Sociology Department Hosts Grad School Informational Brown Bag

What: Graduate School Informational Brown Bag
When: Friday, October 23rd from 12:00 – 1:30pm
Where: Education Building, Room 2

So you think you want to go to graduate school…

Are you just beginning to explore the option of graduate school? Do you find yourself swimming in application materials, unsure as to how you are going to get it all completed by the deadlines? Perhaps you already have a handle on the process but still have a few questions. Whatever the case may be, grab your lunch and join us on Friday, October 23, 2009, for what will surely be an informative event. Faculty and current graduate students in the Department of Sociology will be on hand to share advice, experience, and other great information about the graduate school application and admissions process.

The focus of the event will be on applications to programs in sociology, but anyone is welcome.

Questions? Contact the Sociology Undergraduate Advising office by phone at 217.333.4903, via email at niehans@illinois.edu, or stop by during walk-in hours.

Sociology Courses can be found at:
http://courses.illinois.edu/cis/2010/spring/schedule/SOC/index.html?skinId=2169

New Sociology Course:

SOC 396: Inequality, Poverty, Social Exclusion: Comparative Perspectives

Course Description:
Social inequality and poverty are as old as the human history. Yet our perceptions of inequality and poverty have changed over time and across societies. The concept of “social exclusion” reflects a recent addition to our conceptual vocabulary and policy frameworks that aims to develop a multi-dimensional, relational and dynamic approach to understanding the causes and consequences of social inequality and poverty.

The course has two main components. The first part will provide a critical review and analysis of sociological approaches to social inequality, poverty and social exclusion. The second part will focus on case studies from different parts of the world to compare the phenomenon of social exclusion related to inequality and poverty, and social policies to tackle these social problems.
Campus Resources for International Careers

Date:       Oct 27, 2009
Time:       6:30 pm
Location:   2043 Business Instructional Facility, 515 E. Gregory Drive, Champaign
Registration: Registration <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/327082>

Contact: Lynnea Johnson
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Phone: 333-6335
Sponsor: Area studies and international studies units
Cost: Free!

For Freshmen:

The Spring 2010 Discovery courses have been posted to the Provost's website. http://provost.illinois.edu/programs/discovery/Courses_SP10.html

The Career Center – Week of October 19

Workshops
Wed. October 21, 6pm: Finding a Major that Fits
Learn how to identify your interests, connect them to possible majors, and use the web to explore majors.

Thur. October 22, 6pm: Winning Résumés
Learn the basics of writing a résumé including format and objectives in a one hour workshop. Cover letters and special situations are also addressed.

All workshops are one hour and are held at the Arcade Building Conference Room 143 at The Career Center – 715 S. Wright Street, Champaign. Students must register on our website under the Upcoming Events heading: www.careercenter.illinois.edu <http://www.careercenter.illinois.edu/>.

The School of Labor and Employment Relations will have an Open House on Monday, October 26th from 6:30-8:30 at the Wagner Education Center, LER building (lower level).
Alan May, Vice President, Strategy, Compensation and Benefits for Boeing Corporation will be the featured alumni speaker along with faculty and the Director for Career Services.

**LINC—Learning in Community** is a service-learning course in which teams of students work on real projects proposed by community partners.

All students, all majors, all levels
See [http://linc.illinois.edu](http://linc.illinois.edu) for a listing of partners and their projects, and register for the course at ENG 298 (meets TR, 12:30-1:50, 3 credit hours).

**Advanced students — students with project management experience**
Do you have significant experience in managing large projects? Consider applying to be a Project Manager for LINC—Learning in Community. If selected, you will register for ENG 398 and earn 3 credit hours. For more information and the application form, see [http://linc.illinois.edu/project-managers-needed](http://linc.illinois.edu/project-managers-needed)

The College of Business will be holding two informational meetings about the ICT process in the upcoming weeks. At these meetings, students will be provided information about requirements and application procedures and have a chance to ask any questions.

**Upcoming ICT Meetings**
- Tuesday, October 27th, 1:30-2:30, 125 DKH
- Wednesday, October 28th, 10:30-11:30, 162 Education

This term, become a Student PIRG intern and you can help to solve the big problems that our country faces!

Find out more at: [http://www.studentpirgs.org/internships](http://www.studentpirgs.org/internships)

This semester, our top priority is our campaign to solve global warming. The good news is that we’ve already got the solutions we need. For example, last semester we organized an awesome event where we made solar-power smoothies to demonstrate the usability of solar power – we even served one to Congressmen! We’ll also be making sure our Congressmen hear from us as the Senate debates national clean energy legislation this fall.

We’re also running campaigns to improve public transit, fight hunger and homelessness, and make sure meaningful health care reform legislation gets passed this term.

Possible internships include:
· Working with the local and state media to cover our events

· Running petition drives and call-ins to our senators to demonstrate support for clean energy

· Planning service events to local shelters to help build up resources for those in need

As an intern you'll have an impact on issues that you care about and you'll learn valuable skills like working with the media, public speaking, and organizing large events. You can also earn course credit.

Sign up for an info session today: [http://www.studentpirgs.org/internships](http://www.studentpirgs.org/internships)

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Law School Admission Fair, Wednesday, October 21 at Illini Union A, B, C Rooms, 11:00-3:00.

Approximately 100 law schools from around the nation are coming to speak with our students! Our newsletters (which are also posted on our website, [www.prelaw.illinois.edu](http://www.prelaw.illinois.edu), under the "Pre-law Informer Newsletter" tab) contain articles about how to dress, what questions to ask, etc., and we will be adding more information to our website as the event approaches.