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## UNIVERSITY PARK EVENTS

***Application Strategies: Careers in the FBI***  
**Chris Reite, Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
March 17, 2015

303 Willard Building  
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, Former Chief of Staff to  
U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell**

Wednesday, March 18, 2015  
116 Katz Building  
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

***Threshold to the Kingdom: The Airport is a  
Border and the Border is a Volume***  
**Matthew Hart, Columbia**

Monday, March 23, 2015  
102 Kern, 12:15 p.m.

**Rachel Sayre, Senior Advisor for USAID**

Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
116 Katz Building  
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

**Conservatism, Orthodoxy and Intellectual  
Change: the Qingyuan School of Learning in Early  
Modern China**

**Courtney Rong Fu, Penn State**

Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
101 Old Botany, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Fine Illuminations: A Visual Essay on Refinement,  
Finesses, and Global Cuba**

**Jacqueline Loss, University of Connecticut**

Monday, March 30, 2015  
102 Kern, 12:15 p.m.

## FBI Comes to State College

By Ben Meck

During this month the Federal Bureau of Investigation's State College branch will be visiting our campus here at Penn State. The Center for Global Studies in conjunction with the Penn State Justice Association is hosting a career event with the help of Mr. Reite, a member of the State College FBI branch. This event will be casting some light on what it is like to have a career in the FBI. Along with his own experience in this field he will also expand upon multiple opportunities available to those in the FBI. Throughout this thirty minute lecture Mr. Reite will also discuss tips for applications to the FBI, qualities sought for in a candidate, what a career in the Bureau looks like and the importance of knowing foreign languages. This event will be happening in 303 Willard on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend this event. There will be time at the end to ask questions.



## THAW Festival New Experience for PSU Students

By Leah Bader

The THAW Festival opened for its first year with a host of events, including documentary screenings and volunteer opportunities among other things. The festival opened on Wednesday, February 25th and ran until Sunday, March 1st, ending with the ever-popular TEDxPSU event. THAW Festival's mission is to satisfy the community's desire for more community events year round for the State College and Penn State community while boasting local talents and providing a fun and unique experience. Getting the opportunity to win big prizes for attending was an added bonus.

"The mission of the College Town Film Festival (the main sponsor and partner of the THAW Festival) is twofold", said organizer Matt Jordan, associate professor in the Department of Film/Video and Media Studies, here at Penn State. "It is designed to promote independent film to a demographic that is not going to see them, and to use the unique advantages of a college town – lots of smart and curious locals, faculty and students – to create conversations surrounding the films with the people who made them."

The College Town Film Festival, now in its third year in State College, was moved from April to bolster THAW's offerings. The free festival boasted 11 feature-length films and 30 short films from February 25th to February 28th as well as discussions with filmmakers and workshops. In addition, THAW offered live music events, comedy stand ups, a 5K race and other entertainment from February 25th to February 29th.

The Center for Global Studies sponsored a documentary screening for the short film production Broken Landscape: Confronting India's Water-Energy Choke Point directed by Sean Peoples. Two interns from the Center for Global Studies interviewed Mr. Peoples on his work while he was in State College. Mr. Peoples explained the origin of his project: "On the eve of an historic election in May, videographer Michael Miller and I visited Meghalaya to explore how this restive coal-producing region is dealing with growing energy demand while balancing environmental impacts and searching for more broad-based economic growth."



Mr. Peoples went on to explain that the initial intent for the film was "to document the lack of environmental regulation in a region experiencing a massive increase in coal production. By spending time with miners, journalists, and community members, we hoped to tell the various stories of people impacted by the industry." However, due to an unexpected statewide coal ban two days before filming began, the result became a documentary chronicling the frontlines of one of the most consequential contests between energy, water, and livelihoods in the world.

The THAW Festival wrapped up this Sunday, March 1st.



## Program Implementation Coordinator for Swedish Committee for Afghanistan Scheduled to Speak

By: Alanna Kaiser

The Center for Global Studies at Penn State is very excited to announce “Development Work in Developing Countries” presented by former School of International Affairs student, Fawad Sultani. The financial aid from developed countries to the developing world is often seen as charity, while developed countries are committed to contributing a small percentage of their GDP to the poor countries, this financial aid is rather the right of those poor countries. The discussion will also focus on the importance of donor relations and good understanding of international affairs to maximize the benefits of those transfers to the developing world. The importance of expatriate experts and advisors to alleviate capacity deficiency in developing countries, and how they can most effectively play their role, will also be discussed. This discussion will occur on Tuesday, March 31 at 4:00 p.m. in 012 Katz Building.

The following day, Mr. Sultani will also be leading a discussion on “Contemporary Afghan Politics.” This discussion will focus on nation building in general, and Afghanistan in particular, with a focus on contemporary Afghan politics. The main emphasis of the discussions will be: the Afghan Unity government (marked by power-sharing between the President and a Chief Executive Officer); the withdrawal of US and international troops and its consequences for Afghanistan (whether the Afghan National Army and Police can take over); and the new government’s policy on peace talks with the Taliban. This talk will be given on Wednesday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m. in 116 Katz Building.

Fawad Sultani is a Fulbright Scholar with a Master’s degree from Penn State in International Affairs. He has over 10 years of applied experience working on community empowerment and poverty reduction in post-conflict context, with special focus on broader involvement of women, children, disabled peoples, minorities and other marginalized groups. Currently, Sultani is working as the Program Implementation Coordinator with the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA).

## FULBRIGHT-HAYS Doctoral Dissertation Research Award

By: Ben Meck

The Center for Global Studies is looking for applicants for the 2015 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program Award. This program is to provide funding for those that do research in other countries, in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of six to twelve months. There will be an informational session about the program on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in 308 Willard Building. To be eligible for this program you must be a U.S. citizen, a student in good standing, plan to teach in the United States upon graduation or plan to apply language skills for the government, and possess the language capabilities to carry out the dissertation. Applications are due Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>. In order to apply there are forms and directions located on the homepage of our website at [cgs.psu.edu](http://cgs.psu.edu). While there you will also find helpful resources about the program as well as frequently asked questions (FAQ). We encourage all to apply and look forward to seeing your application.

The poster features the Penn State logo at the top left and the College of the Liberal Arts logo at the top right. The main text reads: "FULBRIGHT-HAYS Doctoral Dissertation Research Award". A callout box indicates the informational session: "April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. in 308 Willard". Below this, it says: "Join CGS staff for an important session on the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award." Further down, it states: "This award, supported by the U.S. Department of Education and administered at Penn State by the Center for Global Studies, supports Ph.D. candidates who conduct research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of six to 12 months." At the bottom, it says: "This session will cover the application process and strategies to make your application as competitive as possible." The footer includes: "Hosted by the Center for Global Studies - [cgs.psu.edu](http://cgs.psu.edu)" and a small accessibility statement: "This publication is available in alternative media on request. Penn State encourages qualified persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact: [cen.rose@psu.edu](mailto:cen.rose@psu.edu) or 814-863-6487 or 814-863-6488 in advance of your participation or visit. Penn State is committed to alternative access, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce. USA 13 252."

## The Center gives Awards

By Bridget Greco

### The Center for Global Studies Career Development Award:

The Center for Global Studies is offering prizes up to \$2,000 for the professional development of Liberal Arts ABD doctoral students and faculty in early careers on a tenure track. Qualified faculty will be required to have received a doctoral degree no earlier than 2009 in conjunction with international research and travel. The deadline for The Center for Global Studies Career Development Award will be April 2, 2015 at 5 p.m. Application materials must be received electronically and e-mailed to Sarah LyallCombs, Associate Director, at [cgsinfo@psu.edu](mailto:cgsinfo@psu.edu).

### The Center for Global Studies Fellow award:

The Center for Global Studies will be offering the Global Studies Dissertation Fellows program along with the College of the Liberal Arts' Departmental Dissertation Release Awards. The awards are offered to Humanities graduate students whose dissertations are focused on global studies. The Center for Global Studies will provide The Center and Institute Grant while augmenting the Department Dissertation Release Award along with providing a \$1,000 grant towards research-related activities for the semester in which the student has received a Department Dissertation Release Award. The deadline for The Center for Global Studies Fellow Award will be April 1, 2015 at 5 p.m. for those affiliating in the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters. Those who receive the award will be titled "Center for Global Studies Fellow".

*The Center gives Awards continued...*

### The Center for Global Studies Thesis Prize:

The Center for Global Studies Thesis Prize Award offers two \$500 prizes each year and is for students with a global perspective and who have completed commendable thesis projects. The awarded students who are combining studies in Liberal Arts and global issues will not be recognized for their work but also encouraged to continue contributing to the field of global studies. The deadline for The Center for Global Studies Thesis Prize Award will be April 2, 2015 at 5 p.m. Please e-mail the completed dossier to Sarah Lyall-Combs, Associate Director, at [cgsinfo@psu.edu](mailto:cgsinfo@psu.edu).

For more information on each of these awards, please visit <http://cgs.psu.edu/funding.shtml>.

### The Center for Global Studies Fellow Award

**Deadline: April 1, 2015 at 5 p.m.**

#### for Fellows affiliating in Fall 2015/ Spring 2016

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) is pleased to announce the Global Studies Dissertation Fellows program offered in conjunction with the College of the Liberal Arts' Departmental Dissertation Release Awards. These combined awards are for Humanities graduate students who are working in the field of global studies in their dissertations. The Center and Institute Grant provided by the CGS augments the Department Dissertation Release Award by providing a \$1,000 grant to support research-related activities for the semester in which the student has received a Department Dissertation Release Award; in addition, award recipients will have the title of Center for Global Studies Fellow.

### The CGS Career Development Award

**Deadline: April 2, 2015 at 5 p.m.**

Penn State's Center for Global Studies will award prizes of up to \$2,000 to support the professional development of Liberal Arts ABD doctoral students and early career faculty on a tenure track (having received a doctoral degree no earlier than 2009) through international research and travel.

### The CGS Thesis Prize Award

**Deadline: April 2, 2015 at 5 p.m.**

Penn State's Center for Global Studies will award two prizes of \$500 each year to students who have completed commendable thesis projects that advance a global perspective.

These awards are intended not only to recognize the excellent work of students who combine studies in the Liberal Arts with a concern for global issues, but also to encourage these students in continuing their contributions to the field of global studies.

#### Our Mission

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) has been designated a Title VI National Resource Center by the Department of Education. Working in collaboration with Penn State's many excellent international initiatives, faculty and students from multiple disciplines, and K-12 schools in the region, the CGS is dedicated to the growth and support of global studies.

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