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Opportunities

Internships for Summer & Fall 2012 are available, as well as Fellowships for Fall 2012.

Deadlines:

Summer - April 6

Fall - July 13

Isle of Man Small Countries Program

We are pleased to announce a new program at the University of Central Florida which will focus on issues that have particular consequences for small countries, including those in the Caribbean. The Isle of Man Small Countries Program is a cooperative undertaking of UCF's Global Perspectives Office, UCF's Political Science Department, the Small Countries Financial Management Centre (SCFMC) on the Isle of Man and the Global Connections Foundation. It is supported by the Ellan Vannin Fund of the Global Connections Foundation, in association with the Isle of Man business community. The program aims to develop greater awareness about small countries; encourage the exchange of information about their security, political, economic, social and environmental issues; and facilitate links between UCF and those countries. Toward those ends, it will present public discussions involving prominent speakers, panels and other meetings; encourage scholarship; and work with partners from the United States, the Isle of Man and the Caribbean.

"This small countries initiative represents yet another step in UCF's efforts to sharpen its international focus and bring more global content into its mainstream, said John C. Bersia, Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives at UCF. Tim Cullen, executive director of the SCFMC, explained that it will "build upon the work of the SCFMC in underscoring and addressing the unique challenges facing small countries, which are disproportionately affected by global forces." Kerstin Hamann, chair of the Political Science Department at UCF, said "the program represents an excellent opportunity for cooperation in light of our new Ph.D. program in security studies, as well as many of our other global interests."

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Because of UCF's proximity to and connections with the Caribbean, the program will have a special focus on that region, but it will also promote awareness and discussion of small-country issues throughout the world.

Event Spotlight



Author and radio commentator Rachel Louise Snyder will speak Thursday, January 19, 2012, at the University of Central Florida.

Snyder will give a presentation entitled "Globalization: Manufacturing, Sweatshops, Development/aid Work, & Ethical Consumerism" at 3 p.m. in the Cape Florida Ballroom of the Student Union. The event, organized by the UCF Global Perspectives Office, is part of the 2011-2012 themes of "People Power, Politics and Global Change" and "Covering Crises from the Frontlines." It is free and open to the public.

Snyder is the author of "Fugitive Denim: A Moving Story of People and Pants in the Borderless World of Global Trade," which was featured on public radio's "This American Life" and "Marketplace." It also won the 2006 Lowell Thomas Award from the Overseas Press Club.

Snyder's work as a writer and commentator has taken her all over the world. In 1998, Snyder spent two months traveling through Tibet, India and Nepal, where she interviewed the Dalai Lama, and charted the progress of one refugee family's traumatic trek from Lhasa to Kathmandu to Dharamsala. Later that same year, Snyder traveled to Honduras to cover relief efforts after Hurricane Mitch. In 2000, she drove across Cuba watching the island's social and economic revolution. At the same time, she began spots as an essayist on NPR's "All Things Considered."

After 9/11, Snyder covered the war in Afghanistan and the future of Afghan women by spending her entire time camped out with the women held at the Kabul Jail for Women. She also covered Aceh, Indonesia in the weeks and months following

the tsunami.

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