

## Upcoming Events

#### **Jody Williams**

Topic: Banning
Landmines:
Disarmament, Citizen
Diplomacy and Human
Security
March 21

UCF Community
Summit on Environment and Global
Climate Change

Featuring: Mark London
Topic: Sharks of the
Amazon
March 28

# Central Florida Global Economic Forum

Topic: Key Markets and Trends April 9

UCF Book Festival
Featuring: Lisa Scottoline
April 13

#### **Opportunities**

<u>Internships</u> for Summer 2013 are available. The deadline is April 5, 2013.

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### **Event Spotlight**

Landmines are indiscriminate weapons that injure and kill civilians in every corner of the globe, every day. They don't recognize ceasefires and claim victims long after the end of conflicts. They instill fear in communities and are a lethal barrier to development. International Campaign to Ban Landmines

GP is proud to host Nobel Peace Prize laureate and political activist Jody Williams on Thursday, March 21 at 3 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom of the UCF Student Union.

Williams was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her work related to the banning and clearing of anti-personnel mines. Toward that effort, she served as the founding coordinator, chief strategist and spokesperson for the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. In 2004, she and sister Peace laureates took the lead in establishing the Nobel Women's Initiative, which she chairs. Williams has written two books on landmines, as well as her memoir, *My Name is Jody Williams: A Vermont Girl's Winding Path to the Nobel Peace Prize*, which is out this month.



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## GP, FNGS, FIS, D3 - Acronymapalooza!

Just over ten years ago, with the help of U.S. Department of Education Title VI funding, several Florida universities joined to form the Florida Network for Global Studies (FNGS). This coalition, through established global studies programs, aims to advance the exchange of information on economic, political, social and technological change taking place in an increasingly globalized world.

Just over ten days ago, FNGS member school USF hosted the 2013 Florida International Summit (FIS). The summit is the signature event that FNGS supports every year, with the event's location rotating among member schools - FIU, FSU, UCF, UF, UNF and USF.



This year's summit, titled, "Development, Diplomacy and Defense (D3): Opportunities in Latin American & the Caribbean," featured the voices of 11 scholars and practitioners. Of note were Rubén Berrocal, the Republic of Panama's Secretary for Science, Technology and Innovation, and Commander of Southern Command, Marine Corps Gen. John F. Kelly.

While at the summit, the GP team of staff and students learned about D3 issues, connected with other FNGS representatives and had the opportunity to ask questions at a special reception afterward. Click <a href="here">here</a> to learn more about the summit and <a href="here">here</a> to read more about FNGS.



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