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**THURSDAY**
- Evening of activities and events from 5 - 9 p.m. at the Blanton Museum of Art

**FRIDAY**
- “School Nutrition and Food Policies: Past, Present and Future” talk from noon - 1 p.m. at PHR 4.114

**next MONDAY**
- “Casting Out Demons in Almolonga: Development, Identity, and Being in a Mayan Town” talk from noon - 1:30 p.m. in GAR 4.100; RSVP by Friday, January 20

**BY ELIZABETH BARNES**
1. **Update your contact information**

Please be sure to keep your e-mail address updated with the Plan II Honors Program office. Unfortunately, updating your e-mail (or home address, parents' address, phone, etc.) on UTDirect will not update the Plan II database. Please e-mail Jennifer Scalora at scalora@austin.utexas.edu if you need to change any of your contact information.

2. **Plan II World Lit ambassadors needed for spring 2012**

Share your Plan II pride! The Plan II Office is looking for first-year students to act as escorts for prospective applicants (high school juniors and seniors). World Lit ambassadors take visitors from Plan II admission information sessions in WC Hogg to selected World Literature classes and/or escort the visitors back to the Meyerson Room (WCH 4.118) after the World Lit class. Prospective students will visit Professors Bertelsen's, Devorkian's, Garrison's, Hoad's, and Christian's MWF 11 a.m. World Lit classes in the spring 2012 semester. Some ambassadors join prospective students and parents for lunch or give the prospective student a quick tour of one of the honors residence halls.

Ambassadors should be free from 10 - 11 a.m. on MWF. You do not have to belong to one of the MWF 11:00 classes. We ask ambassadors to arrive at the Meyerson by 10:40 - 10:45 a.m. to ensure that everyone arrives to the class on time. Information sessions begin on Friday, February 3. To volunteer, please contact P2SA Recruitment Chairs Austin Rogers or Will Gorman at p2recruitment@gmail.com.

### ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Undergraduate Research Fellowships**

   Deadline: Monday, January 23

   The Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) program provides support up to $1,000 for specific scholarly research projects conducted by full-time UT undergraduate students enrolled in any department. These fellowships are intended to cover costs associated with academic research projects proposed and written by student applicants and undertaken with the supervision of a university tenured or tenure-track faculty member, lecturer, senior lecturer or full-time research scientist/engineer. Some restrictions apply. See current application for more information.


2. **The Liberal Arts Entrepreneur class offered by LA Career Services**

   Liberal Arts Career Services is offering a new course this spring, LA 325: The Liberal Arts Entrepreneur (unique #30142) which meets on Thursdays from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

   This upper-division course is designed to help you use your creativity, innovative ideas and skills to create an entrepreneurial business. By the end of the course you will have a fully developed launch-ready business plan. Whether you choose to immediately embark on your entrepreneurial career is up to you. Each entrepreneurial project will receive a $300 scholarship to use as seed money to prepare your project for an eventual launch.

   Projects can be profit-making or nonprofit service-based ventures. The instructors are just as open-minded as you are creative. That said, your idea needs to be well-conceived, feasible, and within your area of expertise. If you're committed to your idea, the instructors are interested in hearing about it. Check out a list of student start-up ideas at the learn more link below.

   Liberal Arts students who have 60 or more credit hours by the start of the semester are eligible to enroll.

   Explore course details and complete the online application form at: [http://www.utexas.edu/cola/orgs/lacs/Students/Courses/Entrepreneurship.php](http://www.utexas.edu/cola/orgs/lacs/Students/Courses/Entrepreneurship.php).

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

1. **TEDxManhattan conference: “Changing the Way We Eat”**

   Saturday, January 21
   9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
   Texas Hillel at 2105 San Antonio St.

   The Food Studies Project, with the Texas Hillel Center, will be hosting the TEDxManhattan conference entitled “Changing the Way We Eat.” This will be a great opportunity to learn more about sustainable food systems and to network with local individuals who care about food. This will be a potluck-style event so bring your favorite dish (no shellfish or pork, please).

   TEDxManhattan “Changing the Way We Eat” is a full day of talks broken into three sessions—Issues, Impact, and Innovation—exploring the state of our food system and our progress toward sustainability.


   This event is free and open to the public. E-mail [foodstudies@utexas.edu](mailto:foodstudies@utexas.edu) with any questions.

### STUDY ABROAD

1. **Two options for Summer Program in Communications Erfurt (SPICE)**

   Option 1 application deadline: February 15

   This 9-week study abroad program is taught in English on the campus of the University of Erfurt in Germany is open to students of any major with an interest in communication.

   Participants must enroll in at least 2 courses and have the option of taking 3 courses depending on their schedules:

   - Communication and Public Opinion (CMS 367)  
     Dr. Natalia J. Stroud,  
     The University of Texas at Austin

   - Global and International Public Relations (PR378 or COM329S or IB372)  
     Dr. Katerina Tsetsura,  
     University of Oklahoma

   - Media Psychology and Influence (COM329S)  
     Dr. Nicholas David Bowman,  
     West Virginia University
Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year can be found at: http://www.archercenter.org/fellowship/application_process.html.

3. UT Semester in Los Angeles Program
If you are passionate about film, television, music or digital arts and are interested in exploring related careers in the entertainment industry, you may be interested in participating. Students earn UT in-residence credit, and the program is open to all majors.

Applicants must be currently enrolled degree-seeking students in good academic standing who will have:
• A minimum of 60 credit hours and a minimum GPA of 2.25 by their semester of participation;
• Successfully completed RTF 305 “Intro to Media Studies,” or equivalent, by the semester of participation.

For more information, please visit http://communication.utexas.edu/utla or call the UTLA Center, toll free, at (877) 875-2111.

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE)  
Pre-Graduate School Internship
Are you thinking about whether graduate school is in your future? Are you uncertain about what it would be like to be a graduate student and what academic program may be suited best to your interests and career goals?

If your answer to these questions is yes, you may wish to consider undertaking the Intellectual Entrepreneurship (IE) “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.

You may read more about this program (including FAQ’s, examples of internship activities and an easy to complete internship contract) 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 may be eligible to receive travel grants to help cover part of the cost of attending an academic conference (with their grad mentor).

A wonderful UT web feature about this program is at: http://www.utexas.edu/features/2008/ie-2/. Contact Rick Cherwitz with any questions at spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

2. Summer internship with CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
Summer Internship Opportunity: Application deadline: Wednesday, February 1
Program: Wednesday, June 13 to Friday, August 17
NCEH/ATSDR are offering a 10-week summer internship program for students who are passionate about the environment, interested in human health, and curious about how they are linked. During the course of the internship students are introduced to environmental health at the federal level through collaborative projects, experiential learning opportunities, individual environmental health presentations, journal clubs, field trips, brown bag lunches, and shadowing and mentoring relationships at CDC/ATSDR. Interns will be based at CDC/ATSDR’s Chamblee Campus and will be paid a stipend of approximately $600 a week during the course of the program.

Eligibility requirements for interns:
• US citizenship or Permanent Resident with a green card
• Full time enrollment at a college or university as a rising junior or rising senior by fall 2012 (Note: Seniors graduating in Spring 2012 will not be accepted into this program.)
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Please visit this website for more information and application instructions: www.cdc.gov/nceh/cleh. For further information, please email LT Cory Kokko or Jay Nielsen at CLEH@cdc.gov.

3. Latin American Studies FLAS Fellowship
Application deadline: Monday, February 6.
The Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies FLAS Fellowship applications are available for Summer 2012 and the 2012-2013 Academic Year. The competition is open to current UT-Austin undergraduate students (in good standing), who are interested in studying Portuguese or another arranged Amerindian language at the intermediate or advanced level.

Eligibility:
- citizen/permanent resident
- shows potential for superior academic achievement as indicated by a long-term interest in Latin America
- an undergraduate student in good standing at UT-Austin
- language study at the intermediate or advanced level

Please visit our website for the application and more information: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/lilas/undergraduate-program/financial-aid/flas-undergraduate.php.

Questions? Please contact Kimberly Terry at kterry@austin.utexas.edu.

4. Undergraduate research assistants needed for the Austin Marriage Project
Dr. Lisa Neff is currently recruiting undergraduate research assistants to help with The Austin Marriage Project. The Project examines how couples grow and change during their early years of marriage. Thus, we recruit, screen, and interview hundreds of newlywed couples. As a research assistant, you would be involved in couple interviews, data management, and coding couples’ video-taped interactions. We are currently looking for research assistants who can work with us for at least 2 semesters, such as Spring and Summer 2012 or Summer and Fall 2012.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Taylor Anne Morgan or April Buck, The Austin Marriage Project Graduate Lab Managers at austinmarriageproject@gmail.com.

5. Project Management Masters Certification Program
Tuesday, January 24 - 27

Project management professionals, business and technology professionals, students, and educators are invited to register at the American Project Management website here.

The PMMC is designed for those seeking professional project management certification. It serves as both a thorough professional education and recognized certification. Project Management Masters Certification program provides 36 hours of project management education, meeting education requirements for both PMI’s Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)® and Project Management Professional (PMP) certifications. Additionally, the Master Certification provides 40 Professional Development Units (PDUs) for current holders of PMP®/PgMP®, PMI-SP®, and PMI-RMP® credentials.

Participants may reserve a seat online at the American Project Management website, by calling the Program Office toll-free at (877) 359 - 1110, or by sending their name and contact information via email to the Program Registrar.

Upon receiving your registration, a confirmation email is sent to registrants that include session site information, travel information, program description, and details on how to confirm attendance and make payment arrangements.

6. UT Social Norms Project Graduate Assistant opening
The assistantship, which is a 19 hour a week position, helps implement social norms marketing campaign strategies aimed at promoting responsible alcohol use in the UT undergraduate student body.

Only graduate students or exceptional undergraduate students will be considered for the position. Preferred qualifications include interest in social marketing, health education or promotion, communications, psychology, public health or related fields of interest.

To apply, please send an email application including a cover letter and resume to k.prince@uhs.utexas.edu. No telephone, e-mail, or in person inquiries about the position please.

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1. About Plan2News

Plan2News 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 and performances and exhibits by Plan II students.

Read the newsletter to learn about courses, registration, advising, job opportunities and special events.

2. Submitting to Plan2News

Please keep in mind that although Plan2News enjoys a substantial and diverse readership, its circulation is still relatively small. It should not be relied upon as the sole advertisement for a position or an event. To reach a wider audience, please use university-wide electronic and paper advertising outlets.

Personal and political announcements will not be published in Plan2News. Job and internships announcements must be sent to the Liberal Arts Career Services office, after which they may be considered for publication in the newsletter.

To place a news item in Plan2News, you must do the following:
- 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.
- 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 p.m. on Monday (for the Tuesday letter) or 3 p.m. on Thursday (for the Friday letter).
3 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.