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You may have noticed a new face in Sociology Advising. Please join me in welcoming our new advisor Ms. Tiara Marshall to Sociology. You may schedule advising appointment with her via the web tool listed below. Ms. Marshall graduated from Illinois in 2010 with a BA in Communication and is currently working on her Masters in Higher Education.

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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.
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.

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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**Q&A session featuring U of I alumna Christina Brodbeck**

The College of LAS is pleased to host an interactive Q&A for our students featuring U of I alumna Christina Brodbeck, a tech industry entrepreneur and angel investor. Christina will be joined by Ellen Ellison, Chief Investment Officer at the U of I Foundation. Learn how LAS degrees have supported the professional endeavors of both and glean tips on tailoring your own career path.

Wednesday, November 20
7:00 p.m.
1027 Lincoln Hall

Christina A. Brodbeck is a co-founder and managing partner of Rivet Ventures. Previously, she was a founding team member at YouTube, where she was the company's first UI Designer. While at YouTube, Brodbeck was the lead designer for YouTube Mobile. She is a passionate advocate for innovation in education, having launched YouTube EDU as her official side project at YouTube. Before YouTube, Brodbeck worked at MRL Ventures, NASA, and Keynote Systems. Most recently, she co-founded Pickvee, a startup focused on using technology to improve health and well-being. The company's first product, ThelceBreak, is an app and Web site that helps couples grow in their relationships. Brodbeck is a seasoned angel investor with investments in over 20 companies, and has mentored at various places including 500 Startups and The Designer Fund. She speaks globally on women in technology, design, investing and entrepreneurship. Brodbeck is originally from the Chicagoland area, and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, as well as a master's degree in Instructional Multimedia Design from San Francisco State University.

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**Sidney Tarrow**

The Dark Side of Internationalism: Transnational Terrorism and the Internationalization of Repression

Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 6pm
Lincoln Hall Auditorium 1000 - 702 S Wright St, Urbana

Sidney Tarrow (PhD, Berkeley, 1965) is the Emeritus Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Government at Cornell University. He is a leading scholar in the field of social movements and contentious politics and is currently working on a book tentatively titled War, States, and Contention.
This lecture is based on Tarrow's new book project in which he traces in a series of historical and internationally comparative chapters the complex and, at times, seemingly paradoxical, relations between war, rights and contention from Cromwell's era to the present.

Summer Research Internships in India

Looking for a summer research opportunity? Consider the opportunity to participate in an international collaboration. The Bose Program places students from all disciplines of science and engineering at leading universities and research laboratories in India. Funding includes housing, a stipend and airfare support. Come learn more about this opportunity from former participants at the Bose Program Information Session on November 20 at 5:30PM in Lincoln Hall Room 1024. To learn more about the program and application process, you can also visit http://www.khorana-bose.org/.

Study Abroad Fair

Study Abroad Fair: Tuesday November 19th

Interested in studying abroad? Stop by the Study Abroad Fair!

Warm up with some hot chocolate at the Study Abroad Fair on Tuesday, November 19th from 11am-4pm in the Illini Union.

Learn about study abroad programs located around the world. Discover how to incorporate your study abroad experience into your major, minor, or career plans. Talk to returnees, peer advisors, study abroad advisors, faculty, scholarships, and more. All in one location!

Whether you're a freshman just starting to think about studying abroad, or a junior aiming for the January 15th Priority Deadline, this is the one place you'll want to stop by to explore your program options.

All-Campus Info Session with State Department Diplomat-in-Residence, Ambassador Ian Kelly

Date: Monday, November 18, 2013
Time: 6-7:30pm
Place: Lincoln Hall, Room 1000

Interested in hearing from a U.S. Ambassador? Thinking about a career as a Foreign or Civil Service Officer? Ever wondered what it would be like to work for the US in a foreign country?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then come hear from our State Department Diplomat-in-Residence, Ambassador Ian Kelly. Ambassador Kelly has had an extensive career that includes tours of duty in Vienna (OSCE), Washington D.C., Brussels (NATO), Ankara, Belgrade, and Moscow. For more on internships and careers with the State Department, visit http://careers.state.gov/.