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- “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

NEXT TUESDAY
- Bach Cantata performance at the Blanton Museum of Art from noon - 1 p.m. Free to students, faculty, and staff.

ON THIS DAY, 1882: British novelist Virginia Woolf is born.
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. **Ideas to Change the World Workshop**
   Saturday January 21
   10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the SAC Ballroom
   Have an idea you believe change make a difference in the world? Are you planning on submitting a proposal to the Dell Social Innovation Challenge? This workshop is an opportunity to get tips and guidance from Suzi Sosa, the executive director of the Dell Social Innovation Challenge, on your ideas and proposals. Workshop is FREE, breakfast tacos and lunch will be provided (for free) and there will also be a laptop giveaway! You don’t have to have a solid business plan, come even if you are in the idea stage or would simply like to learn more about entrepreneurship.
   Please contact Kajal Mehta if you have questions at kaj.mehta@gmail.com.

3. **DELL Social Innovation Challenge**
   University students of the world – share your innovative ideas for solving a social or environmental problem and compete for $750,000 in prizes and awards!
   Connect with students, find a mentor through our global community and get inspired to put your ideas into action.
   The challenge is open to students in all fields of study with any social impact innovation (from charitable to for-profit and even blended projects) and in any phase of development (from early ideas to complete operations fully up and running).
   If you plan to on submit a project, use reference code DSICKM for the chance to win laptops and other prizes. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kajal Mehta at kaj.mehta@gmail.com.

4. **The Daily Texas is hiring**
   Deadline: Wednesday, February 1
   The Daily Texan is hiring in all departments, including news, opinion, life and arts, sports, photo, video and web. No previous experience necessary. The Texan, which has served the University since 1900, wins more national, state and regional awards than any other paper in the nation and is one of the largest college papers in the United States. The Texan is especially looking for talented and opinionated writers to write columns and for skilled artists to draw editorial cartoons. If interested, please come to the Texan office in the basement of the Hearst Student Media building on the corner of 25th and Whitis streets before Feb. 1 or contact Viviana Aldous at editor@dailytexanonline.com or at (512) 232-2212.

5. **Scholarship opportunity for students interested in careers in journalism**
   Application deadline: Friday, February 24
   The Headliners Foundation of Texas applications for the 2012-2013 school year have been posted here: [http://headlinersfoundation.org/scholarships](http://headlinersfoundation.org/scholarships).
   Applications are open to strong writers in any major who participate in school media.

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**PLAN2NEWS**

1. **Check the Plan II Lost & Found before it moves on next week**
   Deadline: the end of Friday, January 27
   Are you missing a jacket, your favorite water bottle or your can’t-live-without-coffee mug? There are a variety of items in the Lost & Found pile in the Plan II Computer Lab waiting for their rightful owners to reclaim them! Please come by to see if any of your dearly departed items are here. All unclaimed items will be transferred to a new home on Friday at the end of the day.

2. **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.

3. **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.

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This year, the scholarship awards have doubled from $3,000 to $6,000 per year to better reflect the true cost of an education. The downside is that the Foundation is unable to offer as many scholarships as in the past. But in addition to these larger scholarships, it continues to offer a few smaller ones with specific designations as you will read online.

Headliners Foundation is one of the most prestigious scholarships in the state, not just because of the money awarded, but because of the recognition it provides. Students are invited to the awards luncheon in Austin each fall. In addition, this year it will identify other ways to mentor its scholars throughout the year.

6. Texas Master of Science in Finance Program information sessions

Thursday, February 9 at 5 p.m.
ACE 2.402

Thursday, February 16 at 5 p.m.
GSB 3.104

The Texas Master of Science in Finance (MSF) Program at the McCombs School of Business provides a unique opportunity for students to receive graduate-level training in order to prepare for careers in finance, especially those requiring analytic rigor and quantitative skills. The Program is explicitly designed for students from non-business backgrounds, or from business disciplines other than finance. No previous work experience is required, and the program can be completed in less than a calendar year.

For more information, visit http://www.mccombs.utexas.edu/msf.

7. University Extension (UEX) courses

Course start date: Monday, January 23.
Registration is open now.

University Extension (UEX) offers nearly 100 courses from the course inventory of The University of Texas at Austin. UEX credit courses are offered online or in a classroom setting on the university campus. Take self-paced online courses whenever or wherever you like. UEX grades are provided on an official university transcript and included in your cumulative UT GPA. Financial aid can be used to pay for semester-based classroom courses.

A sample of UEX spring 2012 courses includes:
- ARA 506 – First-Year Arabic I
- CH 301 - Principles of Chemistry I
- HIS 315K - The United States, 1492-1865
- LEB 320F - Legal Environment of Business
- SOC 302 - Introduction to the Study of Society

See complete course listings and register at http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uxx/creditoptions. Questions? Call or email Sunshine Barber at (512) 471-2900 or s.barber@ austintx..utexas.edu.

8. 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.

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 with any questions.

2. Student Consulting International Organization opportunities

SCIO is a student organization that consults international non-profit clients. It recruits student consultants from a variety of disciplines ranging from biochemistry to educational psychology.

SCIO facilitates collaboration between exceptional college students and consulting professionals to create economically-sustainable business solutions in developing countries. Through SCIO, students have the unique opportunity to improve global welfare while gaining valuable hands-on professional and international experience.

SCIO annually renews its commitment to economic development in different rural communities as well as its commitment to developing professional relationships and expertise.

Questions? Contact Rathika Mallepally at rathika.mallepally@utexas.edu or (972) 832-4057.

STUDY ABROAD
1. Summer Program in Buenos Aires
Application deadline: Wednesday, February 15

This a 6-week, first summer session faculty-led program that offers a home-stay experience, excursions, and an array of coursework in Spanish and English. Students earn a total of 6 credits by choosing one of the following tracks: 1) Engineering plus Spanish, 2) Geography plus Spanish, or 3) 6 credits of intermediate or upper division Spanish taught by local professors. Two courses are taught in English by UT professors: Geography of South America (Dr. Knapp) and Aerospace Engineering Computation (Dr. Ocampo). A beginning level, Spanish for Professional Purposes course is taught especially for Engineering and Geography students.

2. 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 Tsitsura,
University of Oklahoma

Media Psychology and Influence (COM329S)
Dr. Nicholas David Bowman,
West Virginia University

More information is available at http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/summer-study-abroad-program-communications-erfurt-spice. You may contact Elizabeth MacLean at elizabeth.maclean@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 471-7083.

Option 2 application deadline: March 1

Students have the opportunity to visit the Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change from July 23 - August 10 in Salzburg plus take a 3-week online component prior to departure. Students of any major with an interest in communication may apply.

Global Media Literacy (RTF365)
Professor Stephen D. Reese
The University of Texas at Austin

Global Change, Global Cooperation, Global News (J349T)

More information is available at http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international/salzburg-academy-media-global-change. You may contact Elizabeth MacLean at elizabeth.maclean@austin.utexas.edu or (512) 471-7083.

3. The Archer Fellowship Program
Application deadline for 2012-2013: Friday, February 17

The Archer Center—the Washington, D.C., campus of the University of Texas System—strives to promote a love of public service by educating the next generation of future leaders of not only Texas, but the world. Each fall and spring, 32 undergraduate students are selected to participate in the undergraduate Archer Fellowship Program, where they will earn 15 hours of in-residence course credit by taking classes on policy, politics and advocacy and interning in Washington, D.C. Archer Fellows come from all academic backgrounds and choose their internships based on personal, professional, and academic goals. From Capitol Hill to the White House, federal agencies to nonprofit organizations, Archer Fellows gain invaluable real world experience in D.C.’s most prestigious institutions. Take a look at our current Archer Fellows at http://www.archercenter.org/fellowship/current.html.

Applications for the 2012-2013 academic year can be found at: http://www.archercenter.org/fellowship/application_process.html.

4. 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. Last Archer Program information session
Thursday, January 26 in SZB 323

Application deadline:
Friday, February 17 at 5 p.m.

11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.:
Information session for any and all interested students, featuring the White House Internship Program. White House staff will join the conversation via video-teleconference to discuss White House internship opportunities.

12:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Open hours for students seeking assistance with their Archer Program application. Archer Center staff and alumni will be on hand to review working drafts of application materials and provide constructive feedback.

Students interested in learning about public policy firsthand by living, interning, and taking in-residence classes in Washington, D.C., for a fall or spring semester should be encouraged to learn more by attending an information session and visiting http://www.utexas.edu/uugs/archer. We welcome applications from students representing all majors and disciplines on campus.

Applications for students hoping to become an Archer Fellow in Fall 2012 or Spring 2013 are due by February 17 at 5 p.m. Weekly application tips are posted on Facebook; students should “like”


2. Columbia University Summer Public Health Scholars Program (SPHSP)

Application deadline: Tuesday, February 14

The SPHSP is a collaboration between the Colleges of Public Health, Physicians and Surgeons, Dental Medicine, and Nursing. This is a bachelor's-level initiative targeting underrepresented students to learn about public health, specifically minority health disparities. This is a unique program because it is geared towards high-potential students who may or may not have any prior knowledge of public health.

During the program, students are introduced to the field of public health by taking courses in several disciplines. Students are also placed in an internship, which may focus on health policy, environmental health, behavioral health, epidemiology, or another public health field. The common thread between all these internships is the issue of health disparities. The program includes a week-long trip to Atlanta to visit the Centers for Disease Control.

Eligible students will be U.S. citizens or permanent residents; be enrolled in an accredited college or university or be recent graduates (within one year); and have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.


Application deadline: Wednesday, February 1

All- the State Department has just issued a vacancy announcement for 20 or more U.S. citizens proficient in Spanish seeking employment with the U.S. Foreign Service as Consular Affairs Limited Non-career Appointees.

These positions will be based mostly in U.S. Embassies and Consulates in Latin America and are good for up to five years.

Starting salaries range from $38,000 to $63,000 (depending on education and experience). The positions also provide free overseas housing and numerous other Federal Government benefits.

This is the first time the State Department has advertised for these openings.


4. 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/](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/](http://www.utexas.edu/features/2008/ie-2/). Contact Rick Cherwitz with any questions at spaj737@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

5. 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](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/cleh). For further information, please email LT Cory Kokko or Jay Nielsen at CLEH@cdc.gov.

6. 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
Questions? Please contact Kimberly Terry at kterry@austin.utexas.edu.

7. 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 austinnmarriageproject@gmail.com.

8. 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.

9. 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.

USEFUL MISCELLANY

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 exhibitions 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). The 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.