MIS UGSA News & Events

A Night at the (NC) Museum (of Art): Friday, April 8th

Final MIS Pub Night: Wednesday, April 27th after capstone presentations

An Evening Out*: Friday, May 6th after the MIS graduation

MIS Graduation: Friday, May 6th @ 4pm at the NC State University Club

Picnic*: Saturday, May 7th after the NCSU commencement. All family and friends are welcome to join.

*Location to be announced

Reminders:
The last day of classes is Monday, April 25th.

Final exams begin on Wednesday, April 27th.

Useful Resources

General questions? Refer to the NCSU Graduate Handbook, the MIS Student Handbook, or the MIS website.

Join the MIS @ NC State Facebook page and bookmark the official MIS events calendar.

NCSU is international! Check out the Office of International Affairs, the Office of International Services, and the Study Abroad Office.
SPIA News & Events

Graduate Student Research Symposium

Four MIS students represented our department at the NCSU 11th Annual Graduate Research Symposium. Their hard work is displayed below.

Pressure and Accommodation: The US, China, and the Problem of North Korea
Mallory Roseman

The Consequences of the Arab Spring: Diverging Paths in Tunisia, Egypt, and Syria
Dina Shehata

Granting Land Titles in Brazil: a Road Out of Poverty?
Grace Beeler

Conditional Cash Transfers: A Viable Development Solution?
Lesa Sexton
SPIA News & Events

Spring 2016 MIS Capstone Symposium

Dr. Hobbs and the students of MIS 601 are proud to invite you to attend the Spring 2016 MIS Capstone Symposium, a showcase of our students’ hard work, dedication, and academic achievement.

Location to be announced.

Differing Perspectives of International Studies
Wednesday, April 20th from 6-9pm

The Clash

- *Alex Wesner*: Belief and Belonging: Examining Religious Diversity and Identity within the Clash of Civilizations Debate

- *Dina Shehata*: The Consequences of the Arab Spring: Diverging Paths in Tunisia, Egypt, and Syria

- *Taylor Rowland*: Hong Kong’s Survival: An Analysis of “One Country, Two Systems” and the Encroachment of Beijing

Economic Development

- *Benjamin Lawson*: Looking for Water: How shifts in bottled water consumption systems effect concepts and privatization of “H20”

- *Marcus Reason*: Development Impacts from China’s Investment in Zambia

- *David Hawley*: Tourism and Historical Ironies: Divergent Tourism Models in a Caribbean Archipelago

Higher Education

- *Hillary Stone*: Strategic Intervention for Incoming Exchange Students in the United States


- *Kathryn Rosenbaum*: An Analysis of the Embeddedness of Stated Ethical Principles in the Internationalization of Higher Education
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Perspectives on Policy
Wednesday, April 27th from 6-9pm

EU Policy

- **Harrison Pardue:** Economic Implications of Germany’s Refugee and Asylum Seeker Policies in the Wake of the Syrian Crisis

- **Leslie Green:** The International Arms Trade: An Analysis of Germany’s Shifting Role as an Arms Exporter

- **Samantha Picos:** The European Union and Russia as a Security Community

American Foreign Policy

- **Daniel Krantz:** The Effects of U.S. Support for Sub-State Groups in Counterinsurgency

- **Mark Kingsley:** Leadership Decapitation as a US Counterterrorism Strategy in Colombia and the Middle East

- **Erin Wilson:** Boko Haram: U.S. Counterterrorism Strategies and Responses

- **Bria Jones:** The U.S. Role in the Rise of ISIS

- **Kelsey Noonan:** The United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency: An Analysis of influence and decision making

The Syrian Refugee Crisis as Seen From Jordan

Monday, April 4
3:00-4:00pm
Winston 003

Daoud Ghaznawi, an MIS alum and previously a program manager with Save the Children International, will be here to talk about his most recent experience serving as the Child Protection Program Manager for Mercy Corps in Jordan.

All are welcome to attend. No RSVP required.
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Showing of *Extraordinary Fidelity*

Thursday, April 14 @ 6pm
Caldwell 212

SPIA will sponsor a showing of *Extraordinary Fidelity* a documentary that tells the story of CIA officers John T. Downey and Richard G. Fecteau who were shot down on a clandestine flight and survived two decades in Chinese prisons.

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NC State Pow-Wow

Saturday, April 2 @ 12pm
Miller Fields, 2611 Cates Avenue

Doors will open at 11:00am and the Pow-wow will end at 7:00pm. The event is free for current students. For more information please visit the event website.

Stress Management

Monday, April 4
12:00-2:00pm
Talley Student Union, Room 3210

The world of graduate school can be overwhelming and stressful. Come explore the reasons for stress, compare different responses to stress, set goals to handle stress in a healthy way, and practice some stress-reducing techniques. Please register here.

10th Annual Middle East Film Festival

Thursday, April 7 @ 7pm
Erdahl Cloyd Theater, D.H. Hill Library

The Middle East Studies Program invites you to the 10th Annual Middle East Film Festival. This year's theme is Music and its role in the lives of people of the region. On April 7th there will be a screening of *We Loved Each Other So Much*, a movie from Lebanon set during World War II about activists fighting for Italy’s liberation from Nazi occupation.
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Friday at the Farm
Friday, April 8
4:00-6:00pm
NC State’s Agroecology Education Farm

Food brings cultures together. You are invited to join 50 international students and 50 American students for an afternoon of food and fun to celebrate Earth Month. While you feast on a free meal featuring locally-sourced food, you will meet students from other countries and have the opportunity to explore the farm where University Dining grows produce for campus dining halls.

Space is limited. Register here by April 1st to secure your spot.

Service Raleigh 2016

Saturday, April 9 @ 7:45am

Service Raleigh is an annual citywide day of service started in 1998 by NC State's Student Government and Park Scholars. Each year, volunteers from the university and surrounding community unite to undertake a variety of projects, each of which provides much needed assistance to local organizations.

Visit http://www.serviceraleigh.org/ to find out how you can get involved.

Religion and Politics in America and Across the Globe: Perspectives from Leading Analysts

Thursday, April 14
4:30-6:00PM
Park Shops, Room 210

NC State’s inaugural Impact of Religion lecture will feature a discussion between two leading analysts of religion and politics. Speakers Dr. Robert P. Jones (Public Religion Research Institute) and Douglas Padgett (U.S. Department of State, Office of International Religious Freedom) gather and analyze data, advise policymakers and educate the public about the role of religion in global events and demographic change. Discover how experts assess religion in the public sphere, how religion in America and across the world may transform in the near future, and what religious change means for our lives.
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Secrecy and Intelligence: Opening the Black Box

April 18-19
Talley Student Center and Hunt Library

Accessing and researching the secret communities of intelligence presents researchers with significant methodological and conceptual challenges. This two day meeting will bring together U.S. and European scholars, intelligence practitioners, and civil society members to talk about issues and controversies surrounding academic-intelligence-civil society engagement.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please visit the TISS website for more details.

Celebration of Graduate Student Success

Tuesday, April 19 @ 12:30pm
Talley Student Union, Coastal Ballroom

Come celebrate the end of another semester well done! Ice cream and other foods to be served beginning at 12:30. Dean Grasso will open the program at 1:30.

Panel: Stories from Returned Volunteers

Wednesday, April 20 @ 6pm
SAS 2203

Come hear from Returned Volunteers about their time in the Peace Corps. Check out their Facebook page (Peace Corps at NC State) for more information.

Fall 2016 Application for Small Pack Leader or Culture to Culture (CCAP) Ambassador

The Office of International Services (OIS) is currently accepting applications for Small Pack Leaders (SPL) and Culture to Culture Ambassadors Program (CCAP) Ambassadors to help welcome new international students for the Fall 2016 semester.

For complete completes details and schedules of the programs please visit the "Get Involved!" section of the OIS website.
Community Events and Opportunities

WomenNC 2016 Symposium:
Global-to-Local Reflections on the 60th session on the Commission on the Status of Women

Thursday, April 7 @ 7pm
Freeman Center for Jewish Life at Duke University

This year, WomenNC sponsored five select university students to participate and present at the annual United Nations' 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The 60th CSW theme focused on "Women’s Empowerment and its Link to the Sustainable Development Goals." Join us as our 2016 Fellows share their insights and observations from their experience at the 60th Session of CSW. Learn about WomenNC's CSW Fellowship Program and how you can apply or get involved! Please RSVP here.

What Are Markets Good For? A Panel Discussion

Friday, April 8
12-2pm
Smith Warehouse, Bay 6, Room 271

Markets are not just a central feature of modern societies, they are also a foundation component of dominant (neoliberal) economic thought and policy-making. This panel discussion with a variety of market experts from Duke and UNC explores the role and function of markets. Lunch will be provided.

Numbers that Count:
Big Data for Sustainable Development

Friday, April 15
12:00-1:30pm
Sanford 04, RTI International

Many credit the proliferation of low-cost digital technologies with sparking a "data revolution" for development, enabling practitioners to identify and solve persistent challenges. In practice, however, the kinds of data available and their potential uses are highly variable, suggesting a need for nuance and selectivity. Panelists from Duke University and RTI International will draw on their broad experiences and diverse perspectives to debate how policymakers might effectively use different types of information to further the Sustainable Development Goals in education and other sectors. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP online.