois Leadership Center, and Women’s Resources Center for Women of Worth (WOW), an award-winning leadership and career seminar series created by women for women. This 3-part series will focus on helping you discover your personal talents and strengths, helping you learn how to apply them to your career development and teaching you to navigate within those strengths in the workplace. The seminars will take place at the following times:

Exploring Talents and Strengths on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30
Women in Today's Workplace on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30
Alumni Panel and Networking Social on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30

Space is limited and enrollment in all three seminars is strongly encouraged in order to get the most out of this series. WOW is open to all ungrad and graduate students. Please register for the first seminar no later than September 30. To register please visit:
https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/3361292

Questions?
Email WOWseminars@illinois.edu

Health Related RSO Fair
Monday, September 26, 4-6pm, Illini Union A, B, C
The Career Center will be hosting the first Health Related RSO Fair, a “mini-Quad Day” for pre-health students and RSO’s. This is an opportunity for pre-health students to learn more about the health related student organizations on our campus and for clubs to highlight their organizations and recruit more members! There is NO COST for students to attend or for clubs to participate. The deadline for clubs to register a table for the fair is September 16. Contact Andrea R. Wynn at armoore@illinois.edu for more info and to obtain a space for your club. Space is limited for clubs, so sign up as soon as possible!!

**Personal Statement Workshops**

The Writers Workshop is offering brief personal statement workshops in room 259 of the Undergraduate Library for students (primarily undergraduates) who are writing personal statements or any other type of application essay. Students should call 333-8796 to reserve a spot at one of these times:

- Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 3:00-4:00 PM
- Thursday, Sept. 29th, 3:00-4:00 PM

Sessions will be interactive, starting with a brief presentation introducing the concept of personal statements, followed by a discussion of some strategies and pitfalls as well as sample statements. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and if time allows, to get individual feedback on their own personal statements. Call 333-8796 to reserve your place!

**Graduate and Professional School Fair 2011: What’s Your Next Step?**

Would YOU like to interact with representatives from some of the nation’s top graduate programs and professional schools? If so, we invite you to volunteer at The Career Center’s annual Graduate and Professional School Fair on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. The Career Center needs volunteers for 2-hour shifts from 12 Noon to 8pm, to help with registration, assist visiting representatives with set-up, and aid in the overall coordination of the event. As a thank you for your help, each volunteer will receive a free Illinois t-shirt and a ticket for every hour of service to be entered in our volunteer raffle! If you are interested in volunteering, please email Kye Hawkins at khawkin2@illinois.edu.

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**Leuven Flier Below**
The KULeuven-Illinois Experience: Encountering Europe through the Lens of Social Science

** New Illinois program starting spring 2012 **

In collaboration with Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL), the University of Illinois has developed a study abroad program in Leuven, Belgium that provides you with unique intercultural learning opportunities in the social sciences. European and US students participate in common classes and curriculum as you explore the social and demographic transitions that accompany and underpin globalization.

Core Course: Family Dynamics and Population Change in Comparative Perspective

As populations change across Europe, this demographic movement involves major shifts in the timing of key life course transitions such as schooling, marriage, and parenthood. By examining how European populations live out their lives from birth to old age, this course will serve as an academic anchor and as a cross-cultural lens for how you understand the people living around you and the social, political, and economic systems in which they operate.

Academic Pathways

To complement the core course, you will select courses from several academic pathways to provide you with deeper understanding of topics pertinent to your life abroad and your academic trajectory in the US. Pathway options range from social science-specific specializations to a broader academic experience across the humanities, arts, science, and business. Examples of potential specialization pathways include: sociology, anthropology, political science, and European studies.

Learn more at studyabroad.illinois.edu. Questions? Email moirarg@illinois.edu. Apply by Oct. 5, 2011