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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.
Undergraduate Sociology Association Information Meeting
Thursday Feb. 19th
6-7 pm
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The Undergraduate Sociology Association invites you to attend our first informational session of 2015.

Our mission is: We are undergraduate students interested in sociology, taking steps in our education to further our knowledge on the subject. We come from different walks of life and we will use these differences to help us in our endeavors. We have come together to create a network to benefit our futures, to become more aware of diversity, and to develop ways to face issues in society on individual, micro, meso, and macro levels.

This info session will help us to shape and mold the association’s plans to be as beneficial and helpful as we possibly can for our members.

Study Abroad Fair

Did you know that nearly 1 in 4 Illinois students participate in study abroad, and you can too?

Learn more about your future in study abroad at the:

Study Abroad Fair
February 9, 2015
11 am – 2 pm
Illini Union Room C & South Lounge
Discuss your program options with a study abroad advisor – semester, summer, and winter break programs available.
Find more information on scholarship opportunities and financial aid – 1 in 4 students earn the I4I scholarship <http://studyabroad.illinois.edu/scholarships#.VM4LSihy_zI> for study abroad.
Chat with study abroad returnees – programs open to all majors and minors in over 60 countries.

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Chai Wai Panel Discussion on Russian-Ukrainian Conflict

Friday, February 13, 2015
2:00 - 3:30 PM

International and Area Studies Library
Main Library Building, Room 321
The International and Area Studies Library will be hosting an academic panel discussion on the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict. In recent days, this conflict has entered a new deadly phase. As we watch (hear and read about) this conflict from a distance, there are far too many questions that go unanswered or they seem to be out of place in the numerous headlines, the voluminous sound bites, and in the static press coverage on this conflict. All are welcome to join our discussion.

The panelists are:

Prof. Diane Koenker, Department of History  
Prof. Carol Leff, Department of Political Science  
Prof. Oleksandra Wallow, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures  
Prof. Cynthia Buckley, Department of Sociology  
Mr. Kit Condill, Slavic, East European and Eurasian Collections, IAS Library  
Ms. Alisha Kirchoff, Associate Director, Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center

Moderator: Joe Lenkart, IAS Library

This thematic discussion is part of the "Chai Wai" discussion series hosted by the International and Area Studies Library. All are welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served.

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Econ Tutoring Center

Mondays-Thursdays 1-5pm

21 DKH (basement)

We will extend these hours during peak times (mid-terms and finals). Students may read more about the Econ Tutoring Center on our website: www.go.illinois.edu/EconAcademicAssistance.

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Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR)

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) announces the second annual competition for its Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) (note, changed from last year’s Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP)). The award (up to $2,500) is meant to provide undergraduate students with funds necessary to conduct research on campus during the summer term at UI. More specific information about eligibility requirements, funding restrictions and how to apply are found in the attached document. Deadline for applications is February 20, 2015 and winners will be notified by March 9, 2015. Any questions may be addressed to ugresearch@illinois.edu.

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is now sponsoring a competitive Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship for undergraduate students at UI who will be conducting research abroad. This initiative is meant to provide undergraduate students with funds designed to subsidize travel and housing costs associated with their research. More specific information about eligibility requirements, funding restrictions and how to apply are found on our website http://provost.illinois.edu/our/opportunities.html. Deadline for applications is January 30, 2015 and
winners will be notified by February 13, 2015. Any questions may be addressed to ugresearch@illinois.edu.

Prospective students, and curious faculty and staff are all welcome to attend an information session to learn more about the UIC College of Nursing here in Champaign-Urbana and how to complete their degree here in Urbana-Champaign.

Spring BSN Information Sessions:

Monday, February 16 at 4:00pm

Thursday, February 26 at 4:00pm

Friday, March 13 at 3:30pm

Pre-Law Events for Students

Pre-Law 101—Monday, Feb. 9 from 4-5 pm in 514 Illini Union Bookstore Building. This workshop is designed for students who are new to being pre-law at Illinois. It covers: What it means to be pre-law at Illinois; what law schools are really looking for; how to build a strong pre-law resume; and what resources are available to assist pre-law students at Illinois. Registration can be found here: http://illinois.edu/calendar/list/2508

Other resources for pre-law students include:

Pre-Law Advising Services Blog (updated every Monday): http://publish.illinois.edu/prelawadvising/<http://publish.illinois.edu/prelawadvising/>


Pre-Law Twitter: @UIUCPreLaw

Pre-Law Compass Page: http://prelaw.illinois.edu/compass<http://prelaw.illinois.edu/compass>

Event calendar: http://illinois.edu/calendar/list/2508<http://illinois.edu/calendar/list/2508>

Fred S. Bailey Scholarship

for Community Leadership, Service, and Activism
Who should apply? All undergraduate students who will be enrolled at UIUC during the 2015-2016 term are eligible to receive a one-time award of $3000. Students graduating in 2015-16 will also be considered for the $5000 Bailey Leadership Awards.

The Bailey Leadership Awards are $5000 awards given each year to four exceptional upcoming seniors who have made an impact on the University of Illinois campus during their initial three years in one or more of the following areas: Social Justice, Environment, Faith in Action, and International.

ELIGIBILITY
* Demonstrated impact of your commitment to service, community involvement, leadership, and action
* Awareness and critical thought about the pressing issues facing the world today
* Financial need and academic achievement will also be considered.

Apply Online: [www.universityymca.org/bailey](http://r20.rs6.net/tjn.jsp?f=0015o0sWb9r7OMkwL4vbiOqwgRNvkRFQ9ZhLrFiI5XxhyLhCJaG4IkAtallQxYdTcna5jAdUgkijakAdUlIdUFT04HdjL2ggdcy71DuP5mgCEi-nTCLA_DU8-ZGdgbkTv5TimUeiMG_ikZu-SvSiXvQonHXzi6EgmCz48zZVvoKb-wZvKGHZAbSnbaLq-Sz&c=I5yz4DnJ5ntUyx6FgG - 1Bcu9Sc6GlzUbLmHc31Er05BT5rA3nhQ==&ch=C7jmL0ltENyMPUeHevwRoaeWUpFs4pm_JEP5gSOa6KPSwJ1WMKyw==>

Application available: November 7

Application deadline: February 7

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DIA Seeks Tutors For SOC Classes

DIA seeks qualified applicants who are comfortable tutoring SOC 100, 200, 380, and 488.

https://secure.admin.illinois.edu/OSFA/vjb/empjoblist.aspx (Job Description)

http://www.fightingillini.com/academics/ (Job Application...upper right side of page)

Or visit the Illinois Virtual Job Board and reference Job Number 22474.

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Jobs that make an Impact

2 years of action for our environment, our democracy, our future

Impact runs action campaigns on issues that matter, like global warming, clean water and big money's influence over our democracy, and we're hiring!
This isn’t a study program or a travel program; it’s an action program. Our mission is to create the grassroots action, energy and power it takes to make an impact on important issues.

If you’re serious about making an impact on these issues and you’re willing to get out and work in the real world, where issue campaigns like these are won and lost, then we’re the group for you.

To learn more and to apply, visit our website at www.weareimpact.org <http://www.weareimpact.org/apply.html>. Our priority application deadline is February 8th.

2015 UNDERGRADUATE CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS

Deadline: Noon, Monday, March 2, 2015

The English Department sponsors and administers two annual undergraduate literary competitions in Short Fiction and Poetry. Depending on available funding, there will be 2-3 prizes in Fiction and 2-3 in Poetry this year. Past prizes have ranged from $100 to $1000.

As soon as we have specific funding numbers available, we will announce them at our website: http://creativewriting.english.illinois.edu/undergraduate/awards/

Contest rules are as follows:

Short Fiction: no contestant may submit more than one unpublished story (7500 words, maximum length)

Poetry: no contestant may submit more than 200 lines, as a single unpublished poem or a group of unpublished poems

Only University of Illinois undergraduate students are eligible to compete. To be considered for a prize, submissions must adhere to the following rules. All submissions must be sent to the following email address: sdavenpo@illinois.edu. Depending on your entry (poetry or fiction), the subject line must read as follows: UNDERGRAD POETRY or UNDERGRAD FICTION (not both). If you enter in both categories (poetry and fiction), you will need to send separate emails. Your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, net id, status (undergrad), and UIN number must appear in the body of the email. Your fiction OR poetry entry is to be contained in one attachment (doc, docx, or rtf only), the name of which should be as follows: contest category followed by your last name, such as FICTIONJONES or POETRYJONES. Your name should not appear in the attachment itself.

Announcing Information Sessions to learn about the NEW undergraduate Certificate in International Development Studies offered by LAS Global Studies

This Certificate is an interdisciplinary program of study in the social sciences focused on development theory and interventions. Students will gain fundamental skills for understanding and assessing global to local scale institutions and strategies that seek to improve human well-being in the global South. The Certificate in International Development Studies provides students a credential that demonstrates their competency in interdisciplinary approaches to contemporary international development. Such skills are valued by a range of organizations including governmental and non-governmental organizations,
consulting firms, philanthropic organizations, social enterprises, private sector firms, and educational institutions.

Interested students should attend an upcoming information session held in Global Studies Conference Room (703 S. Wright Street, 3rd Floor next to Coco Mero) to learn about the requirements of the Certificate and sign up:

- Wednesday, February 11 from 1-1:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 4th from 2-2:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 14th from 3-3:30 PM

For more information please refer to [http://www.globalstudies.illinois.edu/academics/certificate/](http://www.globalstudies.illinois.edu/academics/certificate/)

You may also contact the LAS Global Studies Office at 217-333-0178 or globalstudies@illinois.edu and ask to speak to an academic advisor about the certificate.

This certificate is open to all undergraduate majors at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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The Office of Undergraduate Research is conducting a survey of all undergraduate students at the University of Illinois about their undergraduate research experiences. Survey participation is voluntary and confidentiality will be strictly maintained. Participants will be eligible for a drawing for ten $50 Amazon gift cards. You should have already received an email in you they can access the survey. The survey is available at [https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/3450733](https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/3450733) and will close at 11:59 PM on February 6th. Thank you for your assistance

Engage Chicago is an immersive field study program, designed to give students a powerful summer learning experience in one of the world’s most dynamic cities. Through academic coursework, hands-on experience at top organizations and institutions, thoughtful reflection, and a summer living with a vibrant community of peers, Engage Chicago is a powerful opportunity for students to learn about a great city, about social change, and about themselves.

**Deadlines**

Feb. 23rd - Regular  
Apr. 6th - Final  

The program runs from  
June 19th to Aug. 14th
In previous summers, students have interned at organizations such as the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, the Illinois Maternal & Child Health Coalition, and the Chicago Public Schools Office of Family & Community Engagement. They explored the rich culture and history of Chicago and the theories and ideas behind community development work in Field Studies in Civic Engagement, a course taught by popular Northwestern Professor John "Jody" Kretzmann, an internationally recognized expert in community development and urban affairs.

Engage Chicago offers students the opportunity to:

* Gain invaluable work experience at top organizations in Chicago
* Earn course credit while learning among a community of peers
* Experience daily life in the diverse, dynamic city of Chicago
* Serve alongside leaders and organizations that make a difference
* Learn first-hand about politics, history and methods of social change

Interested in law or health-related careers? Consider Engage Chicago's concentrations in
- Health and Medicine and
- Law and Advocacy

Engage Chicago is pleased to offer an additional dynamic program component for students interested in careers or further study in health & medicine or law & advocacy. Students interested in health-related fields (medicine, public health, health policy, etc.) or law-related fields (legal work, public interest law, politics/policy, advocacy, etc.) can enhance their Engage Chicago experience by applying to participate in one of these optional special tracks. Each track consists of an additional weekly seminar and field experience focused on related contemporary issues in the chosen field.

To learn more about the Health & Medicine Concentration, visit: www.engagechicago.org/health
<http://www.engagechicago.org/health?utm_source=CCE+MAILING+LIST&utm_campaign=6db7b3607f-EC_external_gen_blast_1-13&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_08998a988c-6db7b3607f->

To learn more about the Law & Advocacy Concentration, visit: http://www.engagechicago.org/law
<http://www.engagechicago.org/law?utm_source=CCE+MAILING+LIST&utm_campaign=6db7b3607f-EC_external_gen_blast_1-13&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_08998a988c-6db7b3607f-> /
<http://www.engagechicago.org/health?utm_source=CCE+MAILING+LIST&utm_campaign=6db7b3607f-EC_external_gen_blast_1-13&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_08998a988c-6db7b3607f->

Check out our Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Engage-Chicago/269385099481?ref=ts&utm_source=CCE+MAILING+LIST&utm_campaign=6db7b3607f->
"This isn't the kind of program where you can be content with just a grade - it leaves you with no choice but to act on what you've seen and done."

-EC participant

UP Center - Board of Directors Openings

The UP Center board has recently changed from a working board to become a governing board. What this means is that the board’s main objective in the UP Center is fundraising and then playing a large role in determining the distribution of those funds within the organization. As our mission statement expresses, "The purpose of the UP Center shall be to form a multi-service agency, for youth and adults, to support and promote human care, education, and community-building activities directed at furthering the well-being and development of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and ally community of Champaign County." This vision for the UP Center is critical to all who would be interested in filling a position on the board. At this moment in time, our priority is securing funds for paid staff members. The reasoning for this is so that we can grow our programs and have staff on-site to monitor or programs and keep the building open during business hours. Beyond that, the UP Center’s priorities continue to include program growth, community awareness, and education/outreach. We are looking to fill the roles of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members at Large. If taking an active role in the continued success of this organization sounds of interest to you, please let us know! Email board@unitingpride.org if you have any questions or would like more information!
Submit Nominations for McKinley Foundation's Social Justice Awards

McKinley Foundation is a Presbyterian organization fully inclusive of people who are LGBTQQ, welcoming of all, and engaged in social justice work locally and globally. McKinley invites the public to nominate individuals and groups for its Sixth Annual Social Justice Awards. The awards honor those making a real difference in people’s lives and raising awareness of injustice. Nominees should be based in Champaign County. Student nominees may be high school, college, or university affiliated. The deadline for nominations is February 13, 2015. Each of the four awards carries a $500.00 gift to benefit local justice organizations. Winners will be honored at an April gala.

Request an application form by emailing socialjusticeawards@gmail.com or calling (217) 722-2408. Return the form and a one-page descriptive essay to McKinley Foundation’s Social Justice Awards Committee via email or mail: Social Justice Awards Committee, McKinley Foundation, 809 S. Fifth St., Champaign, IL, 61820

Black History Month

There are many great events happening this month in celebration of Black History Month - check out the calendar for full details! For a full calendar of events, please click the image or THIS LINK <http://oiir.illinois.edu/sites/prod/files/docs/bhm2015_0.pdf>. Visit http://oiir.illinois.edu/bnaacc/bnaacc-events for more information about the events!

<https://illinois.edu/emailer/files/66788/bhm20151.jpg>