International Studies Newsletter

Rowan University Spring 2017

First Sigma Iota Rho Initiation

The first initiation ceremony for Zeta Rho, Rowan's chapter of Sigma Iota Rho, the honor society for International Studies, was held on April 9 in Hollybush Mansion.

Seventeen students (6 IS majors and 11 IS minors) and 4 faculty members were initiated into the society.

Congratulations to all new initiates!



UN Trip

Sigma Iota Rho worked with Honors and Phi Alpha Theta to organize a trip to the United Nations for two briefings on March 30. Twelve International Studies majors/minors participated in the trip.





For information about requirements for the IS major and concentration, including suggested sequences for a number of double majors, go to https://academics.rowan.edu/chss/inter-majors/internationalstudies/Acad/

International Studies Faculty News

• Dr. Corinne Blake has accepted the position of Associate Dean for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. While she will continue to serve as the advisor for national scholarships such as Fulbright, Boren, and the Critical Language Scholarship, from September 1, Dr. Kelly Duke Bryant, who specializes in African history and is currently on sabbatical, will serve as the coordinator of International Studies.



• Congratulations to Dr. Christy Thornton, who teaches the International Studies core courses, for winning a fellowship at Harvard University for 2017-2018 to work on revising her doctoral dissertation into a book. While she is on leave, James Schrader, who will earn his PhD in Latin American history from U.C. San Diego this summer and currently teaches *Introduction to International Studies* at Rowan, will teach the core courses in International Studies as well as courses on Latin American history.

Student News

• Marisa Ditkoff (IS/Sociology; CUGS in Japanese) was selected for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences "Senior of Distinction" Award for excellence in International Studies.



- <u>Ian Abernethy</u> (Poly Sci/IS minor, SIR initiate) was accepted into the Peace Corps. He will be teaching English in South Africa next year.
- <u>Rachel Barton</u> (English/Writing Arts/Honors/Women and Gender Studies) won a Fulbright US-UK award to attend a summer institute at the University of Sussex in the UK.
- <u>Carmen Chen</u> and <u>Christopher Cruz</u> (both IS majors with CUGS in Japanese) won scholarships from Rowan's Asian Studies program.
- <u>Olivia Grasso</u> (History/ IS minor) won Rowan's "International Study Scholarship" to study abroad in Germany next year.
- <u>Tyler Jiang</u> (IS/History/Honors), who is in Beijing on a Boren Scholarship, had two more editorials published in Sigma Iota Rho's online journal, http://www.sirjournal.org/.
- <u>Justin Rechel</u> (Poly Sci/ IS minor, SIR initiate) will attend law school at William and Mary in the fall.
- Amy Ribinsky (Communication/ Honors/ IS minor) won a Fulbright US-UK award to attend a summer institute in Glasgow, Scotland.
- Nicole Wyglendowski
 (English/Elementary Education) won a
 Fulbright English Teaching
 Assistantship grant to Taiwan.

Scholarship Applications You Could Develop this Summer!

Undergraduates with strong academic records could develop applications for programs such as the State Department's Virtual Foreign Service Internship (due July 22) and the Critical Language and PPIA Foreign Policy summer scholarships, which will be due Nov 1. Outstanding graduating seniors could write applications for programs such as Fulbright and JET (to teach English in Japan).

Study Abroad

A number of International Studies majors will be studying abroad next year including <u>Kiera</u>

<u>Delaney</u>, who will be studying for the year in Spain, and <u>Cheyanne</u>

<u>Marion</u>, who will be study for a year in Amman, Jordan.

The deadline to apply to study abroad in spring 2018 will be September 26, 2017, so you may want to start your application in late summer. Information about program options may be found at http://www.rowan.edu/home/education-abroad/program-options.

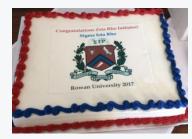
Strong students who are Pell Grant eligible should apply for a Gilman Scholarship, which pays up to \$5000 towards Study Abroad for a semester—up to \$8000 if you're studying a "critical language." The deadline to apply for a spring Gilman will be Oct. 3. For information about this and other study abroad scholarships, go to the International Studies Study Abroad scholarships page, https://academics.rowan.edu/chss/intermajors/internationalstudies/scholarships/undergrad.html.

Information about these and many other programs for undergraduates and graduates may be found on the International Studies Scholarships page, https://academics.rowan.edu/chss/intermajors/internationalstudies/scholarships/index.html; more programs will be added to the page by the end of May.

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Many thanks to Morgan Sichel, who served as president of Zeta Rho, Rowan's chapter of Sigma Iota Rho this year, as well as the other officers: Miriam Kontoh (VP); Sasha Refinski (secretary); Falone Tapsoba (treasurer); and **Cheyanne Merion** (SGA senator). In addition to the initiation ceremony and trip to the United Nations, Zeta Rho completed four service projects and was successfully chartered by the SGA. Dr. Blake was honored to have received the Faculty Advisor award from Sigma Iota Rho's national organization.

At the last meeting, Miriam Kontoh was elected president of Zeta Rho for 2017-2018. Miriam has a lot of great ideas and hopes to broaden participation in the society. Elections



for other board positions will be held in the fall. If you're willing to be an active member of the society and board, please consider running!

A few of the Spring 2017 Talks Related to International Studies







Rowan in the World

Operation Pied Piper

