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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.

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Attention Seniors!!

Below you’ll find a link to the 2014 Senior Survey. The survey will take you about 10 minutes to complete and will provide the Department of Sociology with valuable information about your experience here.
You will not be able to pick up your Convocation tickets without completing this survey. The survey is anonymous, simply print the final page of the survey and bring it with you when you come to pick up your tickets in May.

http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1180004/Sociology-Senior-Survey

Thank you for your help.
Sincerely,

Sociology Advising

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You should have received a detailed letter via email regarding convocation earlier this week! Please read the letter and share it with your family. The Sociology, Anthropology and Interdisciplinary Studies Convocation will be held Sunday May 18th this year from 1 - 2:30pm at Foellinger Auditorium. Doors open at noon. A more detailed email with instructions for graduates will follow. You must sign up for the ceremony online: http://www.las.illinois.edu/students/graduation/convocation/socanthint/

You must also rent your cap and gown (regalia):
http://www.las.illinois.edu/students/graduation/convocation/instructions/socanthint/

Sociology will also be hosting a graduation celebration for you and your loved ones immediately following the graduation ceremony -- you will receive an evite to this event, please respond if you plan to attend!

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Sociology Internship Stipend/ Award
$1500 stipend for Sociology Undergraduates
Awarded for Students participating in Summer internships in 2014 who also enroll in SOC 400 in Summer Session II.

Application Criteria:
• Must have secured an internship by application due date.
• Sociology Sophomore standing or higher.
• Overall GPA of 2.5 minimum/ Sociology GPA of 2.5 minimum.
• 6 hours of Sociology completed by end of spring 2014.

Application will include:
1. Essay (500-750 words) that describes how your internship builds on your Sociology background, knowledge and skills.
2. Internship description – to be provided by the organization or business.
3. A one page letter of support from the internship supervisor which includes a brief description of your goals for the intern and the supervisory relationship you envision.
4. A brief description of how the funds will be used (travel to internship, living expenses during internship, tuition for SOC 400, etc.).

Applications Due: Friday, April 25, 2013 – 5pm
Please submit all application materials to: holtzcla@illinois.edu, attn. SOC Internship Award Application
Center for Advanced Study 2013-2014 Initiative  
Cultures of Law in Global Contexts

Nathan J. Brown will give a presentation in the CAS Initiative on Cultures of Law in Global Contexts entitled: CAN THE ISLAMIC SHARI'A BE CONSTITUTIONALIZED?

Tuesday, April 8 at 4:00pm  
Knight Auditorium  
Spurlock Museum, 600 South Gregory, Urbana.

Nathan J. Brown is Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University.

Utilizing Strengths to Plan your Career

Wednesday, April 9 from 5-6:30pm  
The Career Center Interview Suite  
616 Green St.

Have you taken StrengthsQuest? Do you want to learn how to incorporate your signature talents into your career planning? Come find out how understanding your talents will help you to develop strategies to learn more about your career interests and develop the skills needed to accomplish your goals. Learn ways to communicate these talents to employers in the interview process.

All interested students should register at http://go.illinois.edu/StrengthstoCareers.

Cosponsored by The Career Center and the Leadership Center

New Course Offerings!

SOC 196 - Introduction to Central Asia  
If you are interested in international politics, energy policy, conflicts in the region (Afghanistan), postcommunism, gender studies, or human rights take the new Introduction to Central Asia course offered this fall!

You’ll be able to answer the questions:  
“What is Central Asia?”  
“How can we analyze the region sociologically?”  
“Why does Central Asia matter?”

There are no prerequisites. Open enrollment!

Political Science 224, "Politics of the Greater Yellowstone Area"  
Instructor: Professor Robert Pahre
This course uses Yellowstone National Park and its region as a laboratory to examine several classes of environmental problems: wildlife management, ecosystem management, the 1964 Wilderness Act, the politics of tourism, the politics of outdoor recreation, sustainability, and public lands policies in the national parks and national forests. The course takes place in and around Yellowstone, and emphasizes experiential learning in the field.

It counts toward General Education credit (Social and Behavioral Sciences)

For more information, visit the website:  
http://publish.illinois.edu/pahre/study-in-yellowstone-this-summer/

We are accepting applications on a first-come basis until all spaces are taken. Questions? Contact Professor Pahre at pahre@illinois.edu

Teach in China Summer Program

Applications for the 2014 Summer Teach in China Program are due April 10. Undergraduate and graduate students from any major are welcome to apply. Please contact Lucinda Morgan for more information (Lmorgan4@illinois.edu).

Panel discussion on “Jobs in Service”

Discussion on the Peace Corps, City Year, and Teach For America is to be held next Thursday, April 10th at 6pm in The Career Center Conference Room.

Scholarship Opportunities

Are you a potential applicant for a prestigious scholarship? Do aspire to pursue graduate study at a world-class institution? Do you display leadership and/or participate in service? Do you conduct independent studies or research? Do you go beyond course requirements? Do you maintain a high GPA of 3.5+?

If you fit this description, attend an information session designed to enhance your candidacy as a potential Beinecke, Churchill, Fulbright, Gates Cambridge, Goldwater, Luce, Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes, Truman, or Udall Scholar.

All sessions will be held in room 514 in the Campus Center for Advising and Academic Services at 807 South Wright Street (Illini Union Bookstore Building).

Freshmen & Sophomores
Wednesday, April 9 - 5-5:30pm  
Friday, April 11 - 1:30-2pm; 2-2:30pm; 3:30-4pm or 4-4:30pm  
Tuesday, April 15 - 1:30-2pm; 2-2:30pm; 3-3:30pm; 3:30-4pm or 4:30-5pm

Juniors, Seniors & Grad Students
Monday, March 31 - 1:30-2pm; 2-2:30pm; 3:30-4pm; 4-4:30pm  
Tuesday, April 1 - 1:30-2pm; 2-2:30pm; 3:30-4pm or 4:4:30pm
For further information, contact the National & International Scholarships Program, topscholars@illinois.edu or 217-333.4710.

The student tutors are available for general assistance on economics courses or economics related questions, primarily for ECON 102, 103, 202, 203, 302 and 303 (some of the 400s). Students should visit their instructors or TAs with questions specific to classes, such as due dates, tests, etc. (most Econ classes have numerous TA Office hours).

Econ Tutoring Center
DKH Room 17A (basement level)

Monday: 11am-4:30pm
Tuesday: 3:30-5:30pm
Wednesday: 12-5:30pm
Thursday: 1:30-5:30pm

We will have extended hours on Reading Day and other peak periods.

The Hizmet Movement and Solutions to Today’s Problems
The Hizmet Essay Contest is a contest series that encourages research on the Hizmet movement and Fethullah Gulen. The contest aims to motivate individuals to research the works of Fethullah Gulen and the activities of various Hizmet institutions locally and globally, with the purpose of addressing how the Hizmet movement contributes to the individual, the community, society and the world in general.

The Hizmet movement, which derives its name from the word “service”, has established hundreds of educational and civic service organizations and institutions in over 140 countries, active in the areas of peacebuilding, conflict resolution, intercultural-interfaith dialogue, education, media and relief work. These organizations and institutions engage in various initiatives that foster inclusiveness, build community capacity, and create shared spaces.

Topic
The theme of this year’s essay contest is:

“The Hizmet Movement and Solutions to Today’s Problems”

The contestants are asked to evaluate the societal impact of the activities of the Hizmet movement and the ideas of Fethullah Gulen in solving the societal problems at the local, national or international levels.

Essayists are encouraged to focus on the following two topic areas:
1. Specific Focus: How activities of the Hizmet movement, in areas of peacebuilding; interfaith and intercultural dialogue; education; relief work; and other initiatives of Hizmet movement organizations and institutions in different parts of the world such as United States, Turkey, the Balkans, Central Asia, Middle East, Africa and Australia, contribute to the improvement of these societies.
2. Conceptual focus: How teachings and writings of Fethullah Gulen lay the foundation of the Hizmet Movement’s initiatives and hence contribute to producing solutions to societal issues.
Rules
1. Essays must be no fewer than 3000, and no more than 4000, words in length. (Citations and bibliography are not included in the word count).
2. The essays must be double spaced.
3. One entry per person. Essays must be submitted by August 1st, 2014, no later than 11:59 PM, Eastern Standard Time. The Rumi Forum has the right to change the contest deadline when deemed appropriate.
4. Essays must be the original work of entrant and must be owned by entrant. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Essays must not infringe on any third party rights or intellectual property of any person, company, or organization. By submitting an essay to this Contest, the entrant agrees to indemnify the Rumi Forum for any claim, demand, judgment, or other allegation arising from possible violation of someone’s trademark, copyright, or other legally protected interest in any way in the entrant’s essay.
5. All submitted essays will become the property of the Rumi Forum.
6. Awardees will be notified via e-mail by September 30th, 2014. The Rumi Forum reserves the right to change the notification date.

*Entrants must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program that awards Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctoral Degrees. Both full-time and part-time students may apply.
*Open only to US Citizens and lawful residents of the US.
*We encourage students of all backgrounds and ability to participate in this contest.

There will be 2 student categories:
Undergraduate prize: $1500
Graduate prize: $2000

Please register your interest via the link below. Further details and updates will be sent to those registered. Registration is important and should be considered the first step. There is no fee or cost to register or submit an essay.
Register Here <http://rumiforum.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ee9cbfee6c604085055350b93&id=7102904c8e&e=8fbf08a40e>

For queries please email info@rumiforum.org with “Hizmet Essay Competition” in the SUBJECT line.