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UNIVERSITY PARK EVENTS

Careers in the International Arena Employer Panel
Wednesday, February 10th, 2016
103 Bank of America Career Services Center, 5:00-
6:00pm

**SIA Series: "Why People Rebel: Greed versus
Grievance"**
Greg Kruczek, Virginia Tech
Thursday, February 11th, 2016
Katz Auditorium, 11:15am-12:30pm

**SIA Series: "Religious Freedom: A Global Historical
Exploration"**
Dr. Roger Finke, Penn State
Thursday, February 18th, 2016
Katz Auditorium, 11:15am-12:30pm

**Lecture: "Enlightened Exoticism? Lady Anne Barnard at
the Cape of Good Hope, 1797-1802"**
Greg Clingham, Bucknell University
Monday, February 22nd, 2016
102 Kern Building, 12:15pm-1:30pm

SIA Series: "The Digital Divide and Its Implications"
Dr. Krishna Jayakar, Penn State
Thursday, February 23rd, 2016
Katz Auditorium, 11:15am-12:30pm

**Lecture: "Marginocentric Afterlives of Bruno Schulz
and the Migration of Forms"**
Adam Zachary, Yeshiva University
Monday, February 29th, 2016
102 Kern Building, 12:15pm-1:30pm

What to expect for Brown Bag Lecture Series this spring

By Bridget Adduce

Pack a lunch! This spring 2016, the Center for Global Studies will continue its Brown Bag Lecture Series. The series, which focuses on graduate research across disciplinary fields, is held from 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout the semester. Faculty, colleagues, students, and the community are all encouraged to stop by 157 Burrowes and enjoy their lunches while listening to the groundbreaking research in progress at Penn State University. If that's not enough to draw you in, complimentary coffee, tea, and cookies will be offered as well!

In the past, lecture topics have covered a diverse range of international studies including: *"Chinese Migrant Brides in Taiwan and the Role of Gender and Class in Attaining Citizenship,"* *"NGO Training in Diverse Somali Diaspora and How it Empowers Women,"* and *"Globalized Crime and the Blurred Lines between Terrorist Organizations and Transnational Criminal Organizations."*

The Brown Bag Lecture Series is planned to kick off Wednesday, March 2nd with Penn State PhD candidate Kwok-leong Tang, who will present *"Why did a Christian worship Confucius? Li Zhizao (d.1630) and his Pangong Li Yue Shu."*



November 4th, 2015 - Allyson Krupar, Penn State, discussed how non-governmental organizational training empowered women learners in the Somali diaspora.

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The remaining of the semester will be as follows:

-March 23, Penn State graduate student, Loredana Abreu, will present *"What Can U.S. Companies Do To Get the Most Out of Their Expats in Hardship Locations?"*

-March 30, Penn State's Dr. Helen Liu will present *"The Characteristics and Outcomes of Contingent Work in China."*

-April 6, Dr. Cara Judea Alhadeff from UC Santa Cruz will present *"Decolonizing Our Wombs: Gender Justice and Petro-PharmaCulture."*

-April 20, Penn State PhD candidate, Lauren Brooks, will present *"Kafka's Humor: German Reception and the (Un)translatability into the American Idiom."*

School of International Affairs Spring Colloquium Talks

By Loredana Abreu

This semester, The Center for Global Studies is proud to be co-sponsoring the School of International Affairs' Spring Colloquium. The colloquium features experts on global issues from Penn State and other universities. Speakers will be covering media, health, technology, world poverty, and other topics related to current social problems.

The SIA Spring Colloquium started on January 14, 2016 with a talk on a relevant hot topic. Dr. James Piazza, Penn State professor and specialist on international politics, international security, terrorism and political violence, presented *"Profiles of Terrorism Supporters."*

On January 21st, 2016, Dr. Richard Alley, environmental expert and professor in the Penn State Department of Geosciences at the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, spoke about climate change on his talk *"Climate Change: Current Policy Challenges."*

These talks will take place throughout the semester from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Thursdays in the Lewis Katz Auditorium.

All of the presentations are free and open to the public. For more information on the talks and the presenters please visit the Center for Global Studies' website at: <http://cgs.la.psu.edu/>

Upcoming SIA Spring Colloquium 2016 Lectures:

Feb 11	<i>"Why People Rebel: Greed versus Grievance"</i>
Feb 18	<i>"Religious Freedom: A Global Historical Exploration"</i>
Feb 23	<i>"The Digital Divide and Its' Implications"</i>
Mar 3	<i>"Managing the Global Commons -- Norway's Interests in the Artic"</i>
Mar 17	<i>"Identity in Central Asia"</i>
Mar 24	<i>"Redefining Poverty"</i>
Mar 31	<i>"Demography, Fertility, Sustainability: How Global Population Trends Shape Your Future"</i>
Apr 7	<i>"Nation-building and Why it's so Hard to Do"</i>
Apr 14	<i>"Dealing with North Korea"</i>
Apr 21	<i>"Guns or Butter: How Defense Budgets are Made"</i>
Apr 28	<i>"The Interface Between Politics, Diplomacy, and Development in Pakistan"</i>

Lost Boy to American Diplomat: Gai Nyok's Story

By Lauren Kokoskie

Ever wonder what it was like to be a refugee, or what happens to refugees after the war? On January 20th, 2016 Penn State students, faculty, and the community had the opportunity to hear one survivor's incredible story of how he beat the odds, and went from being a Lost Boy, to an American Diplomat.

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When Gai Nyok was just six years old, he was forced to flee his village in South Sudan and walk to a refugee camp in Kenya where 20,000 other refugees, mostly young boys, who were eventually nicknamed "The Lost Boys of Sudan" welcomed him. Nyok spent nearly nine years in that refugee camp. *"I felt unstable, because the control of your life isn't in your hand,"* Nyok said. He also recalls playing a lot of soccer because *"it made the time pass better, and sitting around doing nothing just made you hungry."*

During his time in Kenya, Nyok learned about an opportunity to apply to be a refugee in the United States. After nearly two years, three interviews, and pure luck, he was granted to become a US refugee. However, this didn't mean his troubles were over.

As he was preparing for his trip to New York City on September 11th, 2001- tragedy struck. The twin towers terrorist attack prevented Nyok from flying that day.

On September 26th, 2001, two weeks after the attack, Nyok, 15 at the time, was able to fly to New York, where he was placed with a foster family in Virginia, and went through school. Most refugees were placed in lower grades, but Nyok said he was very fortunate to have paid attention in school in refugee camp, which guaranteed him a placement in ninth grade with kids who were his same age.



Gai Nyok speaking to Penn State students and faculty about his incredible story of being a Lost Boy

"They [people] were more interested in my funny accent and where I was from, rather than picking on him me being different," recalls Nyok from his experience at American schools. With the help of his host family, Nyok was able to attend Virginia Commonwealth University, and because of his background, decided to major in international relations and economics.

After graduation, in 2010, he was accepted to the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program. This allowed him to get a Graduate Degree in Economics at The University of Illinois and later an intern in Geneva, Switzerland at the US Embassy. On October 16th, 2015, Nyok was officially sworn in as a Foreign Service Officer and American Diplomat.

He now works as a Foreign Service Officer in the US, where he deals with visa and passport issues. This inspirational story, shows how with "luck and hard work from the beginning," As Nyok said during his talk, it is possible to beat the odds.



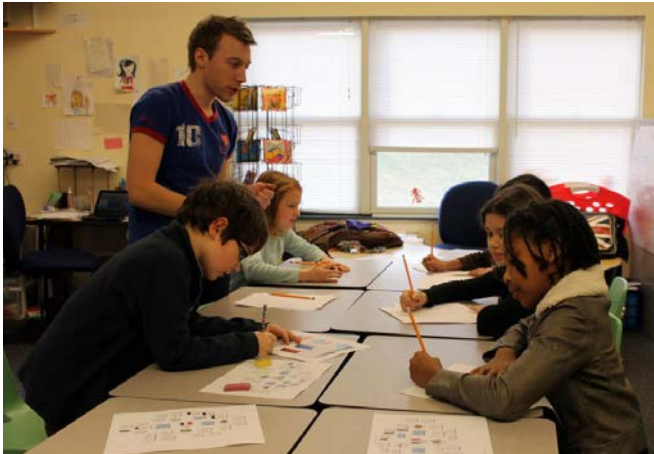
"The Good Lie Review" – We Got This Covered

Want to learn more about the Lost Boys of Sudan? *"The Good Lie"* (2014), directed by Philippe Falardeau, follows a family of Sudanese orphans from their journey of fleeing their village to becoming Lost Boys, and eventually US refugees. Gai Nyok described the film as "very accurate" during his speech.

The Chinese Mythology Club at YSCP Charter School

By Kayla De Stefano

I just recently began my internship with Penn State's Center for Global Studies this semester. As one of our projects, I decided to run a club in conjunction with the Young Scholars of Central PA Charter School in State College. Because my major is Chinese Language and Asian Studies, I wanted to organize a club that would utilize those skills and interests. What we came up with is a club for children in grades K-2 about Chinese mythology, traditions, and folklore that span throughout many different dynasties.



Intern Matthew Hoffman presented a lesson on the French revolution to YSCP students during a 2013 after-school club

In addition to storytelling, I will be teaching the kids a few Chinese words and phrases that are significant to each week's theme along with some sort of craft. What is interesting about the YSCP Charter School is that all students are required to learn both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. I think this is an excellent method to teach children about foreign cultures and get them interested in globalization.

Since Chinese New Year is quickly coming up (February 8th), our first lesson will be about Chinese New Year legends. I will also be teaching the kids a few Chinese New Year greetings, and our craft will include making paper-plate monkeys for the Year of the Monkey. I am excited and looking forward to begin this club and to interact with all of YSCP Charter School's brilliant students.

Quote of the Month

"In a rich moonlit garden,
flowers open beneath the
eyes of entire nations
terrified to acknowledge the
simplicity of the beauty of
peace."

-Aberjhani, Elemental

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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