Announcement: Plan II now twitters! Get up-to-the-minute information about deadlines, events, and other items of interest via P2Tweets, http://www.twitter.com/P2Tweets

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‘Place of Precedent in Objective Law’ starts and continues on Saturday, October 17.
1. **Plan II Peer Advising Week**

Peer Advising Week for all Plan II First-Year students will be October 19-23 in the Plan II office. All Plan II first-year students must come in and meet with a Plan II Peer Advisor in preparation for Spring registration, which begins on October 26th. Check your email for the complete schedule of advising hours, your registration worksheet, and other important details!

2. **Plan II Thesis Registration Procedure and Deadlines**

Plan II seniors wishing to start their thesis in the spring must complete the following steps to register in the thesis course (TC 660HA):


2. Fill out Part One of the Thesis Registration Form and bring it to a meeting with the Plan II Associate Director (Alexandra Wettlaufer) OR the Plan II Assistant Director (Wendy Domjan) during their office hours. Discuss your thesis proposal and, if approved, get their initials on Part One and turn it into the Plan II front desk. THE DEADLINE FOR PART ONE IS Friday, Nov. 6th.

3. Register for the thesis course and schedule meetings with professors you would like to work with as your supervisor and/or second reader.

4. Complete Part Two of the Thesis Registration Form and turn it into the Plan II front desk. THE DEADLINE FOR PART TWO IS Friday, Dec. 4th.

3. **Voltaire’s Cinema Event**

*Voltaire’s Cinema* presents Matt Valentine with a screening and discussion of Ridley Scott's 1979 sci-fi classic, *Alien*. Ridley Scott's 1979 film Alien stands apart from the several sequels (each helmed by a different director); neither an action blockbuster nor a typical horror film, the original Alien is perhaps the most successful marriage of science fiction and suspense. The film has been the subject of a surprising volume of scholarly criticism, referenced not only in film theory but also examined through the lenses of feminism, art history and comparative literature. Now thirty years old, the film’s Academy Award-winning visual effects (especially the alien creature, designed by artist H.R. Giger) have aged well -- the film still looks and feels like a believable dystopian future, and has avoided much of the campiness that dates other sci-fi films of this vintage.

When: October 28, 7 p.m.
Where: Joynes Reading Room

Don’t be scared! Come poise yourself for a thrilling Halloween with some light refreshments and a cult classic hosted by Matt Valentine. Contact <pii.academics@gmail.com> for questions or concerns.

4. **Voltaire’s Coffee**

All twenty spots available for Larry Speck’s November 12 VC are currently full. If you would still like to be added to a waiting list in case someone cannot attend, please contact <pii.academics@gmail.com> with your request. For more information see the Facebook event [http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=171524987552&ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=171524987552&ref=ts)

5. **Plan II Travel and Thesis Grants**

Beginning Monday, October 5, 2009, students wishing to apply for Plan II grants in support of academic travel or thesis research during the winter break or Spring 2010 semester may apply online using the College of Liberal Arts Online Scholarship Portal. Visit the Plan II Honors website and navigate to Current Students, then Scholarships to find the link to the scholarship system. If you have not used the system before, you will need to create a one-time profile, then apply for the specific Plan II grant you are seeking.

Students who have already submitted paper application forms will be contacted by Plan II individually.

For students applying for study abroad support, be sure to see the “HOW TO APPLY” section of the Plan II Travel Grant webpage. The notes will guide you to the online application. The deadline for applications will be October 30, 2009. Send questions to <planischolarships@austin.utexas.edu>.

6. **Plan II to Offer New Maymester Program in Costa Rica – May 2010**

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Plan II is pleased to announce the creation of a new Maymester Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica to be offered in May 2010. The Program is titled “Costa Rica: Issues in Rainforest Conservation” and will be co-taught by Professors Ruth Buskirk and Moon Draper of the School of Biological Sciences in the College of Natural Sciences. Course credit for
either TC 357 or BIO 337 can be gained from participation in the Program. For detailed information visit the Costa Rica page on the Plan II Website: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/abroad/costa-rica.php>

Interested students should plan to attend an information session: Tuesday, October 27 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007)

The Application Deadline is November 1, 2009; applications are accepted on a rolling basis so feel free to apply early. In order to access the online Maymester application your EID must be entered into the Study Abroad Office online system, contact the Study Abroad Office 471-6490 directly and request to be authorized to apply for a Maymester Program or come to an information session and sign the application form. Note: submitting your EID for authorization to the online system does not obligate you to apply for a Maymester Program.

**ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Law Fair**
   Law Fair is an annual event that brings representatives from 100+ law schools to campus to recruit UT students. UT Law Fair is one of the largest school-sponsored law fairs in the nation! This is a unique opportunity to learn a great deal about many different law schools all in one day. Oftentimes the person at the booth is the same person who will be reading your application down the road! Law Fair is free and open to the public. Business casual dress is recommended.
   Monday, October 26, 2009
   11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
   Texas Union Ballroom
   We are also offering a special workshop in conjunction with Law Fair: *Admissions Panel*
   October 26, 1-2 p.m.
   Texas Union, Governor's Room (3.116)
   Admissions committee members from three different law schools (UT Law, SMU and University of Chicago Law) will answer your questions and give you the inside scoop on the admissions process.

2. **LACS Workshops**
   **10/19 - Make the Most of the 2009 Career Expo**
   <mailto:LiberalArts@Work>: LACS Workshop from Noon-1 p.m. in FAC 18. Attend this workshop to learn how to prepare your 30-second pitch and develop a strategy for meeting the organizations of interest to you. *For more information about the 2009 Career Expo, please see "Career Events" in your BTT Gateway account.*

3. **Bridging Disciplines Programs**
   **Learn More about the Bridging Disciplines Programs!**
   Come to an Information Session with BDP Advisors
   When:
   Every Tuesday, 11:00am -12:00pm and
   Every Wednesday, 3:00 - 4:00pm
   Where: FAC 1
   BDP advisors will answer questions and tell you about the requirements for each program, how a BDP can work with your degree plan, and how to choose the right BDP for you. You will also learn about the application process and hear valuable tips about how to write an effective application essay.
   If you cannot attend one of these information sessions, please call 232-7564 to make an appointment.
   **FALL BDP APPLICATION DEADLINE:** OCTOBER 16, 2009

**EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Enspire Learning Job Opportunities**
   Enspire Learning is recruiting Marketing Coordinators, Content Writers, Technology Developers, and Multimedia Designers to join its 2010 Emerging Leaders Program. These entry level positions are full-time, salaried with benefits and will begin in July 2010.

   Join Enspire Learning for an information session on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. in Parlin 308
   You’ll hear about this unique job opportunity in Austin and how you can quickly make an impact at an Austin-based company.

   **2. Intellectual Entrepreneurship "Pre-Graduate School Internship."**
   This internship is open to students in all UT colleges/schools and departments. You may earn one, two or three hours of academic credit (CMS 164M/264M/364M) by participating in the internship.
   In addition, you may read more about this program on the web: <http://communication.utexas.edu/je/> Note: Because of the generosity of several UT deans, undergraduates who do their pre-grad internship in programs in the following colleges will be eligible to receive travel grants to help cover part of the cost of attending an academic conference (with their grad mentor)--- Law, Public Affairs, Communication, Engineering, Liberal Arts, Pharmacy, Business, Social Work, Education, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts.

   A wonderful UT web feature about this program is at: <http://www.utexas.edu/features/2008/je-2/>

   If after examining these materials you have questions, please feel free to contact Rick Cherwitz at <spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu>

3. **Winn Tutor Positions Available**
   Tutors are needed for School year 2009-2010 with Winn Tutoring, a private in-home tutoring service for students in grades 5 through 12. Part-time job tailored to a busy schedule, working 2-10 hours per week at $19-$22 per hour. Most work is Monday through Thursday between 5Pm and 9PM.
***TRANSPORTATION IS REQUIRED*** Tutor is needed for Advanced High School level Chemistry, Geometry, Algebra II and Pre-cal.

Apply at <www.winntutoring.com>, or e-mail Sharon White at <info@winntutoring.com>

4. **2009 LA Career Expo**
The 2009 CAREER EXPO is October 21st, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Texas Union Ballroom. All majors invited! Meet with dozens of employers who have full-time jobs and internships available. NOTE: Professional dress suggested, minimum of business casual required. You can check out who has registered to date at <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/services/connections/career-fairs/2009/fall> - more employers will be added so check back often. This is a must-attend event for anyone seeking a job after graduation or an internship!

5. **The Daily Texan Needs Writers**
The Daily Texan's special editions staff is looking for writers to fill out this year’s roster. We publish about 40 editions annually including Longhorn Life. We're looking for students with strong writing skills to compose 400 to 600 word articles upon request, which we will pay $15 a piece if published. Columns include housing, culture, technology, education, diversity, current events, health, politics and profiles.

Interested students should contact Elena Watts at <elenaw@mail.utexas.edu> or (512) 232-8351.

**UNIVERSITY WIDE**

1. **Bob Bullock History Museum Events**

Bob Bullock History Museum and IMAX "Where the Wild Things Are"

October 29th from 5-6 p.m. the museum available for us (museum closes at 6:00 but IMAX will still be open).

6:00 - 6:40 You are welcome to join several of the PhATh officers for dinner at Player's at 6 and walk over to the IMAX presentation at 6:40 p.m.

6:40-6:50 p.m. there is no late seating at the IMAX show. You must check in 15-20 minutes before the show starts.

7-8:30 p.m. IMAX showing of *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Please feel free to come to all or part of this event. The charge for the movie is $5 for Phi Alpha Theta members and $10 for non-members.

RSVP ASAP

Please *RSVP AND PAY BY OCTOBER 15th to the main history office GAR 1.104 or Dr. Susan Boettcher in GAR 3.102.

* Please submit payment in an envelope labeled "Attn: Dr. Boettcher"along with your name, email address, eid, and amount enclosed. Please note, The Department of History cannot provide change.

2. **Joynes Literary Society Meeting**
The Joynes Literary Society is a student-organized book club for undergraduates in any honors program at UT Austin. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, October 27th, at 8 p.m. in CRD 007A. Up for discussion is Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize-winning post-apocalyptic novel *The Road*. Ten free copies of *The Road* are available for honors students at the Joynes Reading Room front desk. If you have questions, contact Naveen Pattisapu at <napcot@gmail.com>. (Don't take a free book unless you plan to attend the discussion!)

3. **Analecta Accepting Entries**

Analecta, UT’s official Literary and Arts Journal, is accepting poetry, fiction, drama, and personal essay submissions now through December 16. All winners will be published in Analecta 36 and will receive two free copies of the journal. Prizes of $100 will be awarded to one featured poet and one featured prose writer. Entries are unlimited and will be judged through a blind selection process. Please refer to the detailed submission guidelines at <http://www.utensenate.org/analecta/submissions.htm> before submitting. Entry is open to all students, undergraduate and graduate, at UT and other universities. Email any questions to <analecta.ut@gmail.com>

4. **Ethics in Government Conference**
The LBJ School of Public Affairs, Office of Conferences and Training is pleased to announce that former Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff will be presenting a session on Ethical Leadership at the 2009 Ethics is Government conference which will be held in Austin on October 28, 2009.

The following speakers and more will be presenting:

The Opening Keynote: Robert Hoyk, Ph.D., co-author of the book "The Ethical Executive: Becoming Aware of the Root Causes of Unethical Behavior: 45 Psychological Traps that Every One of Us Falls Prey To". He will discuss many of the psychological traps that were identified in the book. Every participant will receive a copy of the book with their registration.

The Closing Keynote - Henry J. Shea, Associate Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas School of Law and Richard Juliano, Former Deputy Chief of Staff, Former Illinois Governor George Ryan. They will discuss "The Consequence of Public..."
Corruption: An Insider's View".

This conference is a must for anyone dealing with Ethics and Ethics Compliance in Texas government today.

Date: October 28, 2009

Location: Thompson Conference Center

Cost: $175 for the general public $158.00 for UT students/faculty and staff

Credit hours: 6 CPE and MCLE (application pending)

To register and see the complete agenda, please visit out website: <http://www.utexas.edu/lbj/profdev/candt/class/384/

If you have any questions please email us at: <lbjpdp@uts.cc.utexas.edu>

5. Helping Horns
The University of Texas Student Government is starting a new program called Helping Horns. This program involves University of Texas students going to Crockett High School and/or Reagan High School to "adopt-a-teacher" or Saturday TAKS tutoring. Both of these schools are in great need of help with academic tutoring and are greatly appreciative of our help.

Info sessions will be conducted in the upcoming weeks.

We appreciate you for considering participation in this program. For more information, please contact Aniq Lakhpaty at <aniqlakhpaty@gmail.com> or Scott Trebilcock at <Scottex12@aol.com>.


This event is sponsored by The Plan II Honors Program, The Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, The Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The Program in Comparative Literature, and The University Honors Center on Tuesday, October 20, at 7 p.m. in the Joynes Reading Room. Please contact Matt Valentine with any questions <mvalentine@mail.utexas.edu>

Also, please join the Middle Eastern Film Club for a screening of Keret’s recent film Medusot (Jellyfish) on Monday October 19, at 6 p.m. in Burdine Hall Room 136.

7. Counseling and Mental Health
Center Offers New Groups

New groups include personal exploration groups, groups for specific issues and populations, integrated health classes and mindful eating programs. If you would like more information on these groups and more visit the CMHC website at <www.cmhc.utexas.edu> or go by the CMH Center in the Division of Student Affairs, 100 A. W. Dean Keeton St. Austin, Texas 78712. (512) 471-3515

8. ‘Place of Precedent in Objective Law’

A Conference at the University of Texas at Austin, Oct 16-17, 2009
Judicial deference to precedent seems to carry definite advantages for a legal system – as well as definite disadvantages. What weight should precedent exert on our understanding of what the law is? Where does regard for precedent stand vis-a-vis other elements that a court should consider? Does acceptance of the doctrine of stare decisis weaken the authority of the law? Does it strengthen it? What are the implications of respect for precedent for the objectivity of the law?

All sessions to be held in Waggener Hall (WAG) 316

Sponsored by the BB&T Chair for the Study of Objectivism and the University of Texas Department of Philosophy
No registration fee; more info/schedule at: <http://utbttchairobjectivism.com/>

9. Senior Fellows Guest Speakers

Details are online at <http://communication.utexas.edu/students/srfellowevents.html>. These events, which are free and open to the public, are sponsored by the Senior Fellows honors program of the College of Communication. For more information, contact Robert Jensen at (512) 471-1990 or <rjensend@uts.cc.utexas.edu>

‘Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle”
a talk by Author Chris Hedges
Monday, November 9, 2009
noon - 2 p.m.
Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Building (CPE 2.204)

a talk by Professor Andrea Smith,
University of California-Riverside
Tuesday, November 17, 2009
7 p.m.
University of Texas at Austin
Thompson Conference Center auditorium (TCC 1.110)

SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Undergraduate Research Award

The Senate of College Councils and the School of Undergraduate Studies invite you to apply for this semester’s Undergraduate Research Award. The award seeks to encourage students to get involved in research early in their undergraduate experience. Eligible applicants include students assisting a faculty member with a research project as well as students conducting independent research.

Applicants must be enrolled for 12 hours of coursework at the University of Texas at Austin. Preference will be given to first-year and second-year students, though all undergraduates are encouraged to apply.

One winner will receive a $1,000 award from the Senate of College Councils. The award recipient will be expected to compose a brief paper reflecting on their experiences at the end of the academic year.
The deadline for all materials is November 20, 2009 at 5 p.m. Submit your application in person to Becky Carreon in the Senate of College Councils’ office, SSB 4.206. Please contact Austin Gunter at <a_gunter@mail.utexas.edu> with questions regarding the application.

2. Elie Wiesel Essay Contest
Every year the Elie Wiesel Foundation sponsors an essay competition. This year the suggested topics are:
What does your own experience tell you about the relationship between politics and ethics and, in particular, what could be done to make politics more ethical?
Articulate with clarity an ethical issue you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself.
Carefully examine the ethical aspects or implications of a major literary work, a film or a significant piece of art.
Clearly analyze the relationship between religion and ethics in today's world.
How does a recent political or cultural event shed light on the ethics of rebellion/revolution?

Contest Deadline: January 8, 2010
There are very substantial rewards for the winners: Winning students receive $10,000 in cash prizes, an internship, and a chance for their essay to be published in a nationally recognized publication.
Awards: First Prize - $ 5,000; Third Prize - $ 1,500; Second Prize - $ 2,500; Two Honorable Mentions - $ 500 each

Eligibility, FAQs and much more information at: <http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/information.aspx>

3. Summer Overseas Pre-Law Program Opportunity for Plan II
The Business Law Program in Edinburgh is a five-week intensive summer study abroad program that is designed specifically for undergraduate students at The University of Texas at Austin. The program is offered in conjunction with The University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland. The University of Edinburgh is one of Europe’s leading higher education institutions and is annually ranked in the top ten by the TIMES newspaper rankings of UK universities. Summer 2010 will mark the 8th year the Program in Business Law, run by the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) at the UT McCombs School of Business, has been offered. Students take two three-credit hour survey courses, one on American law and one on European Union law; program dates are likely to be June 28-July 29, 2010. Enrollment opens on September 24th and the Program is expected to fill quickly, interested students should visit the Program website (see below) for more information, contact Angie Carter at 471-1625, and plan to enroll early to ensure a spot in the Program.<http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/research/CIBER/summer/edinburgh.asp>.

4. UT Semester in Los Angeles Program Information Sessions
Thursday, Nov 12, @ 2:00pm CMA 5.160 (Video conference)
The program is currently accepting applications for summer and fall 2010, and will be moving to a selective application process with students who apply for spring 2011 or summer 2011. More information about this can be found online: <http://www.utla.utexas.edu/applying/index.htm>
Watch a short promotional video on the program online: <http://www.utla.utexas.edu/submitting/index.htm>
Questions? Contact UTLA Center staff in Los Angeles by calling the following toll free number: (877) 875-2111.

1. Submitting to the Plan II Newsletter
The Plan II newsletter is published on Tuesdays and Fridays during the semester for students currently registered in Plan II and others associated with Plan II who send their e-mail addresses to <planinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu>. News items for the letter include announcements from the Plan II office and the Plan II Student
Association, as well as performances and exhibits by Plan II students. Read the newsletter to learn about courses, registration, advising, job opportunities and special events. Personal and political announcements will not be published in the newsletter; and internships and job announcements should normally be sent to the Liberal Arts Career Services office, after which they may be considered for publication in the newsletter.

Please keep in mind that although the Plan II newsletter enjoys a substantial and diverse readership, its circulation is still relatively small. It should not be relied upon as an employer's only means of advertising for a position, a group's only advertisement for an event, etc. To reach a wider audience, please use university-wide electronic and paper advertising outlets.

To place a news item in the Plan II newsletter, you must do the following, or your messages will not be included:

- Type your news item in the body of an e-mail to <planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu>.
- In the subject line, write “Plan2News” exactly.
- Give the name of a contact person with phone number or e-mail address.
- Provide an activity date or a deadline, whichever is appropriate.
- Do not use “we” or “I.” Please write your submission in third person.
- Write in complete sentences and use correct grammar.
- News items will run until your deadline, or through two issues of the newsletter if no deadline is provided.
- The text of submitted newsletter items (including job and internship postings) must be fewer than 150 words, not including headline and contact information. Please edit your entries to this length before submission. An overly-lengthy entry will be returned to its sender and will not appear until this standard is met.
- Send your news item to <planiinewsletter@austin.utexas.edu> no later than 3:00 p.m. on Monday (for the Tuesday letter) or 3:00 p.m. on Thursday (for the Friday letter). The 3:00 p.m. deadline is final. Do not send your message to any other address. No one else can approve news items for inclusion in the Plan II newsletter and no other address will be used to receive entries.

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Red River Rivalry:

“I pledge allegiance to Plan II and the University of Texas at Austin. And to the program for which it stands underfunded, indescribably awesome, with liberty and cookies for all.”

Plan II Pledge