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Students can now book appointments with Sociology Advisors using the online web tool: https://my.atlas.illinois.edu/advising/

Just use the drop down calendar to find “Sociology Undergraduate Advising” and then select the Advisor and week you are looking for an appointment. Advising appointments that are available show up in green.

Social Science Career Fair Preparation Events

Resume Builder Event – February 6 at 5:00PM in 1090 Lincoln Hall

How to Work a Career Fair – March 6 at 5:00PM in 1000 Lincoln Hall
All-Campus Career Fair – March 18, 1-5pm
Activities and Recreation Center (ARC)

Co-sponsored by the Departments of Sociology, Political Science, Communication, and The Career Center

#OneCampus – Moving Beyond Digital Hate
Tuesday, February 4
7-9PM at Krannert Great Hall
A Campus Conversation Open to the Public!

Dynamics of Water and Societal Systems
An Interdisciplinary Research Program at the Virginia Tech StREAM Lab
2014 NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)
Program Dates: June 2 – August 1, 2014
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia

Application will be Reviewed Starting February 15th, 2014

Applications are invited from qualified and motivated undergraduate students (rising sophomores, juniors and seniors) from all U.S. colleges/universities to participate in a novel, interdisciplinary, 9-week summer research program at Virginia Tech centered within the university’s StREAM Lab (http://www.bse.vt.edu/site/streamlab/). All REU fellows will serve within several interconnected group projects dealing with issues of water sustainability, ecosystem resilience, and environmental stewardship. As our REU fellows address their specific research questions, they will be mentored by interdisciplinary faculty groups, providing them with a rich and unique perspective on their specific target issues, as well as a more mature and holistic view of watershed management.

U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents are eligible to apply. Successful applicants may be current students in a number of relevant engineering, science, and social science undergraduate disciplines. The research program is funded through the National Science Foundation – Research Experiences for Undergraduates (NSF REU) program. The 9-week internship will begin on May 31st (arrival day) and end on August 2nd (departure day). The research internship includes a stipend of $4000, subsistence costs (dormitory and most of the meals) and round trip travel expenses (up to $500) per person to Virginia Tech. In addition, expenses will be covered for travel to a conference, most likely the American Ecological Engineering Society conference in Charleston, SC (June 9-11).

For application links and more information: www.bse.vt.edu/site/reu-streamlab/

Additional information can be found at our Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/StreamLabReu

Research Activities: Although specific research questions will differ for each cohort of fellows, this REU will broadly focus on introducing students to the complex interactions between the natural Stroubles Creek watershed system and the upland anthropomorphic influences of the Blacksburg and Virginia Tech communities. Fellows will also be encouraged to develop critical thinking and communication skills through a series of “Society and Science” evening lectures and discussions designed to promote cross-disciplinary interactions and networking, and through the guided design of outreach activities intended to engage minority middle school students in summer science camps.
We will begin reviewing application submissions on February 15, 2014. Successful applicants will be informed by March 1, 2014. Please contact Dr. W. Cully Hession (540-231-9480; chession@vt.edu) or Dr. Leigh Anne Krometis (540-231-4372; krometis@vt.edu) for more information or with any questions.

NEW Leadership Illinois <http://igpa.uillinois.edu/pe/new-leadership>

This is an all-expenses paid, bi-partisan program that strives to educate and empower the next generation of female leaders. NEW Leadership Illinois challenges our brightest students to think critically and creatively about public policy and encourages them to make a commitment to public leadership early in their careers. The program includes leadership education, hands-on training in public policy, and networking opportunities with leaders from every level of government.

This year's program will be held June 2-6 in Chicago. Applications will be accepted until March 3, 2014.

Students from all backgrounds and in all majors are encouraged to apply. Students should attend a college or university in Illinois or should be an Illinois resident, and must have junior, senior or recent graduate standing in June 2014.

Write an Essay in Your Second Language (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish).

Winners will be sponsored to participate in a Global Youth Forum to take place June 25-29, 2014 at the United Nations in New York City.

June 2014 marks the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations and as part of the United Nations Academic Impact global initiative we are pleased to announce a global essay contest. Winning essayists will be invited to come to New York City for the 2014 Many Languages, One World Global Youth Forum. Accommodations and meals will be provided on the campus of Adelphi University located in Garden City, New York.

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“Our collaboration focuses on two of the priorities of the Secretary-General, one being youth and the other multiculturalism, and this is a wonderful way of bringing those two together,” said Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information of the United Nations, following the signing ceremony launching the contest.

“The role of the UN is the role of every global citizen, which is to make peace and to look at ways to enhance the qualities of life, health, and spiritual fulfillment of peoples around the world through common understanding achieved through dialogue, through a language spoken in common,” said Mark W. Harris, CEO and President of ELS, who will provide sponsorship for the event.
Ten winners will be selected for each of the six official UN languages for a total of sixty—those 60 essay competition winners will be invited to New York where they will attend the UN Many Languages, One World Global Youth Forum. ELS will sponsor travel, room and meals for each of the contest winners to come to New York, from June 25-29, 2014 to participate in a conference to discuss principles of the UN Academic Impact and formulate action plans to address global issues. This interaction between speakers of many languages will demonstrate the benefits of multilingualism and multinational collaborative dialogue as part of the United Nations Academic Impact.

Essay contest winners will attend a conference at Adelphi University and will present the action plan outcomes of that dialogue at the United Nations Headquarters on June 27th. During the Global Youth Forum each language group will develop an action plan in support of selected principles of the United Nations Academic Impact <http://www.els.edu/ManyLanguagesOneWorld/AcademicImpact> initiative. The delegates will also have the opportunity to interact with student linguists from the USA and other countries who composed the winning essays. They will stay in student housing and share meals on the Adelphi campus located in lovely Garden City, New York and will also be taken on a tour of New York City.

Many Languages, One World
Essay Contest Eligibility and Qualifications:

1. Students 18 years of age and older who are currently enrolled in a full-time program of study at a college or university are eligible to compete to win a place as a delegate to the Conference and Global Youth Forum.

2. The contestants must write their essay in one of the six official languages of the United Nations: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian or Spanish. Entries must be in an official language of the United Nations that is not the entrant’s first language or language of instruction in his or her primary or secondary education.

3. The essay, not to exceed 2000 words, should explore: How multilingual ability advances global citizenship and understanding. The essay should reflect the entrant’s academic, cultural and national context.

4. Each entrant must be sponsored by a faculty member or university official. Upon completion of the reference form, the student will receive an email with information on how to enter and upload their essay to the contest website.

5. The deadline for essay submissions is February 21, 2014.

Full competition details, including forms for entry and submission, are available at http://ManyLanguagesOneWorld.ELS.edu <http://www.elabs6.com/c.html?ufl=4&rtr=on&s=7cmy9,1e205,6c11,fi4g,27go,6ils,3tws>

We ask that you please forward this in particular to your language departments and we would appreciate if you would distribute this to the International Admissions and International students office and any and all department heads. Please feel free to post this information on University websites, newsletters, and other appropriate means of University communication.
Please click on this link to access a flier promoting this opportunity: www.ELS.edu/MLOWflier

Thank you very much for your institutional support, and for your ongoing efforts in support of multilingualism.

Hoping to see some essays from students nominated by your institution!

Interested in real-life projects, service-learning and teamwork and leadership experience?

Register now for ENG 315-Learning in Community (LINC) courses (3 credit hours) - open to all majors and all levels. Students in LINC engage in a variety of research, service and fieldwork activities and collaborate on interdisciplinary projects of significance to local and international community partners. In the past, students have built bridges, produced marketing campaigns, improved water systems, developed youth programs, designed rain gardens, and lots more.

Students can expect to gain knowledge and skills in conducting research, understanding social and environmental issues, analyzing community and organizational needs and assets, defining problems, generating and analyzing solutions, project scoping, planning, and execution, communication, problem-solving, critical thinking, and professional writing.

Don’t miss your opportunity to gain professional experience and make a lasting impact in the community! ENG 315 counts as an elective for the Leadership Studies Minor. To learn more about LINC projects, see http://linc.illinois.edu and watch the video, "What is LINC?" at http://youtu.be/f7s3aniu_40. Some sections offered for Spring 2014 include the following:

- CFP – Homer Lake Interpretive Center, Champaign County Forest Preserve. Projects related to museum education and natural and cultural history preservation.
- OKO – Old King’s Orchard Community Center and Krannert Center Office of Engagement. Projects related to community development, youth programs, and arts engagement.
- CUH – C-U at Home. Projects related to homelessness, support services, and advocacy.
- CAU – COVE Alliance Uganda. Projects related to international development, education, and agriculture.
- CHC – Champaign County Healthcare Consumers. Projects related to community health, education, and health advocacy.
- HCS – Haiti Clean Stove Project. Projects related to international development and clean stove technology.

A complete list of sections offered is attached and can also be found at - http://linc.illinois.edu/spring-14-projects. For questions, please contact Shikhank Sharma (sharma24@illinois.edu).

Pre-Law 101, Monday Feb. 3 at 4:00 in 514 Illini Union Bookstore Building
This workshop is designed for all students who are new to pre-law. We will cover: what it means to be pre-law, what law schools are looking for in candidates, how to build an effective pre-law resume, and what pre-law students can do to maximize their undergraduate years. Bring your questions! Please
register by clicking the link above so that we can ensure enough materials and seating for everyone. Freshman must attend a Pre-Law 101 session prior to making an appointment with a pre-law advisor.

LSAT Prep Fair, Monday Feb. 10 from 4:00-6:00 pm in Illini Union Room A
Are you planning to take the Law School Admission Test within the next year? Join us for our first-ever LSAT Prep Fair and win a scholarship! This is your chance to shop around and find out what LSAT prep options many different companies are offering—in one place! Enjoy some refreshments and speak to: Kaplan, Princeton Review, LSATMax, Next Step Test Prep, PowerScore, and TestMasters representatives. We will be raffling off LSAT prep course scholarships, books, and other prizes to those in attendance!

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Live, learn and intern in DC with Illinois in Washington
Come learn more about this academic internship program open to all Illinois undergraduates. Students live in Washington, DC for a semester or summer, intern 4 days a week, and take U of I classes.

Information session: Wednesday, February 5 from 6 to 7 pm, 317 David Kinley Hall
Deadlines: Summer – February 1; Fall – March 1; Spring Term – October 1
Also visit www.washington.illinois.edu.

Open Position for U.S.PIRG
As a graduating senior, you are no doubt trying to decide what you will do next year, or even for the next 5 years. Consider applying for U.S.PIRG’s Campus Organizer position.

Every day, powerful people are making decisions that affect our health, our safety and our future. We’re taught these decisions should be based on the public interest: that's how a government of the people, by the people, and for the people is supposed to work.

Yet in the real world, on issue after issue, we see powerful interests corrupting the democratic process, twisting public policy to serve their own ends, all too often at the public's expense.

How do you counter those powerful interests? The Student PIRGs are mobilizing America's college students to take action. Our organizers are headed to 40 college campuses across the country, where they will recruit, train and work alongside thousands of student activists. Together we'll go beyond studying the issues; we'll document the problems, find practical solutions, inform the public and make the case directly to decision-makers. And when powerful special interests stand in the way, we'll mobilize the student body, the local citizens and as many other people as it takes to make our voices heard in city halls, state capitols, Congress, the White House or wherever it will make a difference.

Take a look at what some of our organizers have been doing this year:

Kat Lockwood, organizer at UC Santa Barbara, recruited 150 students to attend a campaign kick-off event and launched a campaign for “A million clean cars” in California. Throughout the semester Kat and the students she worked with were able to generate over 2,000 petitions in support of more clean cars and get the issue highlighted in 6 media outlets in the area.
In Massachusetts, Campus Organizer Matt Wellington worked with students at UMass Lowell to build support for an update to the state’s most effective recycling program. He recruited dozens of students, and they collected over 4,500 petition signatures. Students across the state generated over 31,000 petition signatures out of the 130,000 the coalition delivered to the Attorney General to put the Updated Bottle Bill on the ballot and take a giant step toward reducing waste and litter.

When PIRG Campus Organizers fight for the public, we stand up to some of America's most powerful special interests, from Wall Street to Big Oil, from the Auto Industry to Super PACs. We're the Davids; they're the Goliaths. When we work hard, work smart and work together, we can overcome the most powerful opposition and win concrete results that improve the lives of thousands, sometimes millions, of people.

I’m a 2007 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Alumna and when I was getting ready to graduate I knew I wanted to put my political science degree to use and make the world a better place, but I didn’t know what kind of job or career would enable me to make the biggest impact. When I heard about U.S. PIRG and how they tackle our country’s biggest problems by mobilizing millions of people across the country, I was excited. As a campus organizer at UC Davis I recruited and trained over 400 students how to effectively organize campaigns to register their peers to vote, build support for clean energy legislation, and.

So join us. Apply now to be a U.S.PIRG Campus Organizer. [www.uspirg.org/apply](http://www.uspirg.org/apply)

We will be holding an information session and interviews on campus on Tuesday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 19. I encourage you to come find out more!

For more information check out our website, or send me an email at mhowe@pirg.org.

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Healthcare 101 Campaign

Young people, between 18 and 35, account for the largest population of the uninsured in Illinois. And it's not that young adults don’t want health insurance, studies have shown that when presented with a choice the overwhelming majority of young adults would love health insurance, but the high coverage costs, confusing fine print, and insurers denying us coverage based on pre-existing conditions has kept us uninsured. But we know not getting insured is even worse. Getting hurt in an accident or getting seriously ill can mean getting stuck with huge medical debt or going broke. As of January 1st, 600,000 uninsured young adults in Illinois now have new options to find health insurance that won’t break the bank but many of them don’t know what these options are or where they can go for help.

Illinois PIRG is running an educational campaign on campuses across Illinois to get students the facts about finding affordable health insurance. We need passionate students to help reach out to and educate theirs peers where they are, online and in person. We will distribute our young person’s guide to health insurance (available online bit.ly/ilgetcovered), run campus events, build a coalition of faculty and student groups, and create media attention to make sure we reach 60,000 young adults across Illinois. We will train you every step of the way and you can even earn course credit.

If you want to make an impact on this issue and work on the campaign as a volunteer or as an intern, fill out our short application online and we will get you plugged in! Apply at [http://studentpirgs.org/internships](http://studentpirgs.org/internships) or email Rachel@illinoispirg.org with any questions.
You are invited to attend the info session for ACES in Sierra Leone Thursday, January 30 in 1020 Lincoln Hall at 4pm. The info session will cover ACES semester programs in International Development and Global Health as well as the Winter Break Study Tour. All programs are part of a partnership with Njala University, and you will have the opportunity to experience West African culture. We look forward to seeing you at the info session!

Check out the Facebook group for photos from the winter break and spring program: https://www.facebook.com/groups/321844524593949/

Upcoming day-long leadership program, IMPRINT!

What will you learn at Imprint?
· The skills necessary to network effectively!
· The importance of mentoring!
· How to transition effectively from school into a career!

Who will be at Imprint?
· 30 alumni representing each college from a variety of professional backgrounds are coming to campus to serve as leadership coaches for the weekend!

Why should you attend Imprint?
· Build upon your leadership skills!
· Prepare for your future career!
· Gain valuable insight from current professionals!

When is Imprint?
· March 1, 2014

How can you register?
· Follow this link <http://www.illinoisleadership.illinois.edu/_auth/login.asp>
  o Log in with your UIUC credentials
  o Click “I-programs on the left”
  o Select “Imprint”

The program is free and food will be provided.

We recommend this program to upper classmen (Juniors and Seniors), as the program focuses on transitioning from college into a career!

We hope to see you there!

Become an Environment America Fellow: Fight for a green future. Learn what it takes to win.

My name is Lisa Nikodem. I’m the Campaign Director at Environment Illinois, and a U of I alum. We’re a statewide citizen based environmental advocacy group. We’re about clean energy, clean air, clean
water, and protecting open spaces – right now our top priority is doing our part to stop global warming. And, we’re hiring!

To learn more and apply, visit jobs.environmentamerica.org <http://jobs.environmentamerica.org/page/amr/apply-be-environment-america-fellow>. Our early application deadline is Wednesday, February 19th. I will be on campus Friday, February 21st to interview candidates.

Environment Illinois is part of the Environment America federation, a federation of 29 state-based groups with nearly 100 professional staff and more than 1 million members, activists and allies across the country.

Each year, we hire graduating seniors with the passion, the commitment and the talent it takes to stand up to polluting industries, fight for a green future and do what it takes to win.

Our Fellowship Program is a two-year crash course in the nuts and bolts of environmental activism, organizing, advocacy and the type of institution-building that can sustain long-term battles.

As a fellow, you’re not just learning how to make an impact; you’re making one. If you want to hear more straight from our current fellows, we put together a short video for you. You’ll find it on our website here <http://jobs.environmentamerica.org/blogs/fellowship-program-updates/amr/new-video-whats-it-be-fellow>

After two years as a fellow, you’ll have learned the ropes, gained invaluable hands-on experience and you’ll have made a real difference for the environment. Hear from two former fellows about the work they're doing now to fight fracking here <http://jobs.environmentamerica.org/blogs/fellowship-program-updates/amr/new-video-after-fellowship>

To learn more and apply, visit jobs.environmentamerica.org <http://jobs.environmentamerica.org/page/amr/apply-be-environment-america-fellow> Our early application deadline is Wednesday, February 19th.

And if you’re not graduating this year, you should apply to be an Environment Illinois intern – you’ll learn how to make an impact on critical environmental issues, and there’s no better way to get the experience to launch your career with us.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Lisa Nikodem
312-544-4430
Lisa@EnvironmentIllinois.org

p.s. We’re also working to organize a Student Day of Action on campus the week of February 10th. We’ll fan out across campus to collect petition signatures to the EPA urging them to move ahead with new limits on carbon pollution from power plants, and record video messages to President Obama telling him why it’s important to us that he tackle global warming now.