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MESSAGE FROM DR. CHERNOTSKY

By now, I hope you have all settled in well to the spring 2011 semester. We got off to a rather disjointed start with all the snow and ice even as we are now enjoying some early spring weather.

As you can see below, there are a lot of things going on. Remember that our office is located in Macy 103 and that appointment sheets for advising are available each week. In addition to the major and minor in International Studies, the department also houses minors in Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights, Islamic Studies and Judaic Studies. The departmental website is

<http://gias.uncc.edu>.



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SUMMER AND FALL ADVISING

Advising for summer and fall 2011 will begin on Tuesday, March 15 and continue through March 30. Registration begins on March 28 with times determined by the registrar. Some information, including course schedules for summer, is already posted to the departmental website <http://gias.uncc.edu/Advising/summer-and-fall-advising.html> and we will be adding to it as fall schedule flyers are developed.

MIDDLE EAST FORUM

A Middle East Forum addressing the recent political turmoil in the region will be held on Wednesday, March 2 at 2:00-3:15 pm in CHHS 155. The event is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in cooperation with the Departments of Anthropology; Global, International & Area Studies; Political Science; and Religious Studies. A panel composed of four professors will answer questions relating to the nature of these events and their implications. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about these critical developments.

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PROGRAMS

GIAS has been involved with a number of interesting programs, with more on the way. On January 20, we partnered with the Allegro Foundation and the Office of International Programs to host presentations by His Excellency Gilles Noghes, Monaco's Ambassador to the United States, and His Excellency Luis Gallegos, Ecuador's Ambassador to the United States.

Upcoming programs include:

Agreements that Changed the Modern World

Fredrik Stanton

Thursday, February 24

2:00-3:00 pm

Halton Reading Room – Atkins Library

Iraq and Afghanistan

Zalmay Khalilzad, Former US Ambassador to Iraq and Afghanistan

Thursday, March 24

3:30-4:45 pm

Middle East Forum

Wednesday, March 2

2:00-3:15 pm

CHHS 155

The Missing Martyrs: Why There Are So Few Muslim Terrorists

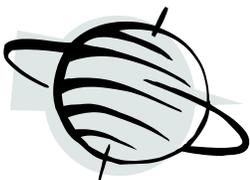
Charles Kurzman, UNC Chapel Hill

Thursday, April 7

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

A student chapter of Amnesty International is forming at UNC Charlotte. While organized by students in Global, International & Area Studies and Political Science, all students are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact Hallie Eban ebanhh@gmail.com or Cameron Joyce jjoyce11@unc.edu. The faculty adviser is Dr. Tarazona-Sevillano.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Application
deadline is
February
28.**

We have just heard about a paid summer internship opportunity from recent INTL major graduate, Briana Buzali, who is currently working for the Diversity Affairs department of NASCAR. Information can be found at www.nascardiversity.com. Application deadline is February 28. Perhaps another possible response to the question ... what can I do with an International Studies degree?

We have also learned that Democracy North Carolina Summer 2011 is now accepting applications for paid summer 2011 internships (\$2500 for two months work). Interns will work in either 2 or 3-person teams located in Charlotte, Greenville or Winston-Salem to empower citizens to take part in the political process. Visit <http://www.democracy-nc.org/whatwedo/democracysummer.html> for details. Application deadline is March 4.

DEPARTMENTAL FACEBOOK PAGE



We wanted to remind you again that the department has established a FACEBOOK page and we invite all students to participate. Under the direction of Dr. Houck, this project is intended to provide students with information about upcoming programs and opportunities and to provide a forum for discussion. It is a particularly useful mechanism for students studying abroad to stay connected and to share some of their experiences. Finally, it seeks to foster networking opportunities for both current and former students enrolled in our programs. Since the start of the semester, we have seen a considerable increase in the number of participants. You may access the group through the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=101217669379>

FACULTY MATTERS

Dr. Joyce Dalsheim has published an exciting new book, *Unsettling Gaza: Secular Liberalism, Radical Religion, and the Israeli Settlement Project*. The book is the result of many years of research into a very delicate, contentious and timely issue.

Dr. Gabriela Tarazona Sevillano recently returned from her invited presentation to the Stanford University Law School on *Can Terrorists Be Tried In Civilian Courts? Lessons from the Shining Path Experience in Peru*.

GIAS IS GROWING: WELCOME TO DR. JOHN COX

We are pleased to announce that Dr. John Cox will be joining the Department of Global, International and Area Studies in fall 2011. Dr. Cox is currently at Florida Gulf Coast University and will be coming in to help us develop our courses and programming in the area of Holocaust and Comparative Genocide studies. He has deep North Carolina connections, having earned his Ph.D. in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Cox has already been scheduled to offer courses on The Holocaust and Resistance and on Comparative Genocide in the fall. His latest book, *To Kill a People: Genocide in the Twentieth Century* is due out later this year. We look forward to Dr. Cox's arrival and to the contributions he will be making to our program.