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DAAD Scholarship Deadline

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John Lennon’s Birthday
End of Advising Week
## Plan II Pre-Law Meeting

Come out to Plan II Pre-Law's October meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 5p.m in Joynes 007A. Tatem Oldham, the Liberal Arts Pre-Law advisor, will be there to answer all your questions and give some great advice. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity. Questions? Contact Alex Holmes at <plan2prelaw@gmail.com>.

## Voltaire’s Cinema

Voltaire's Coffee presents Professor Carolyn Eastman on the topic "Bootylicious: or, Sexing Up the Pirates of the Caribbean in Early Printed Books"

In the golden age of piracy between 1670 and 1730, pirates decimated European trade in the Americas and posed an economic threat that was as serious as international war. Yet early illustrated books about pirates cultivated a different image. Increasingly, authors and book illustrators drew out highly sexualized, gender-bending, and rapacious lives of the pirates for readers' delight. Why focus on these themes? This talk analyzes pirates in texts and illustrations to uncover the long history of sexy pirates in print and imagery.

When: Wednesday, October 14, at 7 p.m.

Where: Main room in Joynes

Light refreshments will be provided. No registration necessary, just come to Joynes and engage in an interesting and fun discussion! Questions: <pii.academics@gmail.com>.

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## Lost & Found

A watch was left behind at last Friday's Freshman Getaway. If you lost one and can identify it to the Plan II front desk receptionist, please come by to claim it.

## Plan II to Offer New Maymester Program in Costa Rica – May 2010

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.

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1. **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**

2. **Resume Roadshow**

Meet the Liberal Arts Career Services team and have your resume instantly reviewed (think speed-dating, but for a job rather than a relationship)! Also receive information about the CAREER EXPO on Oct. 21st. LACS Staff Members will be between Batts and Mezes (in the Six-Pack) on Oct. 15th between 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring a hard copy of your resume!

3. **Advising Week 2009**

Advising Week 2009 is scheduled for October 5 –9, with an Advising Fair on Wednesday, October 7 from 10 am – 2 pm on the South Mall. The Advising Fair will feature advisors and staff from various majors/resources across campus all in one location. Events will also be featured throughout the week for students to gain additional information such as internal transfer info sessions and other involvement opportunities.

Stop by the Advising Fair with questions and get answers!

### EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. **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.winn tutoring.com>, or e-mail Sharon White at <info@winn tutoring.com>

2. **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!

3. **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. **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>.

2. **Net Impact Undergrad Event**

“Can Non-profits do Business Better?”

A discussion led by Professor Peter Frumkin, Director of the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at the LBJ School Tuesday, October 13th at 4p.m. in GSB Events room (5th floor) Join Net Impact Undergrad and Professor Frumkin for a discussion about the effectiveness of non-profit and for-profit social enterprises.

What practices make an organization effective? What can non-profits learn...
from businesses and what can businesses learn from non-profits? Also enjoy some free Tiff Treats! Limited spots available: Must RSVP to <texasniu@gmail.com> by Sunday Oct 11th

This Event is Part of the Net Impact Undergrad's Sustainability Discussion Series. Learn more at <https://studentorgs.utexas.edu/niu>

3. **Phd in Public Policy Information Meeting**

The doctoral students of the LBJ School will host an information session for people considering a PhD in Public Policy on Monday, October 12 at 12:15 p.m. At the session, we will be joined by LBJ Doctoral Program Faculty who serve on the admissions committee to offer insights into the requirements for application and expectations for obtaining the PhD in Public Policy.

We will also hear from students about how to choose a school, the applications process, making the decision between discipline-based programs (Economics, Political Science, History, Sociology, International Relations) and the multi-discipline program, international versus domestic training, how to fund a PhD, post-graduation job opportunities, and answers to whatever questions you pose about the doctorate acquisition process. The session is meant to address any curiosities you might have about pursuing a PhD now or in the more distant future and to offer assistance to those currently in the application process.

As we would like to serve refreshments and obtain a room of proper size, please RSVP to Angela Newell <amnewell@mail.utexas.edu> to indicate your interest in attending the PhD in Public Policy information session.

4. **Texas Microfinance Group Meeting**

TMG is a student organization dedicated to spreading awareness of microfinance and sharing opportunities for involvement nationally and globally. Another component of the group is to do research on microfinance projects around the world and allocate funds to those projects. It is a great way to learn about microfinance, find internships, and make a difference in the local and global community! There are monthly meetings. Next Tuesday, October 13 at 5 p.m. there is a social fundraiser at "5 Guys Pizza." You can contact Farah Ahmed at <farah.ahmed@bba06.mccombs.utexas.edu> with any questions.

5. **“The Girl on the Fridge:” an Evening with Israeli Writer Etgar Keret**

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.

6. **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

7. **‘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 Waggner 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://utbbchairobjectivism.com/>

8. **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 <rjensen@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. Liberal Arts Council Study Abroad Scholarship

Deadline: Wednesday October 14, 2009
The Liberal Arts Council will award scholarships to full time College of Liberal Arts students studying abroad during the Spring 2010 semester. Typically 5-10 awards are given ranging from $250-$1000 based on applications and interviews. All applicants must be available for interviews on November 14-15. To apply, visit the Global Assist Webpage. For more information, please go to <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/scholarships-hidden/LAC-Study-Abroad-Scholarship.php>
Contact Person: Laura Kachelmeyer, laurakachelmeyer@mail.utexas.edu

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 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. Liberal Arts Competitive Scholarships

**Liberal Arts Competitive Scholarship**
For students in the College of Liberal Arts with a UT Austin GPA between 3.25 and 3.69,
30 hours in residence at UT at time of application.
Award amounts from $1,000 - $2,000
DEADLINE: October 15, 2009

**Liberal Arts UG Research Awards**
To support undergraduate student research and to enable students to attend conferences pertaining to their field of study.
Eligibility Criteria: Student must have declared a Liberal Arts major and have a GPA of at least 3.2 at time of application.
Award amounts: up to $1,000.00 will be awarded for fall 2009 or spring 2010.
DEADLINE: October 15, 2009

**Liberal Arts Study Abroad Scholarships for Exchange Programs**
For students in the College of Liberal Arts planning on going on an Exchange Study Abroad Program.
Number of awards vary in each semester.
Eligibility Criteria: Must be an undergraduate student currently enrolled in Liberal Arts with at least one semester completed in the College. Completion of a minimum of 15 hours of coursework in residence, through the Summer 2009 semester (at time of application). UT-Austin GPA of at least 3.0.
One letter of recommendation from a UT faculty member.
Award amounts: $1,000 - $2,000
DEADLINE: October 15, 2009
To apply, go to <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/student-affairs/Programs/Scholarships.php>

4. DAAD Study Scholarship/Research Grants in Germany for 2010-2011

Campus deadline: Oct. 15th
UT Austin is permitted to nominate two priority candidates for special consideration for DAAD Study Scholarships/Research Grants. (Students not designated as priority candidates will still have their materials forwarded to DAAD for consideration in the broader at-large competition.)
These awards are designed to foster academic exchange at the graduate level. Students from all academic areas may apply.

Eligibility:
- US and Canadian citizens currently enrolled in degree-seeking programs; case by case for others who have been enrolled for at least 2 years (contact DAAD for confirmation)
- German skills sufficient to carry out the proposed program (level will vary depending on student’s plan)
For more information on the individual award categories
please visit <www.daad.org>.

**STUDY ABROAD**

1. **Passport Day**

   Getting ready to travel soon? Apply for or renew a passport without leaving the Business school. Simply bring: completed passport application, proof of U.S. citizenship, proof of ID, two checks ($75 application fee; $25 execution fee). Passport photo services will be available for $10. Applications are available at the event, or you may complete them online at: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html>. Passport Day is Wednesday, October 28 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the CBA Events Room 3.304. For more information visit: <www.mccombs.utexas.edu/udean/ip/passportday.asp>.

2. **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>.

3. **UT in D.C. Archer Program**

   October 26, 2009 (Monday) at 3:00 p.m. in FAC 4
   November 16, 2009 (Monday) at 12:00 p.m. in FAC 4
   November 17, 2009 (Tuesday) at 12:30 p.m. in FAC 4

   If you would like to spend a fall or spring semester in Washington, D.C. involved in an internship and taking in-residence UT Austin classes, please see <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/utindc> and then come to one of the information sessions listed above to find out more. The UT Austin campus coordinator and former Archer Fellows will give an overview of the program and provide you with tips on submitting a competitive application.

   Please feel free to make an appointment with Katrina Kosted, coordinator, if you would like to discuss your interest in the program, or if you are unable to attend an info session.

4. **UT Semester in Los Angeles Program Information Sessions**

   Wednesday, Oct 14, @ 3:00pm CMA 5.160 (Video conference)
   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>

Questions? Contact UTLA Center staff in Los Angeles by calling the following toll free number: (877) 875-2111.

**USEFUL MISCELLANY**

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 <planinewsletter@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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