

International Studies Program

Fall 2006

FALL NEWSLETTER

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Ship's First Fulbright Visits Fall Semester

The International Studies Program is hosting Shipensburg University's first Fulbright visiting scholar from October 30 to November 17.

While on campus Dr. Oaima Abou-Bakr of Cairo University will be guest lecturing in a number of classes including Introduction to International Studies, Seminar in Women's Studies, Comparative Religions, Honors World History I and International Business.

Dr. Abou-Bakr will also meet informally with



Dr. Oaima Abou-Bakr

students and faculty from various depart-

ments.

Dr. Abou-Bakr's teaching and research fields include medieval comparative literature, gender and women's issues in Islam, pre-modern history of Muslim women, and female mysticism. She received her Ph.D in 1987 from the University of California at Berkely and is a dynamic public speaker.

See page 2 for her events schedule.

6th Annual International Studies Theme Year: Colonialism and the New Imperialism

The International Studies 2006- 2007 theme is 'Colonialism and the New Imperialism'. The fall semester is highlighted by the visit of the Fulbright Scholar Dr. Abou-Bakr (see story above). Spring

Semester will include a co-taught seminar course and a series of films and speakers. The seminar will be taught by Dr. Agnès Ragone (Modern Languages), Dr. Cynthia Botteron (Political Science)

and Dr. Sabrina Joseph (History) and will provide an interdisciplinary examination of the history of empires, language and imperialism, and the politics of colonialism.

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Spring Film Festival

The 6th Annual Film Festival will take place this spring semester showcasing four films related to our theme of Colonialism and the New Imperialism. All films are at 6:30 in the Grove Hall Forum.

Turtles Can Fly Thursday, March 1.

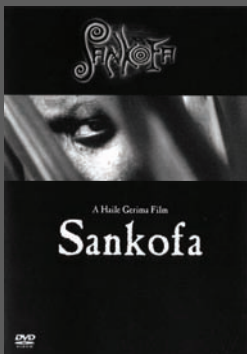
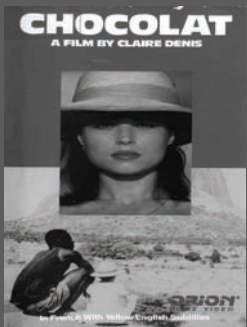
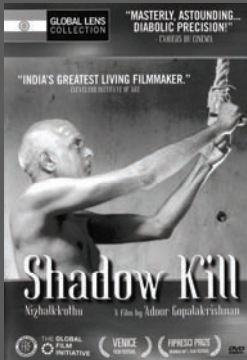
On the eve of the American invasion of Iraq in 2003, Kurdish orphans struggle to survive in a refugee camp on the Iraq-Turkey border. Some children find hope and a meager living excavating land mines for a precocious 13-year-old businessman nicknamed Satellite. Others can't escape the mental scars left by Saddam Hussein's brutal persecution of the Kurds.

Shadow Kill Thursday, March 22. Set in India under British colonial rule in the 1940s, a hangman named Kaliyappan is troubled by guilt and rejected by his anti-British son. He tries to quit his job, but when British authorities force him to perform one more hanging, Kaliyappan faces a gut-wrenching dilemma.

Chocolat Thursday, April 12. A white woman returns to her childhood home in the former French African colony of Cameroon. Vivid memories flood back of the attraction between her mother, Aimee, and a handsome black house servant, Protée, who are separated by the unspoken racial divide of colonial society.

Sankofa on Thursday, April 26. Mona, a beautiful African-American model, is on a photo shoot in Ghana when a shaman, Sankofa, magically transports her back to the past. Enslaved and shipped to a plantation in American, she experiences the brutality of rape and beatings, but grows stronger than her tormentors.

Please join us for each one of these excellent films.



Public Events Featuring Fulbright Visiting Scholar

“Cooperation or Clash? Perspectives on Judaism, Christianity and Islam”

Tuesday, November 7, 7:30 p.m., Old Main Chapel Dr. Omaima Abou-Bakr, Dr. Christine Senecal, Associate Professor of History, and Dr. Alan Tulchin, Assistant Professor of History will participate in a panel discussion on the relationships among the world's three

major monotheistic religions. After short presentations, the panelists will take questions from the audience.

“Islam and its Contexts: Globalization and Cultural Resistance”

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., Old Main Chapel Dr. Abou-Bakr's keynote address to the Shippensburg community will inves-

tigate why the international environment in recent years has encouraged the politicization and radicalization of Islam. Dr. Abou-Bakr's talk will bring a fresh perspective on the Middle East directly to our campus.

Geography - Spanish Field Course (3 Credit Hrs) May 12-20, 2007 Michoacán, Mexico

The Geography-Earth Science and Modern Languages departments are offering a field study course in Michoacán, Mexico during the summer of 2007 from May 12 - 20. The 9 day field visit to Michoacán will occur in May just after the spring semester ends and before summer Term 3 begins. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1800, which includes all transportation (air and ground), room, meals, taxes, and admission fees. We will visit the following places: Paricutín volcano and abandoned town. Janitzio island in Lake Pátzcuaro. Several

traditional Purépechan villages. The Tarascan ceremonial ruins at Tzintzuntzan. The Balsas escarpment and basin.

If you are interested in this field course please contact:
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For more information on Michoacán, Mexico please attend our presentation at 4:30pm on Tuesday November 7 in Shearer Hall room 107.



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In addition, students campus wide will have the opportunity to view several films over the course of the semester related to the theme. See page 2 for the film schedule.

The film series will be complemented by different

speaking events related to the colonialism and imperialism theme, including a talk by Suzanne Joseph, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, who will address the impact of French occupation on Bedouin tribes in Lebanon and the

Syria. Dr. Joseph spent one year living among the Bedouins of the region, studying and researching their changing way of life and the impact of social and economic transformations on Bedouin demographic patterns. Her lecture, open to the broader campus community, is scheduled for February 22, 2007.

Adventures in Prague: International Travel Series

This year's International Travel series presentation was a program on Prague, Czech Republic on Thursday, October 12 in the Orndorff Theater. Dr. Deborah Francis and her students gave a slide show and spoke about their study abroad trip in summer 2006. The group spent three weeks studying management at the Czech Management center and in Prague. When school work was finished, they found time to explore the Czech countryside, and the sights and nightlife of Prague. Their pictures revealed the beautiful scenery of Prague's old city and the surrounding towns. Highlights of the evening were a video of bungee jumping and photos of a medieval church with chandeliers made from the bones of plague victims!

Dates to Remember

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Spring Semester:

3/1 *Turtles Can Fly* 6:30 Grove Hall Forum

3/22 *Shadow Kill* 6:30 Grove Hall Forum

4/12 *Chocolat* 6:30 Grove Hall Forum

4/26 *Sankofa* 6:30 Grove Hall Forum

European Study Abroad: Political Science 490 Summer 2007

Evolution of European Government and Society & European Political and Economic Integration.

Six credit hours in Political Science. 24 days in Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium with optional weekend in Paris or Amsterdam.

Tours and lectures in Rome, Siena, Venice, Florence, Geneva, Trier and Brussels. Stay with host families in Brussels to truly experience the cul-

ture.

Trip is the last 3 weeks of June — preceded by 3 weeks of online instruction.

Visits and lectures from experts on European government including: European Union, NATO, SHAPE, World Trade Organization, Red Cross, Court of Justice, International Criminal Court.

Visits to Ancient, Medieval and Renaissance sites such as: The Coliseum, The Forum, Roman Baths at Trier,

Vatican Museum, Uffizzi Gallery of Renaissance Art, Cathedral in Florence, The David, Medieval city of Bruges, St. Marks and the Ducal Palace in Venice, Florence, Venice and Geneva.

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International Studies Minor

Are you interested in other countries?

Do you want to... be prepared to travel abroad?

...gain a better understanding of our world?

...know about the causes of international tensions?



This 21 credit minor uses an interdisciplinary approach to help students understand other cultures, countries, and the forces of globalization that knit the world together. Students have 9 credits of electives to tailor the minor to their interests.

Also Available: Area Studies Certificates (12 credits each) allow students to concentrate on classes in particular world regions:

- African and Middle Eastern Studies
- Asian Studies
- Latin American Studies
- European Studies

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