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**THIS WEEKEND:**
UT Football - Rice @ Reliant Stadium
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

WORTHINGTON ESSAY CONTEST

Essays due on Monday, October 11, 2010 by 4:45 p.m. in the Plan II Honors office, WC Hogg 4.104.

GUIDELINES:
Essays should be 1000-1500 words in length and offer a clear, well-reasoned answer to the question below. No prizes for essays that argue both sides. Faculty will evaluate and judge the essays. The question was developed in consultation with the donor, Roger Worthington.

The first-year prize will go to the best essay by a student entering in the Fall, unless that student should win the grand prize.

If you are already receiving financial aid, the amount you winnings may be limited.

Grand Prize, $2500
First-Year Prize $1500 (for an incoming student who does not win the grand prize)
Second Prize, $1000

Previous year’s prompts and winning essays available at http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/current_stdnts/worthington/

Questions: Phillip Dubov <planiiischolarships@austin.utexas.edu>

PLAN2NEWS

1. Plan II Pre-Law
Plan II Pre-Law’s first meeting of the year will be a university wide event designed to help you become a competitive law school applicant. Please join us September 7th from 7-8 p.m. in UTC 3.132 for Winning the Law School Admissions Game. This free event is open to all. Start your semester off right by getting the law school admissions scoop from the Pre-Law Advisor! We’ll talk about all the components of your law school application, suggested application timelines, as well as discussing how to be the most competitive applicant you can be.

2. Plan II Sophomore Summit
Wednesday, September 15th 6:00-7:15 p.m., MEZ 1.306

All Plan II second year students are required to attend this event so please save the date and mark your calendars.

Sophomore Summit is where Plan II formally welcomes students back for their second year at UT Austin and we all gather together as members of the Plan II Community. The purpose of the Sophomore Summit is to briefly introduce students to several offices/resources on campus, provide guidance on customizing course choices (to prepare for thesis down the road), and explain the year long Sophomore Advising Program. It is our hope that students leave the Summit with the information and tools they need to investigate the many opportunities that lay before them and start thinking about their future.

For more information on the year long Sophomore Advising Program visit the Plan II Website: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/advising/soph.php

3. New Academic Advising Hours

Please note the new Academic Advising hours for the Fall 2010 Semester:
Monday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our goal is to be accessible to you for advising and to make the experience relatively painless. Advisors see most students on a walk-in basis. On occasion, the Plan II Advisors are out of the office or unavailable during the hours posted above due to meetings, appointments, trainings, etc. If you come by when advisors are out of the office, please do not hesitate to contact them via email.

4. Plan II Convocation
Thursday, September 2nd 7:00 p.m. *location TBA

Plan II Convocation kicks off the academic year and is MANDATORY for all Plan II first-year students. Be there by 6:45 to check in. Dress code: snappy casual (no shorts/flip-flops!). Plan to go to dinner with your World Lit Peer Advisors prior to the event and walk over to Welch Hall together.

5. Freshman Getaway
Friday, September 10th 3:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Register NOW, along with your lifetime membership to the Plan II Students’ Association. REGISTRATION DUE by September 9th; registration forms available at the Plan II front desk.

Plan II Getaway kicks of the social year with great food (including vegetarian options), volleyball, swimming, frisbee, soccer, and Shakespeare. Every first-year attends this annual event so don’t be the one who misses out. Get to know Plan II faculty, staff, and peer advisors in a great setting away from campus -- the Shady Springs Party Barn! Buses start loading at 3:30 p.m. in front of the Littlefield Fountain on 21st Street, leave by 4 p.m. The buses will return to campus by 9 p.m.
6. **Plan II Logic and Modes of Reasoning News**

Plan II Logic (PHL 313Q) and Modes of Reasoning (TC 310) Courses - for the 2010-2011 Academic Year. Any seniors planning to graduate in Fall 2010 or Spring 2011 who still need to fulfill the Plan II Logic/ Modes requirement MUST take Plan II Logic (PHL 313Q) during the Fall 2010 semester. Logic is only offered during the Fall semester. There will be no Modes of Reasoning (TC 310) courses offered during the 2010-2011 Academic Year; we hope to again be able to offer the TC 310 course during the 2011-2012 academic year.

7. **Plan II World Lit Ambassadors Needed**

Share your Plan II pride! We seek 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 to selected World Literature classes, and following the class, escort the visitors back to the Meyerson Room (WCH 4.118). We will use Professors Garrison, Woods, Moore, & Hoad’s MWF 11:00 World Lits. We ask ambassadors to arrive at the Meyerson by 10:40-10:45 a.m. to ensure everyone arrives to the class on time. (Volunteer ambassadors must be free 10--11 MWF.) Information sessions begin on Wed, Sept 8. To volunteer, please contact P2SA Recruitment Chairs Katherine Kloc and Jade Law <p2recruitment@gmail.com> ASAP!

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

Are you an on-campus dorm resident eager to show off Plan II and UT Austin? If so, Plan II needs volunteers to host visiting prospective students for an overnight stay in a dorm. Host provide visitors with (utterly reliable) solid contact information, 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 are the most often requested, but hosts from all on-campus dorms are appreciated. Both male and female hosts are needed. Overnight ambassadors will be asked to house overnight visitors only once or twice throughout the year. These overnight visits are an important part of many college choice decisions. Volunteers are not expected to play tour guide or babysitter during a visit, but we expect our Plan II hosts are gracious ambassadors for Plan II and UT, and hope they will proudly include visitors in activities. To volunteer, please contact P2SA Recruitment Chairs Katherine Kloc and Jade Law <p2recruitment@gmail.com> ASAP!

9. **Plan II E-mail Ambassadors Needed**

Plan II students volunteers are needed to serve as e-mail ambassadors to prospective students. Volunteers, names, and major(s)/interests will be posted on <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/progs/plan2/applicants/contacts/> with a link to their email address. Prospective students may contact a real live student with questions about student life in Plan II and at UT Austin, including dorm life, Plan II and UT student organizations, Plan II life, why you chose Plan II, and very often, what it is like to combine Plan II with another major and/or degree. There is a need for Plan II student contacts who are combining majors and degrees in fine arts, engineering, communication, and architecture, but purely Plan II, and Plan II/Liberal Arts double-majors, pre-med and pre-law are, OF COURSE, welcome. Send your name, your email address, your year (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) and other majors, degrees, and special interests to Jennifer Scalora, <scalora@mail.utexas.edu>.

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**ACADEMIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **LAUNCH Information Sessions**

Liberal Arts Undergraduate Chapter for Research (LAUNCH) is holding information sessions for students interested in getting involved in this student group.

- **Tuesday, August 31**, 6:30 p.m. in Joyces Reading Room
- **Wednesday, September 1**, 7 p.m. in Parlin (PAR) 1
- **Thursday, September 2**, 7 p.m. in PAR 1

Members will be going over group goals and upcoming events. LAUNCH is also looking for students interested in participating in a leadership capacity. Chair applications are available at the site listed. <http://www.launchut.org>

2. **Undergraduate Research Information Sessions**

The Office of Undergraduate Research offers four info sessions each week—two general sessions and two science-specific sessions. Because content is very similar, students need only to sign up for one info session.

- **Tuesdays**: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Wednesdays**: 2-3 p.m.

General info sessions will be held in either FAC 1 or FAC 4. Please visit the link above to check which room corresponds to a particular date you’d like to attend.

- **Science Info Sessions**: Mondays: 2-3 p.m.
- **Thursdays**: 2-3 p.m.

All science info sessions take place in WCH 1.108.

Visit the site linked below to sign up to attend an info session. <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/ugr/students/sessions>
Deadline for UGS 310/320 is August 30
<http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/ugr/students/credit>
The deadline to apply for course credit for undergraduate research through the School of Undergraduate Studies is Monday, August 30, by 4:00 PM. For information about applying for course credit through UGS or to download the information sheet and contract, please visit the site linked above.

Deadline for Undergraduate Research Fellowships is September 13
<http://www.utexas.edu/research/admin/awards/>
The Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) program provides support for specific scholarly research projects conducted by full-time UT Austin 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 the link above for more information and to apply.

3. University Extension Courses
University Extension (UEX) offers evening and online classes for Fall 2010. UEX at The University of Texas at Austin offers a wide range of classroom courses from the UT Austin course inventory that meet after 5 p.m. on the main UT Austin campus. UEX also offers a select number of online courses that follow the UT semester. UEX courses count for college credit, will appear on your UT Austin transcript, and the grades will be included in your cumulative UT GPA. UEX classes begin August 30. Call or email the UEX office at (512) 471-2900 or uex@austin.utexas.edu with questions. Learn more at http://www.utexas.edu/ce/uex/utcredit.

Professor Martha Menchaca has asked us to share with you the Web site for the new Indigenous Studies Undergraduate Certificate Program: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/orgs/is/>. The program is new for Fall 2010. You can find information on the requirements as well as a list of applicable Fall 2010 courses on the site. More information will be posted as it becomes available. In the meantime, feel free to contact Dr. Menchaca if you have any questions.

5. DemTex: Democratic Education at Texas Pilot Program
The University of Texas at Austin now has an exciting new option for students who wish to further their academic pursuits: DemTex. DemTex, short for “Democratic Education at Texas,” is a Senate of College Councils pilot program coordinated through the School of Undergraduate Studies. Through this program, undergraduate students have the opportunity to facilitate their own regularly scheduled, for-credit courses with the approval and supervision of a faculty sponsor. Students are able to create their own syllabus to explore a topic which interests them, and share that with other students at the University. For the fall 2010 semester, DemTex will offer two courses exploring topics of current interest, Power, Ethics and Destiny in LOST (Mondays at 5 p.m.), and The Postmodern City (Tuesdays at 5 p.m.). Students will meet one hour per week and receive credit for UGS 122 on a pass/fail basis. (DemTex courses will not count toward degrees.) Below are the course descriptions: UGS 122: Power, Ethics and Destiny in LOST: This course provides an introduction to opposing values in the television drama series Lost. It will examine the complex philosophical concepts that take play in the pursuit of a greater understanding of the world in which we live. The course will focus on three different macro-level concepts: (1) power, (2) ethics, and (3) destiny. The examination of power will consist of understanding different power structures, the liquid nature of power and how power is used on the show. The examination of ethics will include a discussion of deontology vs. consequentialism and will focus on how different characters make decisions in dilemmas. The examination of destiny will focus on the constant free will vs. fate theme of the show and will bring together the aforementioned concepts as well.

UGS 122: The Postmodern City: Cities have held many roles throughout the course of history. They began as little huts where furs and spices were traded and have since become centers of imperial bureaucracy and flourishing centers of human activity. Many cities and the people who live in them are metonyms for self-standing ideas and even the entire civilization of which they are a part. Since the end of World War II, life in the world has changed drastically and the inhabitants of these cities which house an increasingly larger percent of the world's population have changed sympathetically. We will explore through specific examples the ways in which cities (and the people connected to them) view themselves, deal with themselves, and develop themselves as palimpsests and as blank slates of ubiquitous urban experiences in the postmodern world.

Seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To find out more about the courses, availability, and registration, please contact DemTex at <udtemtex@gmail.com>.

6. New WGS Course taught by Former Plan II Student
The Center for Women’s and Gender Studies has added a new course for the Fall, WGS301:
Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies, Transnational Activism and Women’s Human Rights. This course is a project of the CWGS Women’s Rights Initiative and will provide an introduction to women’s human rights activism and strategies as well as to the field of Women’s and Gender Studies.

Fall 2010, 2-3:30, JES A203A
WGS301: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies, Transnational Activism and Women’s Human Rights
Unique #47008

This newly-added course will combine field visits with in-class discussion and multi-media texts to prepare you to engage in discussions about and activism for women’s human rights. The class appears in the course catalog as WGS301: Intro to Women’s and Gender Stds (Hogan), unique #47008. If you have any questions, please contact the instructor at <hogank@mac.com>; I look forward to talking with you. The flyer for the course is available here: <https://webspace.utexas.edu/meridian/public/WGS301Flyer.pdf>

Instructor: Kristen Hogan is Project Director for the CWGS Women’s Rights Initiative. Her work as a literary activist has included working in feminist bookstores in Austin and Toronto as well as giving workshops on feminist literary activism, feminist teaching, and feminist anti-oppression organizing. She has taught Women’s and Gender Studies in Austin and Baton Rouge, and she draws on her academic background in literature, women’s and gender studies, and information studies to create anti-oppressive information systems.

7. Disability Studies Portfolio Core Courses
There are two new courses from the Disability Studies Portfolio Core Courses offered this Fall. All courses are taught online and are open to undergrad and grad students. The Disability Studies Portfolio Program gives students some additional options when developing their academic plans. However, a student can just take a few courses and not formalize into a Portfolio Program. All completed Portfolio students will receive a Certificate upon graduation from their primary degree program.

For more information on the portfolio, go to our website: <http://tcds.edb.utexas.edu/>

Making Systems Work for People with Disabilities

Course Description: Courses in Disability Studies are taught by Texas Center for Disability Studies faculty and staff and are currently offered through the School of Social Work at The University of Texas at Austin. The course number for each course is SW 387R for the graduate level and SW360K for the undergraduate level class.

This Web-based course provides an overview of disability policy. Topics include the history of the disability rights movement, relevant federal and state legislation, legal and ethical issues, services and supports through federal and state programs, the political economy of disability, and disability culture, advocacy, and leadership issues.

UNIVERSITY WIDE

1. Sustainable Development Film Series
Day: Thursday, September 2,
Time: 7:00pm
Place: GOL 3.120 Lecture Hall

The Center for Sustainable Development hosts a bi-weekly Sustainable Development Film Series. The first film of this semester's series will be "Food, Inc.", a shocking documentary exposing many of the little-known details about the unsustainable food system in America, and how it affects our health, our children, our environment, and our future.

Come for the film and a brief discussion afterwards to learn more about alternative, more sustainable food systems, as well as what you can do to support them.

Contact Elizabeth “EB” Brooks <e.b.brooks@mail.utexas.edu> for more information.

2. Undergraduate Mock Trial Association try-outs
The Undergraduate Mock Trial Association is holding try outs for the 2010/2011 season. UMTA is UT’s competitive mock trial team, with a winning record including the 3rd and 6th place teams last year at Nationals. Students interested in law and public speaking are encouraged to apply. No prior experience is required. Please attend one of our information session, September 7 or 8 at 7 p.m. in UTC 1.116 to meet the team and sign up for a try out slot. Contact Bee Counts <rebeccacounts123@gmail.com> for more information.

3. Unique Musical Opportunity
Everyone has probably heard the bells from the top of the UT Tower—now here’s the chance to learn to ring them. Under the direction of Plan II student Amanda Jensen, the Guild of Student Carillonneurs is seeking adventurous individuals to uphold the UT tradition of playing the carillon (the bells are called the carillonneurs). Possible candidates must be able to read music, able to devote time to weekly practice, and willing to pay a semesterly fee. For more information about playing the carillon contact Amanda Jensen at <texascarillon@gmail.com> by September 3.
4. Official Literary Journal of the University of Texas Seeks Staff Members

Analecta Literary Journal, UT's official literary and arts journal, is now accepting staff applications for the 2010-2011 academic year. Analecta seeks highly-motivated, literary-minded undergraduates to serve as readers and editors for its 37th edition. Open positions -- including Managing Editor, Section Editors, and Readers -- offer varying levels of time-commitment and responsibility. First, second, and third year students are particularly encouraged to apply. To request an application or more information, please contact Mia Avramescu or email <analecta.ut@gmail.com> with the subject line "Staff Application 2010-2011." Applications will be due on Friday, Sept. 24.

EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIPS

1. Natural Science Career Expo

Come to the Frank Erwin Center on September 20th from 1 to 6 p.m. for The Fall 2010 Natural Sciences Career Expo. Hosted by Natural Sciences, this event is a great way to explore the many career possibilities that Natural Sciences provides. Visit <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/calendar/2010-09-20/fall-2010-natural-sciences-career-expo> for more information.

2. Liberal Arts Career Services News

Liberal Arts Career Services will be hosting several seminars on preparing cover letters, resumes, and interview strategies. Crafting Professional Letters and Resumes will be held September 13th from 12 to 1 in FAC 18. Interviewing: Strategies for Success will be held September 14th from 1 to 2:15 in FAC 18. Planning for Graduate School will be held September 16 from 1 to 2 in FAC 18. Please come for one or all of these seminars and get prepared for your next step!

Liberal Arts Career Services will be hosting the 2010 Fall Law Fair in the Texas Union Ballroom on October 5th from 11 to 3. Come talk to admissions counselors from over a hundred law schools and get information on which schools interest you most. Professional dress is recommended.

3. On-campus job opportunities

Jobs at the Sanger Learning Center in Jester include tutors, peer academic coaches, and outreach assistants. Find full information and links to application materials at: <http://www.lifelearning.utexas.edu/studentsworkforus.html>

4. Liberal Arts Career Services Internship Courses

Courses

Liberal Arts undergraduates have two fall LA internship course options: LA 320wb – this web-based course offers three hours of upper-division credit. LA 110wb – this web-based course offers one hour of lower-division credit; students may take this course only if the internship site requires credit.

Student Eligibility

The LA internship courses are open to all College of Liberal Arts students, regardless of major. To be eligible, students must:

- have a 2.25 or higher GPA;
- have at least sophomore status (30+ hours) by the start of the course;
- and be registered with BTT Gateway, the Liberal Arts Career Services system (<http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/services/connections/btt>).

Information and Application

For course details and to download the course syllabus and application, please visit: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/lacs/services/courses/internship>

Questions?

Please contact Chase Dawkins, course coordinator: (512) 471.7900 <c.dawkins@austin.utexas.edu>

5. UTeach Outreach Program

The UTeach Outreach program is looking for exceptional freshmen, sophomores, or juniors seeking an unparalleled leadership role and looking to make a big difference in the community. We are currently accepting applications for our Fall 2010 Group Leader In Training, Project Manager and Intern positions. Each position pays $10/hr and is specialized based on the experience and skills you wish to develop. Detailed job descriptions are listed in the attached application.

General Job Requirements:

- Minimum of three semesters left to complete UT degree plan
- Enthusiastic
- Organized
- Ability to multi task
- Interested in making a difference in the lives of thousands of A.I.S.D. students each semester

Interested individuals should complete the attached application and drop it off in the Outreach office (BOT on parking map). Feel free to send questions to Mary Miller at <UTeach.Outreach@austin.utexas.edu>

6. Drop Deadline approaching for Bain full-time Associate Consultant position

Plan II seniors are invited to apply with Bain & Co. for the full-time Associate Consultant position. The position is open to all seniors graduating in December 2010 or May 2011 and the application deadline will be TUESDAY, September 7, 2010 at 11:59 p.m. Bain & Company is one of the world's leading global strategy consulting firms in size, market scope, geographic reach and track record. With over 3,100 consultants worldwide, Bain serves...
clients through an integrated network of 41 offices in every region of the world. Founded in 1973 on the principle that success should be measured in terms of the client's financial results, Bain has helped industry leaders, emerging businesses, and private equity firms build ongoing value.

For more information, Bain is hosting a campus presentation on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in UTC 3.102. Please visit <http://www.joinbain.com/> for additional information or to apply.

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### 7. Cornerstone Research Needs Analyst

Cornerstone Research, will be recruiting on-campus on Thursday, September 23, 2010 for our Analyst position. We are seeking well-rounded, enthusiastic individuals who have demonstrated excellent academic performance and possess an analytical aptitude, strong computer skills, superior communication skills, and an interest in business and economics.

Cornerstone Research is one of the nation’s leading finance and economics consulting firms. Together with a network of academic and industry experts, our staff analyzes complex business issues that arise in litigation. We consult on a wide variety of projects involving numerous industries. Cornerstone Research works on high-profile cases reported on the front page of the *Wall Street Journal*, as well as cases that push the boundaries of economic thinking as applied to a legal setting.

Plan II Alum Avishai Schiff, class of 2007, would love to welcome other Plan II students to this fun, intellectually challenging working environment. Applications are due by September 1 and must be submitted to both the College of Liberal Art's BTT Gateway system (Schedule ID 346) and the firm’s job posting here: <https://www3.ultirecruit.com/COR1011B/jobboard/NewCandidateExt.aspx?__JobID=225>.

Visit the website: <http://www.cornerstone.com/>, for more information about the firm and the Analyst position.

### 8. Child Care Needed

Former Plan II student would like a current Plan II student to care for his first grader on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting in late August/early September and lasting through the AISD school year. Requires picking up the child at from school (north central) at 2:30 p.m., taking her to our home, and then staying with her until approximately 5:30 p.m. Must have a car, childcare experience, good judgment, and a good sense of humor. Pay is $12/hr. Please email resume and references to <dplein@gmail.com>.

### 9. Strauss Center Student Worker Program

The Strauss Center’s Student Worker Program offers graduate and undergraduate students at the LBJ School and University of Texas the opportunity to be exposed to current topics in global affairs, network with top experts and gain practical professional skills. Students may work on major events, program initiatives, communications, and outreach projects and may also assist with short-term tasks or specific daily needs of the Strauss Center.

Positions are available for both graduate and undergraduate students. Students are expected to work approximately 10 hours per week, with flexible schedules to be structured around academic considerations and in conjunction with the intern’s supervisor. Applications for the 2010-2011 academic year are due September 3, 2010. To apply, please send a letter of interest and résumé to <laurajones@austin.utexas.edu>. The Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law is a nonpartisan research center at The University of Texas at Austin that engages the best minds in academia, government and the private sector to develop practical solutions to the pressing challenges of an increasingly globalized world. For more information, please visit our Web site at <www.strausscenter.org>.

Available Positions
Student Technician (2) – LBJ School Graduate Student
The Strauss Center seeks two Student Technicians to assist in the management of Strauss Center programs and daily operations.

Online Media Intern—Undergraduate
The Strauss Center seeks an Online Media Intern to assist in managing the Strauss Center’s online presence, with a particular focus on developing video content for the web.

Program Intern—Undergraduate
The Strauss Center seeks a Program Intern to serve as logistical liaison for the Distinguished Scholars program and to assist with other program logistics.

### Scholarships

1. DAAD Study Scholarship/Research Grants in Germany for 2011-'12
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.*

For more specific information and to begin the online application please visit <www.daad.org>. Please direct questions and completed materials to Sara Spiegler (<saras@austin.utexas.edu>; (512) 471-2475) in the Study Abroad Office located at 600 W. 24th Street in Wooldridge Hall (WOH) on the second floor.

2. Poetry Scholarships

In November the Austin Poetry Society will present its Fourth Annual $1,000 scholarship to an undergraduate student of creative writing and poetry enrolled in an Austin institution of higher learning. The previous three awards were presented to:

- Wei Liu, UT
- Catherine Chiodo, UT
- Alyssa DeCaulp, St. Edward's University.

Students who are enthusiastic about writing, who show promise as poets, and especially those who would find such a financial award beneficial to fulfillment of their writing aspirations, are encouraged to apply.

Submission deadline is October 30, 2010. The committee plans to choose one student who will receive the award in a meeting of the Austin Poetry Society on Saturday, November 20, 2010.

This Scholarship is named to honor Austin Poetry Society member Jenny Lind Porter. Dr. Porter was the Poet Laureate of the State of Texas for 1964-1965. A Professor Emeritus from Huston Tillotson University, Dr. Porter taught creative writing to some 12,000 Texas students. She is a widely-published, prize-winning poet and author. <apsinformation@austinpoetrysociety.org>.

3. Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

Spring 2011 Application Open - Deadline: October 5, 2010

The Gilman International Scholarship Program is pleased to announce the opening of the Spring 2011 online application for U.S. undergraduate students participating in Spring 2011 study abroad programs. The Gilman Scholarship is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is administered by the Institute of International Education. The Gilman Scholarship Program is celebrating 10 years of helping nearly 6,500 Gilman Scholars study abroad and during the academic year 2010-2011, over 2,300 scholarships will be awarded.

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 <gilman@iie.org>.

4. Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest

AWARDS:
- First prize – $2,500
- Second prize – $1,750
- Third prize – $1,200

ESSAY QUESTIONS:
- Applicants will submit an essay that addresses one of the following questions:

1. Explore the thesis that evil depends on the sanction of the victim. Explain exactly what Rand means by this and how the idea is illustrated in the novel. Make reference to specific characters and events.

2. The heroes of Atlas Shrugged are selfish – in a very particular but undeniable way. Explain both the kind of selfishness that these characters embrace (through what more specific traits of character, for instance, do they pursue their interests?) and the reasons that they think it is a proper moral code for everyone.

3. Economic freedom is steadily deteriorating in the society portrayed in Atlas Shrugged. In the view of John Galt, what are the primary causes of this decline and what is the solution? Point to specific events in the story to explain Galt’s analysis.

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