Announcement: The P2SA officer board now has a full compliment. The positions of historian and secretary were held, to be filled via interview process by first-years students. The new board members are: Clara Fraden and Alice Armstrong as co-historians and Jade Law and Reagan Tankersley as co-secretaries.

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- UT Physics Research Open House

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- Poetry on the Plaza: The Sand and the Oyster

**Thursday**
- AFTLS’ King Lear

**Friday**
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- Worthington Essays Due
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1. **P2SA Funding Process**

Any Plan II group seeking funding from the P2SA as an umbrella organization must fill out a funding application. These can be found at the Plan II front desk (WCH 4.104) and must be filled out and returned by 5pm Friday, October 2. Be sure to carefully read the instructions on the application so that P2SA can help your organization get off the ground. If you have any questions regarding submissions, please email P2SA Vice Presidents David Fisher <d.fisher@mail.utexas.edu> or Courtney Lee <cmlee21@gmail.com> <http://plan2students.org/>.

2. 'The Undecided’ Open Meeting

The Undecided will be having an upcoming meeting to discuss its new direction. Anyone interested in taking part in Plan II's own blog and online newspaper, please feel free to join. The Undecided is looking for bloggers, journalists, photographers, webmasters, and anyone who wants to get involved! If this sounds like fun to you, come to our first meeting of the year in the Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007) at 7pm on Tuesday, September 29. Tiff's Treats will be provided! If you cannot make the meeting, or just want more information, contact Editor In Chief Ryan Edwards, <ryanedwards.snapshot@gmail.com>.

3. **Graduate Certificate in Public Health**

Plan II juniors and seniors planning careers in medicine, public health, or related professions are invited to apply to The University of Texas School of Public Health's Austin Regional Campus (UT-SPH-ARC) for a graduate certificate in public health. Selected applicants can complete the course of study in their senior year and during the summer after graduation by taking five required courses (sixteen credits) online or in lecture/seminar classes in Austin. Only a few exceptionally well-qualified students will be selected for this graduate level training program. Credits from the certificate can be applied toward a subsequent Master's degree in Public Health (M.P.H.) at The University of Texas Schools of Public Health in Austin, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, and Brownsville, including the option of a joint M.D. and M.P.H. program with UT medical schools. The next application deadline is October 1st. More information and application instructions are available at <http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/cert/> Students can apply directly online but should also send a copy of their essay, letter of reference, and a résumé to UT-SPH Austin Regional Dean Cheryl Perry, <Cheryl.L.Perry@uth.tmc.edu>.

Further information and advice regarding applications can be obtained from Plan II Public Health Certificate Coordinator Alfred McAlister by email, <Alfred.L.McAlister@uth.tmc.edu>, or telephone, (512) 656-0140, or from Maria Eva Fernandez, <Maria.E.Fernandez.1@uth.tmc.edu>, or (512) 482-6176.

4. **Getaway 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.

5. **Worthington Essay Prize Competition**

Plan II alumnus, Roger Worthington, and his wife, Ann, provided funding for the annual Worthington Essay Prize beginning in 2002. Originally a single prize, now Plan II awards 3 prizes each year to Plan II students, including a first-year student prize. The essay topics have ranged from hypothetical scenarios to real-world events and always challenge students to form an argument on one side of a debate, then present it convincingly. Plan II recruits UT faculty members to be judges of the competition each year. In the spring semester, Plan II traditionally hosts a dinner for the winners and their guests. ALL Plan II students are eligible to enter. Grand Prize: $2500; First-Year Student Prize: $1500 (unless Grand Prize winner); Second Prize: $1000. Check here for more information on the essay topics and entry instructions: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2news/1099> Deadline: 5 p.m., October 2, 2009 Submit your essay to the Plan II Honors front desk. NO LATE ENTRIES.

6. **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>.

The Study Abroad Office will also present the 2010 Maymester offerings in the following meetings:

Wednesday, October 7 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. – Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007)
Tuesday, October 27 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. – Joynes Reading Room (CRD 007)

7. **Plan II Honors Overnight Ambassadors Needed**

Are you an on-campus resident who is eager to show off UT and Plan II? If so, Plan II needs volunteers to host a prospective student for an overnight stay in a dorm (especially
in the honors residences). Volunteers are not expected to play tour guide or babysitter during a student’s visit. Essentially, volunteers should provide visitors with solid contact information and a firm meeting time, directions around campus and to the cafeteria, and a floor to sleep on for the night. Honors dorms, Duren, and San Jacinto visits are most often requested, but all on-campus housing offers are always appreciated. Both male and female volunteer hosts are needed. Overnight ambassadors will be asked to house overnight visitors only once or twice at most. These overnight visits are often what make a prospective student choose Plan II and UT over other excellent schools.

To volunteer, please contact P2SA Recruitment Chairs Megan Sanders and Emily Hawthorne, p2recruitment@gmail.com.

**ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Trinity School of Medicine**

TSOM will be holding an information session at the Sheraton Austin Hotel on 701 East 11th Street, Austin, TX on Wednesday, Oct 7, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Space is limited! RSVP and get the details on our website:

<www.trinityschoolofmedicine.org>

2. **Free GRE Workshops**

On Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the LBJ School, we will host a workshop for anyone who has ever considered applying to graduate school, in particular, the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. The full-day event will include a FREE INTRODUCTION COURSE to the GRE organized by Kaplan and an "all you ever wanted to know about LBJ" discussion. Complimentary breakfast & lunch with vegetarian options will be provided. All participants will receive a GRE Workbook from Kaplan.

A second workshop is scheduled for November 14, 2009.

Seating is capped at the first 50 applicants, who must RSVP with Edmund Gordon at edmund.gordon@gmail.com by September 30th. Questions may be directed to him as well.

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. **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!

2. **New LACS Website**

LACS has launched a new website, <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/>. The LiberalArts@Work recruiting database has been renamed to “BTT Gateway” – BTT refers to our Beyond The Tower initiatives designed to assist students with all aspects of career development. The site has a calendar of events which includes application deadlines for our on-campus interview schedules, employer info sessions, seminars and workshops, and special events – the calendar is found at <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/calendar> and is continually updated.

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 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.

4. **Internships with Texas State Senators**

TC 330: Legislative Health Policy Internships and Seminar Plan II sophomores and juniors interested in medicine, law, or government are invited to apply for selective internships with leading state senators in the Texas Legislature during the 2010 spring semester. The internships and seminar are led by Professor Alfred McAlister of The University of Texas School of Public Health, alfred.l.mcalister@uth.tmc.edu, and coordinated by Plan II senior Pallavi Shankar, pallavi.shankar@gmail.com. Time commitments generally range from ten to twelve hours a week, divided between time spent at the Capitol, outside research, and seminar time. These unpaid positions provide a unique opportunity to learn about and contribute to legislative deliberation of current health policy issues in Texas. Interested students can apply by providing their name and contact information, expected graduation date, major, plans for postgraduate
education, career goals, GPA, résumé, and a brief statement of interests and qualifications. This should be submitted no later than October 2 at 5:00 p.m. in printed form to Melissa Ossian in the Plan II Office, WCH 4.104. Notification of selection will be made by October 12.

### UNIVERSITY WIDE

1. **UT Physics Research Open House**

UT Physics Research Open House  
Tuesday, September 29  
2 - 5 p.m.  
RLM Building (26th & Speedway)  
This event will be followed by the  
Society of Physics Students'  
Watermelon Drop at 5:15 at the RLM Quad area.  
Picture a watermelon, inquisitive physics students, and the 14 floors of RLM!  
28 research labs will open their doors from 2-5pm for tours. That's almost every lab in the Physics Department, and never before have they all been open for visits like this.

31 Physics students will be presenting posters on their work, either in the Physics Department, or work done in summer internships, other departments, etc. They will try to give you an idea of the kinds of inquiries you could make with a physics background under your belt (everything from biological systems to Mars exploration).

There will be free food on all the floors with lab tours.  
For more information check here:  
[graphics/open-house-flyer.pdf](http://www.ph.utexas.edu/graphics/open-house-flyer.pdf)

2. **Poetry on the Plaza: The Sand and the Oyster**

In addition to the *King Lear* performances next week, there will be a one person show concerning the UK's first female poet laureate.  
Presenting The Sand and the Oyster:  
The Poetry of Carol Ann Duffy.  
A creative and Performative responsive to the life and work of the British poet laureate by actor Caroline Devlin.  
Performed Wednesday September 30, at 12 p.m. at the Harry Ransom Center.

3. **AFTLS presents King Lear**

The Actors from the London Stage residency will be here soon: performances of *King Lear* will be running September 30-October 3.  

4. **‘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://utbbtchairobjectivism.com/](http://utbbtchairobjectivism.com/)

5. **McCombs School of Business Open House**

The McCombs School of Business will host an Open House to introduce interested UT undergraduate and master’s students to opportunities in Ph.D. programs in business on Friday, October 2 at 3:00 p.m.  
This will be held in the Legacy Events Room, CBA 3.202 in the McCombs School of Business.  
Refreshments will be served.  
Pre-registration is not required.

Students will learn about McCombs Ph.D. program offerings, and will also be able to network with faculty and graduate advisors.  
Following the main presentations, there will be breakout sessions conducted in the following doctoral subject areas:

- Accounting  
- Finance  
- Information, Risk, and Operations Management  
- Management  
- Marketing  

Event: McCombs Ph.D. Programs Open House  
Date / time: October 2, 2009 3-5 p.m.  
Place: Legacy Events Room, CBA 3.202, McCombs School of Business

Refreshments will be served.  Pre-registration is not required.  
Questions? Please contact Rick Kendrick at Richard.Kendrick@mccombs.utexas.edu or 232-6744.

6. **Senior Fellows Guest Speakers**

Details are online at [http://communication.utexas.edu/students/srfellowevents.html](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.

“Green Worker Cooperatives: Economic and Ecological Change at the Grassroots”  
a talk by Omar Freilla  
Tuesday, October 6, 2009 3-5 p.m.  
Place: Legacy Events Room, CBA 3.202 in the McCombs School of Business

“Objectivist Economics: The Case of the Libertarian Road to Prosperity”  
a talk by Andrew Bostrom  
Tuesday, October 27, 2009 3-5 p.m.  
Place: Legacy Events Room, CBA 3.202 in the McCombs School of Business
“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. 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>

2. 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>

3. Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

Spring 2010 & Summer 2010
Application Open - Deadline: October 6, 2009
The Gilman International Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the opening of the Spring 2010 online application and the launch of a pilot summer award cycle for students participating in Summer 2010 study abroad programs. A limited number of summer awards will be available to students majoring in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math field who meet the program’s standard eligibility criteria listed below.

- Enrolled as an undergraduate student at a two or four-year U.S. Institution
- United States citizen
- Receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or during the term of study abroad
- Participating in a study abroad program that is no less than 4 weeks and no more than an academic year
- Receiving academic credit
- Study in any country not currently under a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Cuba

Spring 2010 & Summer 2010 applications are now being accepted online and are due October 6, 2009.
For more information about the Gilman Scholarship, application deadlines & timeline, and application process, please visit the Gilman website at <www.iie.org/gilman>, contact the Gilman Program at (713) 621-6300 ext. 25 or email <mailto:gilman@iie.org>.

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://uds11_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](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](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](http://www.utla.utexas.edu/applying/index.htm)

Watch a short promotional video on the program online: [http://www.utla.utexas.edu](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 <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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**Plan II Maymester in Costa Rica**

“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.”

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