Mershon supports 12 students with study abroad scholarships

Twelve students are studying abroad this year in countries as diverse as China, Russia, India and Tunisia, thanks to the Ralph D. Mershon Study Abroad Scholarship, awarded annually by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.

The scholarship supports undergraduates who aspire to careers related to international studies, often covering the cost of intensive training in a language deemed critical to national security.

Winners include students whose ambitions range from working for the State Department, U.S. military, or intelligence community, to positions with the United Nations.

Students also hope to pursue work for global immigration services and non-governmental organizations fostering security and development. *Samantha Agarwal*, a senior studying political science and environmental policy and management, traveled to Delhi, India, to complete an intensive Hindi language program at the International Center for Language Studies. Developing her language skills in Hindi furthered her long-term goal of returning to India to work with farmers in starting a regional land alliance.

*Bradley Coler* is a sophomore studying security and intelligence. He spent eight weeks at the University of Wisconsin-Madison completing an intensive language and cultural instruction in Persian. Coler is an active duty Marine planning to pursue a career in intelligence.

*Nathan Fourman* understands the importance of studying Chinese language and culture. A junior majoring in international relations and Middle Eastern studies, Fourman also intends to serve in the military.

Conference on political psychology Oct. 14-15

The field of political psychology seeks to address one overriding question: How do people make decisions in the realm of politics? Answers involve explanations of how people understand what is at stake in domestic and international politics, how they construct and interpret who is on their side, and how they evaluate what they can or should do about it.

*Methodology in Political Psychology*, organized by Corrine McConnaughy and Ismail White, will gather scholars to discuss issues of measurement, technology, research design, and data analysis that are of interest to those working in the field of political psychology. Research topics include the use of eye-tracking and fMRI technology; measurements of emotions, attitudes, and ideology; sampling strategies; and estimation of causal mediation.

The conference will take place October 14-15 at the Mershon Center. For more, see mershoncenter.osu.edu.

Last spring at Mershon

Ira Katznelson, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History at Columbia University, spoke at the Mershon Center on May 5, 2010. His lecture, titled “Shaded by Fear: The New Deal and its Legacies,” was based on his forthcoming book *Fear Itself*, dealing with American democracy from the New Deal to the Cold War. You can find a streaming video of the lecture at mershoncenter.osu.edu
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Director, Joint Advanced Warfighting Division, Institute for Defense Analyses  
“The Science Behind COIN: Iraq and Afghanistan as Doctrinal Testbeds” | Michael Fischerkeller                                                  | Director, Joint Advanced Warfighting Division, Institute for Defense Analyses | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Thursday, October 28, 2010 | John Ferejohn  
Professor Emeritus of Political Science  
Stanford University  
“The Countermajoritarian Opportunity” | John Ferejohn                                                       | Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Stanford University               | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Friday, October 8, 2010     | Robert Rubinstein  
Professor of Anthropology and International Relations, Syracuse University  
“Back to the Future?: Peacekeeping and the Return of Imperial Policing” | Robert Rubinstein                                                   | Professor of Anthropology and International Relations, Syracuse University  | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Monday, October 18, 2010    | Nicholas Lambert  
Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (Whitehall)  
“Self-Interest and the Politics of Neutrality: Woodrow Wilson and British Economic Warfare in 1914” | Nicholas Lambert                                                   | Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (Whitehall)              | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Monday, October 18, 2010    | CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections  
National webcast with Jon M. Huntsman Jr., U.S. Ambassador to China  
6:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120 | Jon M. Huntsman                                                    | National webcast with Jon M. Huntsman Jr., U.S. Ambassador to China          | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Thursday, October 21, 2010  | Craig Calhoun  
President, Social Science Research Council  
University Professor of the Social Sciences, New York University  
“The Public Sphere and the Populist Imaginary” | Craig Calhoun                                                       | President, Social Science Research Council, University Professor of the Social Sciences, New York University | Hagerty Hall Room 180            |
| Friday, October 22, 2010    | Gary Payton  
Deputy Under Secretary for Space Programs (Ret.), U.S. Air Force  
“Space As a Congested and Contested Area” | Gary Payton                                                        | Deputy Under Secretary for Space Programs (Ret.), U.S. Air Force            | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Wednesday, November 3, 2010 | Elizabeth Kassab  
Research Fellow, Erfurt University  
“What is Enlightenment? Arab and Postcolonial Perspectives” | Elizabeth Kassab                                                   | Research Fellow, Erfurt University                                           | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Friday, October 29, 2010    | James Caron  
Lecturer in South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania  
“Taliban and Participative Small Media in Pashtun Society, 1920-2010” | James Caron                                                       | Lecturer in South Asian Studies, University of Pennsylvania                 | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Wednesday, November 17, 2010 | Jason Lyall  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University  
“State Coercion and Civilian Victimization in Civil War: Evidence from Airstrikes in Afghanistan” | Jason Lyall                                                        | Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University                   | Mershon Center Room 120          |
| Thursday, November 18, 2010 | Nancy Fraser  
Loeb Professor of Political and Social Science, New School for Social Research  
“Marketization, Social Protection, Emancipation: Toward a Neo-Polanyian Conception of Capitalist Crisis” | Nancy Fraser                                                       | Loeb Professor of Political and Social Science, New School for Social Research | Hagerty Hall Room 180            |

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East Asian studies and logistics and management at Fisher College of Business, Fourman completed the Chinese Language Flagship Program in Qingdao, China. Upon graduation, he will enlist in the military in order to pursue a career in intelligence or business. **Deanna Pan**, a freshman majoring in English and political science, used funding from the Mershon Center to study in Jaipur, India, through the Minnesota Studies in International Development program. She studied Hindi as well as international development theory and practice, then put her skills to practical use during a six-week internship with a development agency.

**Jeffrey Steiner** used Mershon Center funding to complete the Warsaw Summer School on Social Sciences at the Polish Academy of Sciences, conducting research on how ethnic violence in Eastern Europe is shaped by public opinion. Steiner hopes to use his language and travel experience to pursue a career in policing and security.

The study abroad scholarship competition had dozens of competitive applicants last year. The Mershon Center will fund another competition in Spring 2011 and hopes more students from across campus will apply.

**Samantha Agarwal**, Senior, Political Science and Environmental Policy and Management, Hindi Language Program at the International Center for Language Studies in Delhi, India

**Bradley Coler**, Sophomore, International Studies: Security and Intelligence, Arabic and Persian Immersion Program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison

**Michael Eizyk**, Senior, International Relations and Diplomacy and Spanish, Rothberg International School at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel

**Nathan Fourman**, Junior, Logistics Management and East Asian Studies, Chinese Language Flagship Program in Qingdao, China

**Gregory Friend**, Junior, Russian and International Studies, Intensive Russian Language and Culture Program at Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow

**Benjamin Harper**, Senior, History and Arabic, Learn and Serve in Tunisia Program

**Elaine Householder**, Junior, International Studies: African Studies, University of Ulster at Magee in Northern Ireland

**Courtney Murdock**, Junior, Chinese Language and International Studies, Study Abroad at Chinese University in Spring 2011

**Michael Niday**, Sophomore, Russian and Linguistics, Intensive Russian Language and Culture Program at Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow

**Deanna Pan**, Freshman, English and Political Science, Minnesota Studies in International Development Program in Jaipur, India

**Rachel Ruebusch**, Junior, Political Science and French, CIC Summer French Program at Laval University in Québec, Canada

**Jeffrey Steiner**, Junior, Criminology, Warsaw Summer School on Social Sciences at the Polish Academy of Sciences