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Visiting Scholar, Tajikistan

Prof. Kamoludin Abdullaev (pictured right) is a visiting scholar at The Ohio State University this spring quarter and is jointly sponsored by International Studies and the Center for Slavic and East European Studies. He is visiting from the Tajik State University in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

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Undergraduate Research

Robert Snyder, African Studies and Political Science major, has conducted research in small villages in Mozambique.

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This study focuses on the relationship between the history of Mozambican industrialization through export processing, its effects on Mozambican border communities and motivations to seek un dumped labor in the United States.

The objectives of this study were to determine if and to what extent the current US eradication and alternative development policies affected the cultivation of illicit coca in Peru and why past eradication attempts have failed.

Hell Hath No Fury Like a Woman Scorned: Palestinian Female Suicide Bombers

Dana Grinshpan (Security & Intelligence) Advisor: Edward Cornish (Sociology)

Combining archival research with interviews with Israeli terror experts, this study seeks to identify the motivations of female suicide bombers from the West Bank and Gaza Strip as well as to understand the recent emergence of this phenomenon in Iraq.

Maquiladoras & Migration: Mexico’s Export Economy & Undocumented Migration

Bethany Morrison (International Relations & Diplomacy) Advisor: Mathew Coleman (Geography)

This analysis seeks to provide insight into the potential flaws of the current apportionment system, an overview of the level of voter representation in the Ohio House, and a conclusion suggesting potential reforms.

Role of Hezbollah in Lebanon and its Implications on US Foreign Policy

Jennifer Wallace (International Relations & Diplomacy) Advisor: Omer Noski (International Studies)

The 2006 Lebanon War or “July War” was a 34 day military conflict in Lebanon and northern Israel. For my research I have employed the use of primary and secondary sources about the history of Hezbollah and its growing popularity in Lebanon.

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Elsadig Elsheikh joined the Kirwan Institute in 2008 as a research associate for the international relations program. His research interests are the political economy and formation of the nation-state in the Third World, the impacts of globalization upon indigenous populations, and issues of colonization, ethnic conflict, and power structures in the context of the global South.

ALUMNI Highlights

Jessica Dworkin (1999)

Dworkin received her bachelors degree in International Studies and Spanish from The Ohio State University in 1999 and her law degree and LLM. in International and Comparative Law from the Duke University School of Law.

“Since graduating from The Ohio State University, I’ve moved around the country – but always drawn back to Columbus, Ohio,” she said.

“I’m very excited to be coming home to Ohio and rediscovering Columbus and all that it has to offer.” After law school she worked as an associate at the Columbus firm Baker & Hostetler LLP and later as an associate at the Washington, D.C. firm Ludwig & Robinson PLLC.

Dworkin will be heading the College’s LLM. program that was started in the 2007-08 academic year.

Robert New Assistant Dean for Graduate & International Affairs, Moritz College of Law, OSU

Dworkin served as senior law career counselor at the George Washington University Law School from 2005 to 2009. There, she was in charge of placement services for more than 200 annual LLM. students. “I’m very proud of the impact I had on the LLM experience for my previous students at George Washington.”

“I was able to respond to student needs and created a ‘Stop Talking To Network’ program for our international students that has been replicated across the university and at other law schools in the D.C. area,” she said. “I am most proud of their ability to navigate what was once foreign territory to them”

Seung Kang graduated in 2002. He came to OSU from South Korea and chose World Economy and Business as his specialization. Upon graduation he took a position with Chide, a company based in Chicago that imports beauty supply products from China and Indonesia and distributes them throughout the US. His next move was back to Seoul, South Korea, where he worked for Myung Seung, a major construction and real estate company. While in Seoul, Seung kept in touch with other graduates working in Korea, and even assisted OSU with recruiting events hosted in South Korea. After accumulating 7 years of international business experience, Seung decided it was time to pursue a graduate degree. As a lifelong “kakkoie!” supporter the choice of a graduate program was easy! Seung will be back at OSU this fall to start the MBA program through the Fisher College of Business!

Welcome back Seung Kang!

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Abe Kanter (2007)

Orian Williams (2007)

Humanitarian Aid

"Every morning during my walk to the office, I think, Wow, I work for Oxfam! I still can’t believe I get to work for one of the most respected development and humanitarian NGOs.”

As the program associate on the Aid Effectiveness team at Oxfam-America, Archana gets to do a little bit of everything - research, policy advocacy, and programming.

Recently she also had the opportunity to take the lead on field research in Cambodia and use her findings to inform the policy debate around reforms of US foreign aid.

She is grateful that she is able to align her heart and career and contribute to broader efforts that help people lift themselves out of poverty.

Archana Ralaniappan (2005)

Senior Trade Analyst

Kate Grible graduated with dual degrees in International Studies and Economics, and a minor in Spanish, in 2005.

Kate’s time at Ohio State was highlighted by a semester study abroad in Mexico, a summer internship with an NGO in the Philippines, and several internships, ranging from the legal world to the nonprofit sector.

After teaching university English in Beijing, China for just under two years, Kate returned to Ohio to work in international trade. She received her Customs Broker License in April of this year.

Kate is now working in the private sector, as MeadWestvaco’s newest Senior Trade Compliance Analyst, located in Richmond, VA.

Kate notes that the people she met through the International Studies Club have since become lifelong friends.

Kate Grible (2005)

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Community Outreach

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