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30 days left in 2009

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1. Winter Voltaire’s Coffee Series

Everyone’s favorite Plan II event from their freshman year is now open to ALL Plan II students in our new Winter Voltaire's Coffee Series! Join us for an evening of all your favorite things: interesting books, stimulating discussion, amazing professors, engaging fellow students, and food, of course! All VCs will be held between January 21 and January 29, before the homework really starts piling up. Locations will be on campus for easy access, exact location TBA. ALL VCs are scheduled for 7 p.m. so that the fewest number of classes will conflict as possible. Limited spots are available, so registration is required! Students can register by accessing the link to the registration form on the Plan II website beginning at noon on Monday, November 30th. Registration will close on midnight of Friday, December 4th. Registration is limited to one VC per student. See the Plan II website for more details.

2. “Dionysus in '69” Performance

This play by the Rude Mechanicals will be performed at the Off Center starting December 4. Professor Paul Woodruff, one of the hosts for the Winter Voltaire's Coffee Series, has the following to say about this play: "I saw that play in 1969 when it was a new thing to see a troupe of actors performing naked, and it was also new to see them make use of birthing rituals from New Guinea. I hope that some of you will see "Dionysus in '69" so that we may talk about it in the coffee, but that is not required. If you see it, you will never forget it.” More info at <http://rudemechs.blogspot.com/2009/11/dionysus-in-69.html>

3. Open Seats in Spring 2010 Graduate Course E 392M

Professor MacKay is opening a few seats in her spring 2010 Graduate Course “E392M: The Melodramatic Impulse in Victorian Literature” to Plan II Students. The course meets MW 3:30-5:00 p.m. in PAR C (unique 35285). Interested students should contact Dr. MacKay <mackay@mail.utexas.edu> directly regarding enrollment.

4. New Spring TC 125K

Civic Viewpoints
This course is taught by Lee Walker on Mondays from 1-3:15 p.m. (7 sessions over the semester) in PAR 301. “The purpose of this class is to define and explore civic engagement, with the intention of inspiring students to become civic entrepreneurs themselves in their respective areas of interest. We will survey the topics of Justice, Place, Transit, Entrepreneurship, Education, and Healthcare.”

Perspectives on...The Future
This course is taught by Dr. Michael Stoff, the Director of Plan II. Over the semester there will be 7 sessions on Wednesdays from 7-9:15 p.m., January 27 through March 10. CAL 200 Unique number 43565
The topic of this year's class is “The Future.” We think about the future all the time-from the moment we wake up and consider the day before us to the moment we go to sleep and wonder what tomorrow will bring. The Perspectives course rings together a panel of faculty members from various disciplines to discuss their views on a given topic.

5. Plan II/KIPP Program

The Plan II/KIPP Partnership will be starting its second annual PlanTutoring program this semester for the 2009-2010 school year. KIPP Austin Collegiate is looking for energetic and hardworking Plan II students to assist them in tutoring high school students in all subjects. PlanTutoring allows tutors to volunteer as many hours as they would like but requires a one-hour commitment per week. KIPP Austin Collegiate has expressed a high demand for tutors this semester. If there are any sophomores or juniors interested in being involved in the growing Plan II/KIPP Partnership, then PlanTutoring is a great program to join. Please contact Jessica Collins by email <jessann@mail.utexas.edu> if you are interested.

Academic Announcements

1. Middle Eastern Languages Placement Exams

The Department of Middle Eastern Studies is holding placement exams for Arabic, Hebrew, and Persian on Friday, January 15, 9-12. Please pass on the following information to any of your students who are interested. Also please note that this is for placement into the appropriate language course; the exam is not for students who do not intend to register for a language course but who only want credit-by-exam. CBE evaluations will be held in April.

Students with previous knowledge of a Middle Eastern language and students returning from language study at another institution must take a placement exam before enrolling in any course in that language. Placement exams will include evaluations of speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Students may sign up for the exam at http://www.utexas.edu/cola/depts/mes/languages/testing.php.

Placement exam dates for spring 2010 are:
Arabic placement exam – January 15, 9-12 – MEZ 2.120
Hebrew placement exam – January 15, 9-12 – MEZ 2.118
Persian placement exam – January 15, 9-12 – TBA

2. Paper Submissions for History Conference

Beta Alpha Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (University of Texas at Austin) announces a CIP for its 2010 regional conference. The conference will be hosted by the Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin with an informal gathering on the evening of Friday, February 26, and all day Saturday, February 27, 2009. At the conference, papers will be augmented by a keynote speech at lunch, roundtables and professional sessions.

Call for papers: We solicit papers that present current and recent undergraduate and graduate research, on all historical time periods and geographical areas. Papers should be written in English, discuss a topic from the disciplinary perspective of history,
art history, or historically-oriented cultural studies, and should be about 1520 minutes long. Papers may be proposed singly or in panels of 3-4. We also seek to include sessions of nontraditional presentations (e.g., audio-visual projects or web design) on original research. Participation: The conference is sponsored by Beta Alpha chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, but non-members are encouraged to participate.

Prizes: National Phi Alpha Theta awards several prizes to the best papers by Phi Alpha Theta members. In addition, Beta Alpha chapter will award the following awards, open to all participants: $400 to the best paper of the conference; $100 each to three runners-up; and some other miscellaneous prizes for best paper in individual fields. Prize awards are limited to undergraduates. Awards are based both on the content of the submitted paper and the quality of its delivery. Double-blind judging will be conducted by a panel of two members of Beta Alpha chapter and two UT faculty members. To submit your paper for prize consideration, email the following materials as .pdf or .doc files to <phialphathetatexas@yahoo.com> by 5 p.m. on February 5, 2010: a copy of the paper with nothing that identifies you as author; and a separate cover sheet with your name, email, and the paper title.

Conference Fee: $30 includes continental breakfast and lunch followed by keynote address on Saturday; coffee breaks; a T-shirt; and eligibility for the prize competition. Deadlines: register for the conference by February 5, 2010; submit paper by February 5, 2010, to be eligible for prizes. Contact us at <phialphathetatexas@yahoo.com> or Susan Boettcher, chapter adviser, at <susan.boettcher@mail.utexas.edu> or (512) 475-9297.

3. Submissions for The Student Journal of Latin American Studies

The Student Journal of Latin American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin is accepting papers from graduate and undergraduate students. The Student Journal of Latin American Studies is an interdisciplinary journal that seeks to foster student research on topics relating to Latin America, promote a better understanding of the region, and link the research of graduate and undergraduate students around the world.

We invite all students conducting research related to Latin America to contribute to the journal and encourage faculty and staff across colleges and disciplines to promote this opportunity among their students. In order to be considered for publication, the articles must be submitted by January 4th, 2010. Articles may be written in English or Spanish and a maximum of 8000 words long.

Those interested in contributing to the Student Journal of Latin American Studies or promoting it will find more information in our website: <http://www.SJofLAS.org> <http://www.SJofLAS.org/> If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at <sjoflas@gmail.com>

4. Undergraduate Research Journal Submissions

Submit your research to the The Undergraduate Research Journal! All research and disciplines welcome. Build your resume and be recognized for your work! Articles can either fall into the long or short article categories-the prize for the top long article is $250; $100 for the short article. Check out this website for more details: <http://www.utexas.edu/research/student/uri>

Submission deadline is February 1st, 2010. (Contact info: Michelle Hayner, Editor-in-Cheif: email: <texasurj@gmail.com> Phone (512) 922.6715

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. Bain & Company Summer Internship

Bain & Company would like to invite you to apply for a position in its Summer 2010 Associate Consultant Internship program. Bain is currently accepting applications from talented Plan II Juniors graduating in December 2010 or May 2011.

Bain is a top-tier management consulting firm that helps clients make their biggest decisions on strategy, operations, mergers & acquisitions, technology, and organization. As an Associate Consultant Intern, you will spend your summer staffed as an integral member of the case team and will work on the most pressing issues faced by leading companies and organizations.

To apply: please upload your resume (with SAT score broken out), cover letter, and interactive degree audit to BOTH your career center’s website & our online application at <http://www.joinbain.com>. Please contact a member of the UT Plan II recruiting team (below) if you have any questions about the internship position, the recruitment process, or Bain itself.

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Daniel Taraba
Plan II Honors – 2005
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2. NIH Center for Cancer Research 2010 Summer Internship Program

The focus of this program is to increase diversity among our student trainees. A selection panel, composed of NCI scientists and administrators, will review the application packages and interview prospective fellows with a GPA of 3.0 or higher from under-represented groups or financially disadvantaged backgrounds.

This program offers development and training in the newest biomedical technologies. More than one-third of former interns are currently attending graduate school and others have been selected as post-baccalaureate fellows, providing them with one to two years of full-time training.

Applicants must be:
- In good standing, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
3. Teach For America Seeks Operations Coordinators

In the summer of 2010, Teach For America will run eight institutes in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and the Mississippi Delta. Across the eight institutes, about 4,900 new Teach For America corps members will come together for an intensive five-week, pre-service training program. The purpose of the institute is to prepare corps members to produce significant academic gains with their students and assume full-time teaching responsibilities in the fall. Each institute team works closely with local school districts so that new corps members can deliver a rigorous academic summer school program to more than 1,500 children in that school district.

Teach For America seeks operations coordinators to support the organization’s efforts to manage a summer training institute that serves over 500 new teachers and 120 staff members. Operations coordinators play an integral role in the daily operations at institute. Operations coordinators are guaranteed a salary of $2,500—$3,000 and lodging and food will be provided by Teach For America.

Operations Coordinators:
• Implement and maintain staffing operational systems at the host university site
• Work with a direct manager to coordinate special projects for the institute community
• Develop excellent organizational and time management systems

Applicants will be accepted through the NIH Office of Intramural Training and Education web site from November 16, 2009, until March 1, 2010 — <www.training.nih.gov>
Training dates: May 24 to August 27, 2010
Vi Black, Program Manager, Office of Training and Education, CCR, NCI, NIH, DHHS
Telephone: (301) 594-5363
E-mail: <vb55k@nih.gov>

4. Texas Tribune Internship Opportunity

The new, not-for-profit public media organization, the Texas Tribune <http://www.texastribune.org/about/> is looking for two interns to start immediately. The interns will work on marketing, events and development for the launch of the new organization and its media channels. Interns will work 15 hours or less a week and be paid $7.25/hour. Interns will be doing research, data entry, proposals, marketing, and more. As a start-up in the online publishing space, this internship is a great opportunity to learn from top professionals in Austin and the industry in a small, non-hierarchical environment. To apply, please send your resume to nathan@campus2careers.com. Note: this search is being performed by campus2careers.com <http://campus2careers.com/>.

5. 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/ie/>
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/ie-2/>

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

6. 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 5p.m. and 9 p.m.

*** 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>

1. Texas Feminists Panty Raid

Texas Feminists Panty Raid
Texas Feminists is collecting new underwear, used clothing, and toiletries to benefit Safe Place, a shelter for victims of sexual or domestic abuse. Items can be placed in a collection box in the Plan II office, and donations can be made to any Plan II receptionist. We will collect items until Christmas.
Contact Jamie Doak at (817) 300-2972 or email us at <texfem@gmail.com>
2. *Texas Hillel Student Gallery Exhibit*

Texas Hillel is looking for students to submit work for a show for the 2nd Student Gallery Exhibit. All students (Jewish, Non-Jewish, Majors and non-majors) are invited to submit any medium of work. Using the Jewish holiday of Purim as a catalyst for conversation and inspiration this years theme focuses around the idea of masks and identity.

We are taking proposals for submissions of various mediums of visual art including: drawings, paintings, sculptures...etc, as well as performance art including: dance performances, music compositions, theater pieces (short plays, monologues, etc) that are NO LONGER THAN 5 MINUTES.

These proposals MUST be e-mailed to <DBrustin@texashillel.org> by December 4, 2009 and state what art you will be showcasing, and it's medium. You will receive feedback ASAP in regards to your contribution to the gallery or show.

There will be a gallery reception and performance held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 and open to the UT and Austin community for the entire month of March.

3. *Students of the World Positions*

Are you interested in traveling abroad, making a documentary, and creating social change? Students of the World is looking for members for their summer 2010 team. Positions include: Producer, Photographer, Graphic Designer, Journalist, Filmmaker, Assistant Filmmaker/ Sound Supervisor, Film Interviewer and Events/Fundraising. Applications are due December 7 and available at <http://seechangenow.wordpress.com>. If you have any questions, please contact Juan Elizondo <elizondojuan@shcglobal.net> and check out <http://seechangenow.org>.

4. *Liberal Arts Career Services Updates*

Join the LACS LinkedIn group! LinkedIn is the most widely used online professional networking site with over 50 million members in over 200 countries. This a great tool in creating your professional network – students are invited to take part – you do not have to be a current working professional to become involved. There are also thousands of jobs posted on LinkedIn nationwide. Once your profile is created, you can join the LACS LinkedIn group and participate in career and job/internship search discussions, special resume collections for employers, notice of job postings, and possible direct contact with employers. Just search for “Liberal Arts Career Services” after your profile is created at <http://www.linkedin.com>.

5. *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.ut senate.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>.

6. *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>.

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**Scholarships**

1. *Atlas Shrugged Undergraduate Essay Contest*

The BB&T Chair for the Study of Objectivism, held by Dr. Tara Smith in the Philosophy Department, is sponsoring the Second Annual Undergraduate Essay Contest on Ayn Rand's novel, *Atlas Shrugged*. First prize is $1750, second prize is $1250, and third prize is $1000. All full-time undergraduates registered at UT for the 2009-2010 academic year – including those students who participated in last year’s contest – are eligible to submit an entry.

The submission deadline is February 3, 2010, which is shortly after the spring semester begins, so we are encouraging students to use the winter break to read the novel and work on their essays.

For the essay questions and full details, please visit <http://laits.utexas.edu/sites/bbtchair/essay-contest/> or email <bbtchair@austin.utexas.edu>.

2. *Fellowship Opportunities for Undergraduate Sophomores*

Are you a sophomore interested in a career in international affairs? Want to get funding for study abroad, language study, and grad school?

The IIP Fellowship is one of the most prestigious fellowships in international affairs available to minority students, helping students gain practical skills necessary for success in foreign policy careers in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

APPLICATION WEBSITE: <http://www.uncfsp.org/register>
DEADLINE: March 15, 2010

3. *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...
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Humanity in Action (HIA) is now accepting applications for the 2010 summer fellowship programs in Europe and the United States. See: [http://www.humanityinaction.org/mission](http://www.humanityinaction.org/mission) (information on HIA & its mission, programs, application and contact information). 

HIA invites applications from college students (current sophomores, juniors, and seniors) and recent graduates (classes of 2008 and 2009) who are intellectually gifted, mature, independent, and passionate about human rights and social justice.

The HIA summer fellowship programs bring together international groups of Fellows to study minority rights and human rights doctrines in democratic societies. Separate programs will take place for five weeks in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, New York, and Warsaw. Applications are due on January 23, 2010.

| **2. UT Pre-Health Trip to Costa Rica and Nicaragua** |

A team of UT Pre-Med students will be going to Costa Rica and Nicaragua from January 2-15 through International Service Learning. They will be setting up and treating patients in rural clinics in both countries. All UT Pre-Health students are welcome, and there are two students from Plan II confirmed for the trip. The trip will cost $1885/person and the student will be responsible for airfare, which currently is about $500 at the cheapest. Plan II students are working together to fundraise. There will be a team manager from International Service Learning with the students at all times in Central America. The team needs a minimum of 6 people, and there are only 4 currently signed up. For more information, please contact Plan II Pre-Medical Society Student Liaison Saloni Singh at [salonisingh9@gmail.com](mailto:salonisingh9@gmail.com).

| **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](http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/research/CIBER/summer/edinburgh.asp).

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 <planinewsletter@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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<http://www.utexas.edu/events/orangesanta/>

“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