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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.

SOC 196-IRA: Social Problems
A study of social problems in the United States necessarily entails a discussion of global issues. To that end, this course will examine many contemporary social issues such as crime, war and terrorism, the environment, inequality, poverty, discrimination, the economic recession, and others, through a global framework. Many of the topics we will cover could motivate an entire semester's study in their own right; indeed, some scholars devote their entire careers to but one of these topics. However, this breadth allows us to think broadly about the issues that are identified as social problems and the ways in which individuals and groups attempt to resolve those problems; both processes are revealing about the time and society in which we live. One of the main objectives of this class is to learn about how sociologists examine social problems through analysis.
and research. Alongside that process, you will improve your critical thinking skills and become a better/more informed consumer of information.

SOC 196-CB
The HIV/AIDS Pandemic: Global and Local Perspectives

The HIV/AIDS pandemic has drastically altered the global social, political, economic and demographic landscape. Delivering education concerning the virus, expanding prevention programs, monitoring the needs of countries and communities affected by HIV and AIDS, making treatment accessible and providing care for individuals infected with HIV or living with AIDS continues to challenge the capacities of families, communities, countries and international organizations. In this course we examine the pandemic as both a global and local phenomenon. Our discussions will be theoretically framed within the central concepts of globalization, social inequality, stigma and economic development. While based with a socio-demographic tradition, this course draws on literatures from many disciplines to highlight the general contours, continuing debates, and ethical challenges related to the pandemic.

As an introductory course, we will share strategies to enhance core academic skills focusing on effective approaches to college level reading, note taking strategies and formal writing skills. By the end of the term we should all be better informed about the HIV/AIDS pandemic, familiar with some basic social science theories and possess an expanded tool box of academic skills.

SOC 199–Global Religion–AB

Global Religion For a long time, since the late 19th Century, many social thinkers believed that the development of modern life and thinking would make religious belief and institutions outdated. Yet, the recent decades have witnessed religious resurgence of global proportion. This course focuses on the social, political, and transnational dimensions of religious revival. We discuss the worldwide rise of religious fundamentalism, and explore its implications for democratic politics, violence, and gender. We examine the rise and decline of Latin American liberation theology of the 1960s and 1970s, and discuss how the new Century has given rise to the rapid growth of global Pentecostal Christianity in Africa and Latin America, and the Jihadi movements such as the al-Qaida in the Muslim world.

SOC 199 – Exploring Careers with a BA in Sociology - ADV
This course is intended both for Sociology majors and non-majors who want to explore a variety of career options with a BA in Sociology. In this course, we will explore your career interests and skills, read about and discuss career options, meet with professionals in a variety of disciplines (law enforcement, law, social service agencies, business, social work and more), and shadow a professional in a field of your choice. We
will explore how the sociological imagination prepares you to work in a variety of careers.

Are you passionate about global change, committed to learning by doing, and ready to engage in hands-on global development?

The Global Engagement Studies Institute (GESI) at Northwestern University will equip you to:

- Work directly with local communities and community organizations in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, India, South Africa, or Uganda
- Earn two Northwestern course credits (equivalent to six semester hours)
- Live with a host family and immerse yourself in another culture for eight weeks
- Work in teams of undergraduates to design and implement a development project in microfinance, social enterprise, education, environmental sustainability, global health, and more

Engage directly with local communities:

GESI 2013 - Dominican Republic:
The team worked with local community leaders to research and address issues of access to and affordability of clean water. GESI participants found local producers of filter components, and redesigned expensive water filters, making them 55% less costly, and 70% more efficient in filtration. They worked with area leaders to market the new filters, and to set up payment plans for purchasers.

GESI 2013 - Uganda:
GESI participants worked with community members and health workers to increase access to information about common, local diseases. They assembled a group of volunteers to learn about these diseases, how to tell them apart, and where to seek treatment. The volunteers continued to spread information, and used manuals equipped with this information to present to their communities.

Ready to take the next step?
To learn more about GESI, and how to apply, go to www.gesi.northwestern.edu. Be sure to fill out our survey here <http://gesi.wufoo.com/forms/northwesterns-gesi-program-interest-survey-2014/> to receive more information.
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Early deadlines are December 15, 2013 and January 15, 2014, for guaranteed first choice placement if accepted into the program. Final deadline is March 1, 2014, but please apply early, as spaces will fill.

If you have questions and want to speak to a member of the GESI staff, please contact us at gesi@northwestern.edu or 847.491.5932.

WOMEN AND GENDER IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Roger Thurow's "The Last Hunger Season" film preview and panel discussion
Tuesday, November 12, 3:00pm
Location: Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum
Speaker: Roger Thurow, documentary filmmakers, and invited faculty panelists
A film preview of "The Last Hunger Season: A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change" followed by a panel discussion.

Upcoming Events:

"Inequality for All"
Saturday, October 26, 2013, 7 pm
Art Theater Co-op (126 W. Church St., downtown Champaign)
Economic inequality in the U.S. has risen to a level not seen since the Great Depression. Inequality for All exposes what is happening to our society: who benefits and who loses out as wealth becomes ever more concentrated. Our university feels the effects on a daily basis? The state pushes the cost of college onto students who can pay or borrow to come here, which shuts out students from lower income families and perpetuates the cycle of inequality.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion with Patricia Simpson, Central Illinois Jobs with Justice, UIUC Labor Studies Program; Aaron Ammons, SEIU; economist Michael Brun, ISU/Illinois Wesleyan University; and facilitated by Danielle Chynoweth, UC Independent Media Center.

Inequality for All examines the crisis of widening income inequality in the US through the eyes and the influential work of Robert Reich. Winner of the Documentary Special Jury Prize at Sundance, where that jury said, “With clarity, humor and heart, this timely film reveals the underpinnings of an urgent threat to American democracy.” Robert Reich is a best-selling author of thirteen books, Chancellor’s Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration, and a foremost expert on economics.
Brown Bag with Leslie Maitland  
Author of Crossing the Borders of Time: A True Story of War, Exile, and Love  
Reclaimed  
October 28, 12pm  

Location: 3057 Lincoln Hall  
Speaker: Leslie Maitland  
Sponsors: Women and Gender in Global Perspectives  
Gender and Women's Studies  
RSVP for Brown Bag with Leslie Maitland <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/7296752>  

Click for a complete list of WGGP events <http://ips.illinois.edu/wggp/>  

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News Around Campus

Illinois Earns 2013 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award  
<http://illinois.edu/lb/article/5510/78356>

“Inclusive Illinois” is now accepting nominations for the annual Larine Y. Cowan “Make a Difference” Awards. <http://diversity.illinois.edu/makeadiffaward.html>

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Illinois Business Consulting

Illinois Business Consulting is currently accepting applications for new consultants for the Spring 2014 semester. For more information or to apply, go to http://ibc.illinois.edu/. Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, November 6th.

IBC is the largest student-run consultancy in the country, conducting 60-70 business consulting projects each year for established organizations of varying sizes (Fortune 500 to small businesses, both for-profit and nonprofit). Illinois Business Consulting works with real-world clients by assembling teams of students from a wide-variety of backgrounds to take on a complex, challenging project that the client currently faces. As an IBC member, you’ll have access to a variety of leadership and professional development opportunities, while gaining practical business experience.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at ibcsot@gmail.com.

The Career Center  
Winter Break Job Shadow Program  
December 20, 2013 - January 17, 2014  
Build your network and learn of career opportunities!
The Winter Break Job Shadow Program will help you engage with a company of interest, establish your professional network, and foster potential career opportunities! The program is a one-day commitment over winter break. The Job Shadow Program is open to **ALL MAJORS** and will include a variety of industries.

To apply, you must first attend one of the Job Shadow Information Sessions listed below:

**Job Shadow Information Sessions:**
- Monday, Oct. 28 at Noon, Lincoln Hall 1026
- Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m., Armory 429
- Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m., Architecture Building 302
- Thursday, Oct. 31 at 3 p.m., Lincoln Hall 1051
- Friday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m., Lincoln Hall 1051

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**Rita Stephen Public Service Talk**
*Monday, October 28, 2013*

10-11:30 AM
Lincoln Hall 3057

What can you do with a Ph.D.? Careers in public service.

As a foreign affairs officer, Rita Stephen is the Syria and Lebanon analyst at the United States Department of State. She is also a visiting researcher at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University and a senior demographics fellow at the Arab American Institute. Dr. Stephen received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Texas at Austin with a portfolio in Women’s and Gender studies.

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**Rita Stephen: Feminizing the Cedar Revolution in Lebanon**
*Lessons for the Arab Spring*
*Monday, October 28, 2013*

12:30-2 PM
Lincoln Hall 3057

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Speaker: Assata Zerai, Associate Professor of Sociology
Date: Oct 30, 2013
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: 101 International Studies Building; 910 S. Fifth St., Champaign
Cost: Free. All are invited.
Sponsor: Center for African Studies
Contact: Terri Gitler
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