



The International Relations Program expands its presence both in and outside of the classroom during the Spring 2014 semester.

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International Relations Program Updates

By Kazuya Fukuoka
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One of the issues I have noticed over the years is that it is sometimes difficult for International Relations majors to have a strong identity within the program. This is partially because the program does not have a physical entity (i.e., the department office) and the affiliated faculty members come from three different departments: Economics, History, and Political Science.

To me, however, the interdisciplinary nature of the IR program is our very strength rather than liability. As this newsletter reports, we have launched several new projects this spring, including Sigma Iota Rho (IR Honor Society) and an IR Facebook page. IR students also initiated and established a new student organization, the International Relations Society. We are also planning to have a student-led brown-bag lunch discussion series (IR Town Hall) in the fall. Through those exciting new developments, I hope that we will develop our sense of academic community among our students and faculty members.

I also welcome our new majors and minors who joined the program this Spring semester. We are happy to have six new majors and 15 new minors.

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The new inductees of Sigma Iota Rho received a certificate and pin during their ceremony on Wed., April 16, 2014. The seniors also received gold cords to be worn at graduation.

IR Program Projects and Developments

Sigma Iota Rho

The Saint Joseph's University chapter of Sigma Iota Rho was established in March 2014. Sigma Iota Rho is an interdisciplinary honor society in the field of international affairs, and our chapter is designated Epsilon Omega. The society also disseminates newsletters, helps students access professional networks, and provides career development information. Further information about the society can be found on its website: <http://www.sigmaidarho.org>.

Please join us in congratulating our S.I.R. inductees!

Senior Inductees

Joseph Cerrone
Chris Cimperman
Salvatore Corasaniti
Magdalena Jagla
Lauren Jancuska
Zachary Kaeser
Emily Reineberg
Rachel Sellers
Rory Sweeney
Julian Truskowski
Jennifer Wcislo

Junior Inductees

Erin Caffrey
Megan Duffy
Silvia Garcia Pena
Anne Mrazik
Caley Rolt
Lauren Roy
Dominique Viel

Executive Committee (2014-15)

Erin Caffrey (President)
Dominique Viel (Vice President)
Silvia Garcia Pena (Treasurer)
Caley Rolt (Secretary)

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International Relations Society

We now have a student organization, the International Relations Society (IRS). Several seniors (notably, Rachel Sellers, Joe Cerrone and Zachary Kaeser) and juniors (Dominique Viel) got together and initiated the project. The organization has been approved by the university. Dominique Viel has been elected President.

IR Facebook

We launched our Facebook page in February. On this page, along with the announcements of upcoming on-campus events, IR faculty members also share articles/links they find interesting. This way, we are trying to share with our students (and perhaps people outside the campus community) the ways we acquire the information about on-going global issues. Typically, we post five to seven (or more) links per week. We also showcase faculty's scholarly achievements, including new publications, newspaper quotes, radio appearances, etc.

Our vision is that students (or those who "liked" the page) are able to subscribe to several free magazines with the IR faculty as editors. As the IR program at Saint Joseph's is uniquely multidisciplinary, we believe that we can offer interesting content from a variety of perspectives. We believe it is very important that the IR program as an academic community of faculty and students share what we study, publish, and achieve.

IR Town Hall (Fall 2014)

Twice a semester, the IR Program will host student-led brown-bag lunch discussion series on pressing global issues. Each session will have a specific theme and a team of students will facilitate the discussion.

'From Heidelberg with Love'

Rolt gains new perspective on IR while studying in Germany

By Caley Rolt '16

Seeing as I'm in Germany, you would think the city slogan would be in German. But, "From Heidelberg with Love" is most definitely not German. However, it does perfectly describe how much everyone loves this charming city, and how much the city gives back.

Heidelberg is a small German city in Baden-Württemberg. Located about an hour south of Frankfurt, it has only 150,000 inhabitants, a third of which are students, like me, at the Universität Heidelberg. Heidelberg is known for a couple amazing things, including the beautiful castle (Schloß), the gorgeous "old bridge" ("Alte Brücke"), the longest pedestrian shopping street in Germany (Hauptstraße), and the two kilometer long "Philosopher's Way" (Philosophenweg) on the "Holy Mountain" ("Heiligenberg").

In the past two months I have found Heidelberg to be not only one of the most picturesque cities in the world, but my new home. As an International Relations major at Saint Joseph's University, I am always excited about meeting new people, traveling to new places, and understanding different cultures.

One thing I have found to be most important while studying abroad is noticing and embracing the cultural differences that surround me—the most surprising of which are the small variations in perspectives and customs. For example, all students here have single bedrooms, and they leave their doors closed at all times. Also, Germans don't text and walk at the same time—ever. Plus, there is a law (at least in most of southern Germany) that no shops can be open on Sundays, not even grocery stores. Only restaurants and cafes are exempt from this regulation. So you need to get your gro-



Photo by Caley Rolt '16

cery shopping done on Saturday or you will have to eat out until Monday. Finally, if you want to enter the sports center/gym, you need clean, white-soled shoes. You must carry them in (not wear them) or else you may not participate. Figuring out these minor differences has made for a number of funny stories, but I've come to love most of these special cultural rules.

Germany is the perfect place for me to be studying abroad. Not only is it an amazing place to experience a different culture, but I have also been able to broaden my IR knowledge and further develop my German language abilities. I've learned so much about EU politics and international alliances within Europe through watching and reading the news (in German!), through my German political science classes, and through talking with many people. And my German? Not only am I speaking it in everyday life, but all of my classes are entirely in German. This is tough, because who knows how to say IR terms like "Federalism" or "Balance of Power" or "Schism" in German? (If you ever need to know, it's der Föderalismus, das Kräfteverhältnis, and die Spaltung respectively). I'm two weeks into classes (the German semester runs April through July) and it's fascinating to learn so many more details about the German and EU political systems, as well as to compare them to the US foreign policy and political system.

I am actually experiencing my IR major here in Germany. This experience has definitely made me more connected and involved with my major. Though I look forward to being able to apply my experience here to my IR classes at St. Joe's, I don't know if I'll ever want to leave Heidelberg.

Meet the Faculty

As the semester ends, the IR Program recognizes faculty who have joined us this year

Richard Gioioso, Ph.D.

Political Science

Dr. Gioioso is trained broadly across the social sciences and has worked extensively as a researcher in the U.S. and abroad. His areas of focus include U.S. immigration, ethnic and racial identity, trust and civic participation in U.S. and Colombian societies, the impact of social and economic policies on disadvantaged communities, and arts and artists in U.S. and Cuban societies. For the IR Program, he offers POL 115 Introduction to International Politics, IRT 211 World Regional Geography, POL 359 Contemporary International Migration, POL 352 Global Political Economy, and POL 337 Contemporary Cuban Politics & Society (which includes a study tour to Cuba).

Brian Yates, Ph.D.

History

Dr. Yates' research centers on the construction of the modern Ethiopian state, specifically on identity in this modern state construction. Dr. Yates is presently working on a book manuscript entitled "The Other Habasha: The Oromo and the Creation of the Modern Ethiopian State (1855-1913)." His other areas of research include identity formation throughout the African continent and its Diasporas in addition to pre-modern African state constructions. For the IR Program, he offers HIS 210 Historical Introduction to Modern Africa and HIS 343 African Ethnicities.

Erik Huneke, Ph.D.

History

Dr. Huneke is the David H. Burton Postdoctoral Fellow. He is happy to be back in the Philadelphia area, since he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Swarthmore College. He was awarded a Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2013. He is currently transforming his dissertation, "Morality, Law, and the Socialist Sexual Self in the German Democratic Republic, 1945-1972," into a book and beginning work on a second project focusing on conceptions of the body and disability in East Germany. For the IR Program, he offers HIS 310 Modern Germany.

International Relations Faculty

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Joseph Cerrone '14

International Relations Courses Fall 2014

Economics

ECN 101 Introductory Economics (MICRO) / MULTIPLE SECTIONS
ECN 102 Introductory Economics (MACRO) / MULTIPLE SECTIONS
ECN 321 International Trade / Liebman MWF 10:10-11:00

History

HIS 204 Latin America-U.S. Migration / Warren MWF 10:10-11:00
HIS 207 Intro to South Asia / Abbas MWF 2:30-3:20
HIS 310 Modern Germany / Huneke TR 3:30-4:45
HIS 473 Seminar in Eurasian History / Chakars MWF 9:05-9:55

International Relations

IRT 250 Theory & Methods in IR / Baglione TR 9:30-10:45
IRT 495 Sr Seminar: Nations & Nationalism / Fukuoka TR 3:30-4:45

Political Science

POL 113 Intro to Comparative Politics / Baglione TR 12:30-1:45
POL 115 Intro to International Politics / Gioioso MWF 9:05-9:55
POL 115 Intro to International Politics / Gioioso MWF 10:10-11:00
POL 305 Politics, Ideology & Film / Liebell TR 12:30-1:45
POL 333 Asian Political Systems / Fukuoka TR 2:00-3:15
POL 352 Contemporary Intl Migration / Gioioso MWF 1:25-2:15
POL 491 Philadelphia-Area Internship WRI / Liebell