December 18, 2015

To be added to the E-Bulletin email list, send a message to clasgrad@mail.sdsu.edu. View the E-Bulletin online.

CLAS and Other Events at SDSU

CLAS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT! HELP US SEND STUDENTS ACROSS THE BORDER!

Help us give SDSU students the opportunity to enjoy an international cultural immersion experience just 20 minutes away from campus. As part of our campaign to "Demystify Tijuana," we hope to bring students across the US/Mexico border for a transformative experience they may not otherwise have. Check out our STRIVE campaign and, if you feel so inclined, make a donation that will help enrich the experience of an SDSU student!

http://campaign.sdsu.edu/latinamerican

CLAS HOLIDAY HOURS!

Please note CLAS will be closed from December 19 through December 27, 2015 and then again from December 30, 2015 to January 3, 2016. We will have normal office hours (10:00 am - 4:00pm) on December 28 and 29 and will resume our normal schedule on January 4, 2016. For inquiries and appointments during the holidays, please email Alana Rodriguez at alana.rodriguez@mail.sdsu.edu
We wish you a happy and safe holiday season, felices fiestas and boas festas!
SPEND THREE WEEKS IN CUBA in 2016! APPLICATION NOW OPEN, SEE STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES SECTION OF THIS E-BULLETIN!

SDSU COURSE OFFERED IN TIJUANA! GEOLOGY 505 "IMAGING AND GIS FOR DISASTER RESPONSE" TO BE OFFERED DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER

This class is aimed at people who want to help in disasters, especially internationally. Helping normally means knowing how to do something that is actually useful and can be immediately done. This class will take the student from being interested but without a specific background in the Open-Source world of imaging and mapping. We will learn about and prepare border region to assist with Mutual Aid and trade.

We will be specifically responding to likely damage from El Nino including Change Detection for neighborhoods on the hill slopes of Tijuana and other regions. We will also be preparing people to join response groups with NGOs or government groups responding to disasters in many other regions of the world, including by using the internet to process and disseminate imagery and map data.

The class will be held at the UABC campus ten-minutes south of the Otay Mesa border crossing---students from SDSU can drive to the border, park, and walk across to a waiting university bus. Bus will take us to the UABC campus and computer lab, then back to the border after the class. Border wait for walking is expected to be about 15 minutes even without SENTRI pass. Will count as Study Abroad as well as non-HSEC elective for HSEC Graduate Program. All others eligible to take senior or graduate-level classes are also welcome to join. Taught by SDSU Prof. Eric Frost, Director of the Viz Center (http://vizcenter.sdsu.edu) and Homeland Security Graduate Program(http://homelandsecurity.sdsu.edu) as well as Professor in Geological Sciences. UABC Professor will be Dr. Alma Beatriz Navarro Cerda. We will be using new, beautiful classroom.

Time: Thursdays, 4:00PM-6:40PM
Location: UABC campus
For more information: Contact Alana Rodriguez at alana.rodriguez@mail.sdsu.edu

TEDX RELEASE OF "BUILDING THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY TRANSFRONTIER METROPOLIS"

Dr. Lawrence Herzog’s talk can be accessed at the following link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_b5B_N234U
Events outside SDSU

LAST CHANCE: ONGOING "CATRINAS EN MOVIMIENTO" EXHIBITION AT POINT LOMA BRANCH LIBRARY AND SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY

The San Diego Public Library is proud to present their latest bi-national collaboration with Instituto Municipal de Arte y Cultura (IMAC) in two San Diego Public Libraries. Catrinas en Movimiento is a collection of life-sized catrinas on exhibition in celebration of Day of the Dead and to honor Mexico’s historically significant artwork.

Exhibition at Point Loma Branch Library
Date: October 1, 2015-December 31, 2015
Where: 3701 Voltaire Street, San Diego, CA 92107

THE SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM IS PLEASED TO OFFER SDSU STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI 20% OFF TICKETS TO MAYA: HIDDEN WORLDS REVEALED, ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2016.

The exhibition uses a combination of more than 200 authentic artifacts, immersive environments, multimedia components, and hands-on activities that allow visitors to explore the rise and eventual decline of this fascinating ancient culture. Whether it be to supplement topics currently being studied in class or simply to have an enjoyable outing in Balboa Park, Maya offers something for everyone.

Individual tickets are available here. Please use coupon code MAYASDSU once you reach the payment screen. You can also mention the discount at the Museum’s admissions desk upon arrival. We also offer special rates for groups of 10 or more and field trips. For a downloadable group rate sheet, click here. Three easy ways to register your group:

- Fill out our online reservation form
- Email groupsales@sdnhm.org
- Call 619.255.0349

Each ticket includes admission to all other exhibitions within the Museum and unlimited 2D and 3D films in our giant screen theater.

If you have any questions, please call 877.946.7797.
CONFERENCE: THE MAYA MEETINGS at the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Date(s): January 12-16, 2016

Location: The University of Texas at Austin

Description:

The 2016 Maya Meetings will explore the archaeology and history of the lower Río Pasión region, focusing on sites of Seibal, Dos Pilas, Aguateca, and others. Research over several decades has shown this distinctive area to be a key “hot spot” of turmoil during the Classic period – an area of conflict, alliance-building, and ever-changing political structure. Very recent excavations reveal that the region also includes some of the earliest-known sites in the Maya lowlands. No previous large conference has ever focused on this important area, so the presentations and discussions will be breaking new ground, weaving together information from archaeological projects old and new. Please join us in Austin in January for what will be an exciting several days of workshops and presentations.

Following our new format, The Maya Meetings symposium now devotes one day to our special theme and a second day to shorter papers touching on all aspects of Maya archaeology, culture and history.

Note that the deadline to submit proposals has passed.

Contact information:
Paola Bueche
p.bueche@austin.utexas.edu
http://www.utmesoamerica.org/maya/2016-maya-meetings

Additional information:

URBAN AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION 46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Special Track: Urban Issues in Central & South America and the Caribbean*

Date(s): March 16-19, 2016

Location: Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel—San Diego, California, U.S.A.

Description:
The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) is North America’s leading urban policy research association engaged in understanding emerging issues and looking for feasible solutions from a multidisciplinary perspective. For more than forty years the UAA has brought together social scientists, public administrators, planners, and others interested in urban affairs to exchange information, experiences, and ideas on the most important urban issues. In light of the growing importance of Central/South America and the Caribbean Islands, and the proximity of the conference location in San Diego, the 2016 UAA conference will include a Special Track on Urban Issues in Central/South America & the Caribbean Islands.

Track Committee:

Ana Sabogal, Catholic University, Lima, Peru
Janina Leon, Catholic University, Lima, Peru
Lucia Capanema-Alvares, Fluminense Federal University, Brazil
Lucia Álvarez, Universidad Nacional de Mexico
Soledad Arqueros, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
Cecilia Giusti, Texas A&M University, US

For complete information about this track: http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/conference2016/submit-a-proposal/

Proposal deadline has passed.

Registration: Persons who are attending the conference (but who are not on the program) may register online or on-site up to March 19, 2016.
http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conferences/register/

Contact information: conf@uaamail.org
For more information on the conference: http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/conference2016/

*Special Track: Globalization and Cities on the U.S.-Mexico Border*
Date(s): March 16-19, 2016

Location: Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel—San Diego, California, U.S.A.

Description: The Urban Affairs Association (UAA) is North America’s leading urban policy research association engaged in understanding emerging issues and looking for feasible solutions from a multidisciplinary perspective. For more than forty years the UAA has brought together social scientists, public administrators, planners, and others interested in urban affairs to exchange information, experiences, and ideas on the most important urban issues. In light of the conference location in San Diego, on the California-Mexico border, the 2016 UAA conference will include a Special Track on Globalization and Cities on the U.S.-Mexico Border.
Track Committee:

Tito Alegria (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte-COLEF, Mexico)
Lawrence A. Herzog (San Diego State University, U.S.)
Mirle Bussell (UC San Diego, U.S.)
Melissa Floca (UC San Diego, U.S.)
Rene Peralta (Woodbury University, U.S.)
Keith Pezzoli (UC San Diego, U.S.)

Proposal Deadline has passed.

Contact information: conf@uaamail.org

For more information on the conference:
http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/conference2016/

Study Abroad Opportunities

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD IN HABANA, CUBA, MAY 21 - JUNE 11, 2016

Come and experience Cuba! For three weeks, you will enrich your college education by studying at the Centro de Estudios Martianos in the capital city of La Habana. The program encompasses a 3 unit interdisciplinary curriculum covering Cuba’s history, economy, politics, and its position in the global arena. Don’t miss out in this opportunity to learn from Cuban professors and students! This program is open to graduates and undergraduates of all majors.

GENS 450 (3 units) - or - LATAM 450 (3 units)  Graduate credit is available for graduate students.

Program Dates: May 21st, 2016 - June 11th, 2016

Program Cost: $4515 including round trip flight, course credit, accommodations, some meals, and a weekend trip to Varadero beach resort

Application Deadline: February 15th, 2016

For more information on how to apply, please contact Alana Rodriguez at alana.rodriguez@mail.sdsu.edu

SUMMER LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IMMERSION WITH THE INDIGENOUS MISKITU PEOPLE IN NICARAGUA, APPLY BY MARCH 2, 2016
Join the University of Kansas on a faculty led 6 week language and culture immersion! Students will be able to Learn Miskitu, an indigenous language, while living in Nicaragua, have the opportunity to live with host families and earn 6 hours of academic credit.

The program will begin on the Central Pacific side of Nicaragua in the colonial city of Granada where classes will be held at the Casa Xalteva Education and Cultural Center. After a week in Granada, the group will travel to the heart of indigenous communities to the port city of Puerto Cabezas, known as Bilwi in Miskitu. Puerto Cabezas has a unique blend of mestizos, indigenous, and Afro-Caribbean culture. Students will have affiliations with the inter-cultural university URACCAN, the University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua, Casa Museo, a museum and culture house, and CIDCA, the Center of Investigations on the Atlantic Coast. The group will also spend a few days on Corn Island and in the capital city of Managua.

Please check out the website for more details: http://studyabroad.ku.edu/language-and-culture-nicaragua

**SUMMER STUDY ABROAD IN NICARagua: FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AND AGROECOLOGY, JUNE 20, 2016 - JULY 1, 2016**

While mainstream US media tends to focus on the poverty in Nicaragua, social movements and local community organizing in this Central American nation are alive and well. Nicaragua is the regional gathering place for La Via Campesina, a global movement made up of rural peoples, small farmers, and indigenous communities. This movement coined the term “food sovereignty” in resistance to the corporatization and industrialization of the food system. La Via Campesina sees agroecology, a form of low-input sustainable agriculture, as a pillar of building food sovereignty.

This delegation will include visits to peasant schools that provide political and technical training in agroecology, many of which are affiliated with the Asociación de Trabajadores del Campo, a member organization of La Via Campesina. We will see agricultural cooperatives that sustain local communities and are addressing issues like gender equity and climate change. To understand the political context in which social movements in Nicaragua operate, including its revolutionary history and membership in ALBA, our delegation will also include visits with Nicaraguan officials and citizens.

This delegation is organized in partnership through the Via Campesina organizations of Nicaragua, the Friends of the Asociación de Trabajadores del Campo (ATC), and the Alliance for Global Justice.

Cost: $1250 plus airfare
Trip fee includes lodging, meals, in-country transport, translation, and staff coordination. Scholarships are available (please contact us for more information).

For an application or more information, please contact:
Erika Takeo, Friends of the ATC National Coordinator: erikatakeo.atc@gmail.com
STUDY ABROAD WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

This summer, we have 4-week programs in 6 countries--Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Thailand.

During the first two weeks, our students do 80 hours of volunteer work in either Social Community Development--doing basic health care and pre-med projects, building schools and houses, and working on educational programs for children-- or in Conservation--where they can work in rainforest regeneration or endangered species management with elephants, dolphins, cheetahs or sea turtles! During the second two weeks, students will travel all throughout their host country, getting immersed into the culture and exploring its natural wonders. They will also get to do exciting adventure activities like white water rafting, zip lining, surfing, cave kayaking, going on wildlife safaris and WAY more!

This program is a wonderful way to get out of the classroom and have some hands-on educational experiences—throughout the 4 weeks, students will be learning all about the communities, ecosystems, and animals with which they are interacting! Furthermore, it gives students an opportunity to do something meaningful with their summer while exploring another culture and country.

The SDSU information meetings have passed but interested students can email David Mulqueen at david13ISV@gmail.com for more information.

Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities

CAPITAL FELLOWS PROGRAM APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE! DUE FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Capital Fellows Programs offer a unique opportunity to participate in policy making and development. Fellows work for 10-11 months as full-time, paid staff members in the California State Assembly, California State Senate, California Executive Branch or the California Judiciary. Fellows actively engage in public service and prepare for future careers, while gaining firsthand experience in the governance and leadership of the most diverse, complex state in the nation.

Voted as one of the Top Internships in the nation by Vault.com, the Capital Fellows Programs are ranked highly for their combination of meaningful work experience and career opportunities.
Prospective Capital Fellows must have a bachelor’s degree (in any major) by September 1, 2016 and a demonstrated interest in public service, public policy, and California state government. Applicants may apply to one or more of the programs that meet their interests and qualifications. Recent graduates, graduate, postgraduate and mid-career applicants are welcome to apply. For the 2016-17 fellowship year, individuals must complete the online application by the deadline of February 8, 2016 at www.csus.edu/calst/programs.

If you have questions regarding the Capital Fellows Programs or need brochures, please contact Sacramento State’s Center for California Studies at (916) 278-6906, calstudies@csus.edu or visit www.csus.edu/calst/programs.

**ARTS AND LETTERS ALUMNI CHAPTER (ALAC) SCHOLARSHIP**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL FEBRUARY 12TH, 2016**

The Arts and Letters Alumni Chapter (ALAC) invites CAL students to apply for their scholarship. Two scholarships may be awarded; each scholarship award will have a value of $2,375.

Requirements:
- Must be an Arts & Letters graduate or undergraduate student
- Full-time enrollment required
- Minimum 3.00 overall cumulative GPA

Please submit the following:

- An essay (approximately 500 words) that will enable those making scholarship decisions to learn more about you. Write about what motivated you to choose your major or program, your future career goals, and any other information that will help reviewers make a well-informed decision.
- An on-line application
- Finalists may be interviewed

Application deadline is February 12th, 2016

**Internships, Volunteer, and Job Opportunities**
ASSOCIATE STUDENT EDITOR POSITIONS OPEN AT THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH JOURNAL OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS AT SDSU, APPLY BY JANUARY 8, 2016

URJCAL is currently accepting applications for Associate Student Editor positions.

Associate Student Editor Requirements
Participate in minimum of three editorial committee meetings during Spring 2016 semester (1-2 will be with faculty advisor).
Meet once with respective contributor(s) for feedback.
Remain in contact with respective contributor(s).
Participate in 3 editorial workshops/board meetings with the Executive Board.
*Although not a requirement, you may enroll in one to three units of credit for General Studies 490—Undergraduate Research (C/NC); units will depend on the number of papers edited.

Benefits
Research course credit
Develop editorial and research skills necessary for professional research careers
Participate in the second publication of the CSU’s only multi-collegiate undergraduate research journal
Network with research-active professors
Receive rangebound assistance in submitting work to other undergraduate journals

The application deadline is January 8th, but we suggest students submit their application before then. If submitted earlier, there is more time to review the application and acclimate applicants to the editorial position. To access the application, visit urjcal.sdsu.edu.
Questions? Contact us at urjcal@mail.sdsu.edu.

TRASH TO PARADISE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY, APPLY BY JANUARY 31, 2016

Trash to Paradise is a volunteer based start-up. Trash to Paradise will create a sewage treatment system in Tijuana using trash. We are looking for an undergrad or graduate student currently attending any college or university here in San Diego to become a team member. As a new college student team member you will represent us on the World Water Forum application process here in California.

Requirements and benefits
Undergraduate or graduate student who is interested in binational relations in the San Diego/Tijuana border, who would be willing to represent Trash to Paradise in the World Water Forum application process
Must be able to volunteer two days a month
Become aware of environmental and binational issues as a team member of a newly formed start-up
Represent Trash to Paradise if we win in the World Water Forum
If you are interested in joining, please e-mail Bianca Alvarado at bi.alva.m@gmail.com
Please review the link for more information: https://www.facebook.com/trashtoparadise

INTERN OR VOLUNTEER IN THE REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF SAN DIEGO

Our department offers low-cost immigration services to the entire San Diego community. We assist clients in applying for citizenship, travel permits, DACA, etc. We will offering the following positions until they are filled:

Immigration services

1. Administrative Support

Assist Immigration staff with case notes, filing, client communication, data entry, etc.
Arabic, Farsi, or Spanish speaking a plus

2. Immigration Law Advocate (Internship; Spanish required)

Translate documents and marketing materials
Develop quarterly newsletter
Assist with developing social media presence

3. Immigration Services Intern (Spanish required)

Become informed on administrative relief programs and citizenship services offered by JFS
Assist Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator with outreach efforts
Engage with local businesses, organizations, and service providers, and immigrant populations in SD county by providing resource information

4. Citizenship Tutors/Instructors

Work through citizenship materials and assist with interview preparation with those studying for U.S. citizenship test

5. Mock Interviewers

Meet with students once a month in preparation for citizenship interview

Refugee Resettlement

1. Translators
Arabic, Farsi, Burmese, and African languages (especially those spoken in Eritrea and Congo)

2. Resettlement Case Aides

Complete case notes, file documents, and perform data entry pertaining to refugee and asylum cases with respective case managers
Occasionally transport clients to appointments and act as a friendly liaison

3. Friendly Match

Conduct weekly in-home visits with a refugee family
Introduce refugees to local institutions such as supermarkets, parks, recreational facilities, transportation systems, libraries, government offices, schools, etc.
Provide supplemental English language instruction

For more information please contact Bianca Perez at 858-637-3024 or by email at biancap@jfssd.org

STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP AT SDSU HIRING MENTORS FOR SOPHOMORE STUDENTS

Commuter Programs at San Diego State University is looking to hire mentors to help SDSU sophomores excel academically and succeed during their second year on campus. Sophomore SURGE is a mentorship based program for SDSU students to inspire a strong second year on campus.

Student Life & Leadership is hiring mentors (SDSU juniors and seniors) who are well-rounded in their academic and professional lives, as well as involved on campus. This mentoring position would require you to attend training sessions that will prepare you for meetings with your mentee throughout the academic year (every other week). Also, you may be asked by your students for extra tutoring in the subjects RWS, Math, or Science.

Mentors will be compensated for their time at $10/hr. We are looking to hire students who can commit around 25 hours a month.

If you’re interested in this exciting opportunity to mentor in the SURGE program, please fill out the application. Hiring is on a rolling, as needed basis so there is no deadline. Feel free to contact sllmentor@mail.sdsu.edu if you have any questions about the position or the program.

FEE-FREE VOLUNTEERING AND TEACHING OPPORTUNITY IN CHILE WITH "ENGLISH OPENS DOORS" PROGRAM
The English Opens Doors Program’s Volunteer Initiative, is a fee-free volunteer opportunity implemented by the Chilean Ministry of Education, and supported by the United Nations Development Program. We are seeking volunteers to teach English under the supervision of professional Chilean teachers in public middle schools and high schools throughout Chile. The English Opens Doors Program’s mission is to increase the English proficiency of Chilean students and English teachers. This skill is essential to aid Chile’s continued development in our increasingly globalized world. The key part of this initiative is bringing native and near-native English speakers into Chilean public schools specifically to develop the listening and speaking skills of young Chileans, as well as to encourage cultural exchange. Over the past 10 years, more than 2,100 volunteers from all over the world have participated in the English Opens Doors Program.

Please click on the link above to apply. The next round of applications are due December 13th, 2015, the third round on December 27th, 2015, and the fourth round are due April 10th, 2016.