The Emerson Leadership Institute

At Saint Louis University we challenge our students to become leaders of conscience, focused on creating a just world for all life on earth. The Emerson Leadership Institute in the John Cook School of Business will encourage all students to demonstrate their leadership by participating in the "Leadership Ethics And Policy" - LEAP - Student Challenge.

Students who attend 8 of the selected leadership-oriented events during Atlas Week will be eligible to win one of 5 iPads. Specifics of the LEAP Challenge, including detailed requirements for participation can be found at http://buiness.slu.edu/LEAP.

Be sure to stay tuned for more information about the Emerson Leadership Institute's Leadership Ethics And Policy Scholarship, worth $10,000 toward the costs of pursuing a degree from the John Cook School of Business.

Look for the LEAP logo next to designated ATLAS event descriptions.

Ongoing Events
Leadership Ethics and Policy LEAP - Student Challenge

Monday, April 13 - Friday, April 17

Sponsored by: Emerson Leadership Institute, John Cook School of Business

Being the Change: An Exhibit on the Global Soap Project & Derreck Kayongo

Month of April
Pius XII Memorial Library: Level 1
Sponsored by: Pius XII Memorial Library

This Pius XII Memorial Library exhibit will feature the work and mission of The Global Soap Project, a nonprofit organization founded by Atlas Keynote Speaker Derreck Kayongo and his wife, Sarah Kayongo. The display will also feature information on the life and accomplishments of Derreck Kayongo and on international efforts related to sanitation and water access around the world. Adjacent to the main display, you'll find books related to global and local advocacy. Check some out and read more about what YOU can do to change the world!

Foods from Around the Globe
Fresh Gatherings Cafe' will serve special food items each day that highlight the food of a different nation/culture.

**Pulsera Project**

Monday, April 13 - Friday, April 17
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center North Lobby
Sponsored by: Latin American Studies Program, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Caribbean and Latin-American Student Association

Interested in international development and education? The Latin American Studies Department and CALSA will be hosting a conversation and virtual panel discussion with Pulsera Project Co-Founder Colin Crane. The Pulsera Project is a non-profit organization that educates, empowers, and connects Nicaraguan youth with students in U.S. universities through the sale of colorful, hand-woven bracelets, or ""pulseras"" in Spanish. This is the third time The Pulsera Project will come to ATLAS Week, and The Pulsera Project has raised $4,000 at SLU over the past few years. To learn more about The Pulsera Project, please visit www.pulseraproject.org.

**Lynda R. Campbell, Ph.D. Memorial Lecture: Topics in Diversity**

Friday, April 10
7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Allied Health Building, Room 1040
Sponsored by: Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Arts and Sciences

This seminar series is to honor the contributions of former Chair and Associate Professor, Lynda R. Campbell, Ph.D. Her research and teachings in multiculturalism were an inspiration to her students, colleagues and members of the community. This series features nationally known scholars who present day-long seminars on issues in diversity. Continuing Dr. Campbell's mission of increasing knowledge and understanding of diversity, the series is held each spring and fall and is open to all who are interested.

Yvette D. Hyter, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, an ASHA Fellow, and a Professor of Speech-Language Pathology at Western Michigan University (WMU), will be this year's Lynda R. Campbell, Ph.D. Memorial Lecture speaker. Dr. Hyter has teaching and research concentrations in culturally/linguistically responsive services for children and families at risk for marginalization in systems, and macro level structures affecting full participation in daily life. As a founding member of the Children's Trauma Assessment Center, Dr. Hyter addresses social communication skills of children with histories of abuse, neglect, and prenatal alcohol exposure. She develops procedures for assessing social communication skills and prepares transdisciplinary teams to serve children and families from diverse backgrounds.
cultural and linguistic backgrounds. She has developed a pragmatic language and social communication assessment battery for young children.

**International Idol**

Thursday, April 23
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium
Sponsored by: Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures

International Idol will feature students enrolled in courses in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures. Students will hold a talent show, featuring performances in languages they are studying (Spanish, French, German, Russian, Italian, and Chinese). Acts will include singing, dancing, acting, reciting poetry and more. In celebration of this event, the Language Clubs and Honor Societies will host a reception featuring food and drinks representing the nations featured in the show. To sign up to perform, please visit: [www.slu.edu/x100312.xml](http://www.slu.edu/x100312.xml).

**Artful Gathering: Black and Bosnian Lives in St. Louis**

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA)
Sponsored by: Department of Fine and Performing Arts, Museum of Contemporary Religious Art, African American Studies Program

As part of Atlas Week 2015, the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art, and the African American Studies Program are proposing the creation of a second edition of the Grand Intersection community newspaper and a social event to be held at the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art to celebrate its creation. This edition of the newspaper will focus on the Bosnian and African American communities of St. Louis. The social event will be a celebration of the citizen-generated stories and of the musical traditions of both communities.

Because of the power of the arts to bring people together, we will hold an afternoon event for both the SLU and larger St. Louis community. There is a history of mistrust between the Bosnian and African American communities in our city that we believe can begin to be addressed by breaking down the barriers to communication and learning more about each other through stories and music. The newspaper will be one way to achieve this, and the social gathering will be a celebration of our collaboration.

The Grand Intersection is a citizens' publication linking the communities of St. Louis' north and south sides along the #70 (Grand) Bus Line; it published its first edition as SLU’s contribution to the 2014 Greater St. Louis Humanities Festival. It is our hope that, in time, this citizens' newspaper will become a place to celebrate, connect, disagree, discuss, and organize. Ilene Berman, graduate fellow in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, oversees the creation of the journal; St. Louis University Seniors Brandon Sampson and Danielle Mueller are co creators of this edition and have been actively engaging members of both the SLU and St. Louis Bosnian and African American communities to
Atlas Kick-Off Event: Simple Steps Start Here!

5:00 - 8:15 p.m., followed by a Scottish Ceilidh
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium
Sponsored by: The Atlas Program, the Center for Global Citizenship, the Boeing Institute of International Business, John Cook School of Business, Cross Cultural Center, Department of Languages, Literature, and Cultures, and Anthropology Club

Music and dances performed by SLU Student Groups, international cuisine, and a Scottish ceilidh!

In Scotland, ceilidh dances (pronounced "kay-lee") are celebrated for holidays, beginnings of school years, and weddings, as well as in pubs or ballrooms as weekly events. A live band usually provides music for the evening, and a caller will quickly teach the steps to the dancers before each song starts. No prior dance experience is required, so the event is open to anyone, regardless of their familiarity with Scottish culture.

Peat Fire Flame, a ceilidh band that performs around the St. Louis region, is providing the music for the evening. Callers will teach the steps to everyone before the music starts and everyone begins spinning and clapping to the music.

The dance will be preceded by a short informational session about the place of ceilidhs in Scottish culture.

Music: The Universal Language, A Recital with Sally Iocca

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier College Church
Sponsored by: Department of Music, Department of Fine and Performing Arts

The senior capstone performance for Sally Iocca, a music major in the vocal performance track, will last approximately 45 minutes and consist of a vocal recital performance. The recital will include selections from Bach, Mozart, Duparc, Ravel, and Britten. The focus of the event is to perform a variety of advanced art songs from a number of time periods and cultures. Sally Iocca is a senior at SLU and a music and psychology double major. She has performed with the University Mastersingers, the University Mass Choir, SLU's all-female a cappella group Beyond All Reason, and Bach at the Sem's American Kantorei. She will be joined by John Holland, a senior Aerospace Engineering major at SLU, a music minor, a member of the University Mastersingers, and a member of SLU's all-male a cappella group the Bare Naked Statues. The performance will also include the University Mastersingers, as lead by Dr Jeral Becker. Daniel Fry will be the accompanist.
Understanding the World: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Research

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Sterling Recker
R.S.V.P. Required
Sponsored By: ATLAS Program, Political Round Table

Dr. Sterling Recker is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Political Science at Saint Louis University. Dr. Recker has traveled to Rwanda, Uganda, and Ecuador to work with and advise local NGOs and conduct field research. He worked in both Uganda and Ecuador in his first ten years out of college! Dr. Recker will discuss his experiences abroad, the steps he took to gain these invaluable experiences, and how he has to worked to effect positive global change. If you hope to work abroad, but don't know what steps you should take, come talk with Dr. Recker as he shares his experiences and advice.

What is Multicultural Feminism?

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
McGannon Hall 122
Sponsored By: Women's and Gender Studies Program

Women's and Gender Studies students will give short presentations on how they see issues of multicultural feminism come to life in their service learning projects.

Coming to St. Louis: Immigrant Services in Our City

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Des Peres Hall International Lounge
Sponsored By: Atlas Week Program, Department of Political Science, Project Mosaic, Center for Global Citizenship, Cross Cultural Center, Office of International Services, Center for International Studies

It is hard to imagine St. Louis without the plethora of cultural diversity, especially when it comes to flavors, languages, flags, styles and histories; one can't help but wonder about the source of these cultures in our city. Representatives from various local organizations, including the International Institute of St. Louis, Mosaic Project, and Migrant and Immigrant Community Action (MICA), will discuss their work related to serving immigrants and refugees in St. Louis. The panel will focus on the economic, social, and legal struggles that immigrants and refugees experience in the short and long term, upon arriving to St. Louis. The participating organizations will provide an overview of their mission and goals, the services provided, and the various populations served. Along with providing background information on their organizations, the representatives will call students into action and inform students on how they can best serve immigrant and refugee populations in St. Louis.
Films: "My Name is Dieme" and "The Ball"

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Xavier Hall 128
Sponsored By: Film Studies Program and Department of English at Saint Louis University in partnership with the Eighth Annual Africa World Documentary Film Festival, sponsored by the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in African/African American Studies of the International Studies and Programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

‘Dieme’ is 8 years old and from the Democratic Republic of Congo. His family fled to neighboring Uganda when war broke out between rebel groups and the Congolese military. Every day he risks his life crossing the border to his homeland to attend school. Dieme knows how dangerous this journey is but believes, ‘it is better to die trying to get an education, than staying at home without a good future’. The mineral rich region has long suffered with violent conflict, which saw a resurrection in 2012 that has remained to this day. The documentary takes you on Dieme’s journey and lets him his story with you.

‘The Ball’ takes place in one of Kenya’s largest slums - Kibera - with an estimated 800,000 residents. This short documentary takes viewers into a place that most outsiders would not risk visiting. The documentary follows two young boys in their quest to someday leave the slum by becoming professional soccer players. They have decided not to let their impoverished life keep that quest from happening. Through hard work and ingenuity, these boys find a way to still go after their dream.

Life as a TCK: The Identity Crisis of Multicultural Upbringing

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Center for International Studies, Cross Cultural Center, Center for Global Citizenship, College for Public Health and Social Justice

Have you ever been asked the question: "Where are you from?" and been completely taken off-guard not knowing how to answer? Have you ever felt like you don't necessarily fit in with the main culture you live in, but also struggle to fit into whatever you consider your "home" culture? Welcome to the TCK club! A TCK is a Third-Culture-Kid, which means an individual who struggles to fully identify with one or two 'home' cultures (at times conflicting), ultimately creating a hybrid - a combination of the two. This identity crisis is common for many multicultural (and racial) individuals both in the United States and abroad. This event aims to introduce the concept of the TCK, explaining the struggles, highlights, differences and experiences through the lenses of current SLU students who identify as such. The event will be a combination of a presentation on multiculturalism and cross-cultural interactions, as they relate to both individuals and communities, with a panel to offer a space for questions. Additionally, this event will serve as a community building event for other students struggling to find answers to the numerous multicultural-identity questions, provide a space to share any frustrations, fears, and stories and ultimately, try to provide wisdom for navigating and finding our true self in a multi-racial and cultural world.
Dentistry in Belgium

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Dreiling-Marshall Hall, Ringenberg Lecture Hall, Room 2031
Sponsored By: Center for Advanced Dental Education

The "Dentistry in Belgium" presentation is by Dr. Astrid Tourne’, an orthodontic graduate, who will be speaking about the education, culture, and geography of Belgium, which is her country of origin. In conjunction with her presentation, we have all students, faculty, and staff, bring a dish that is relevant to their ethnicity or country of origin. Everyone will enjoy samples of a wide variety of good foods from all the different countries and cultures while attending the presentation!

Urbanized: Building a City for All

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Learning Resource Center (LRC), Auditorium C
Sponsored By: Global Health Learning Community, School of Medicine

SLU School of Medicine's Global Health Learning Community will be sponsoring a public showing of the documentary film Urbanized, the third of a three-part series known as the Design Trilogy. The documentary discusses the design of cities, looking at the issues and strategies behind urban design, and features some of the world's foremost architects, planners, policymakers, builders, and thinkers. Lunch will be provided.

Trans 101

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Des Peres Hall International Lounge
Sponsored By: Rainbow Alliance, Una the Feminist Voice at SLU

Trans 101 is a program put on by the Metropolitan Transgender Umbrella Group (MTUG). MTUG is a local nonprofit for, run, and organized by transgender individuals. The program is designed to explain to individuals about the transgender identity. This is designed to be a space to listen, ask questions, learn, and engage. As a part of the question and answering session, the program will also include personal narratives from transgender individuals about their own stories and struggles. Both educational and inspirational, Trans 101 is a program to educate, create allies, and support one of the most stigmatized and oppressed groups of individuals in the world.

Challenges and Transitions in South Asia

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room
Panel presenters will discuss recent developments in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh, respectively.

Speakers:
Diana Carlin, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Graduate Education and International Initiatives and Professor of Communication
Ghazala Hayat, M.D., Director of Neuromuscular Service and The Clinical Neurophysiology Laboratory and Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry
Vijai Dixit, Ph.D., Professor of Physics
Muhammad Islam, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics.

Esperanto and World Citizenship
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Faith and Justice Collaborative, Campus Ministry
Sponsored By: Department of Theological Studies

Esperanto is an artificial, grammar-coded, and easily-learned language. If everyone would learn Esperanto, in addition to their native language, then everyone in the world could communicate directly with every other human being. The basics of Esperanto will be explained by Dr. Ronald Glossop, a philosophy professor who is fluent in Esperanto. The need for such a language for promoting world citizenship and world democracy will be explained by Dr. David Oughton, a professor of the world's religions in SLU's Department of Theological Studies.

Peace Corps: The Good and Not So Good
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Des Peres Hall International Lounge
Sponsored By: Rotaract, Institute for Global Health & Wellbeing

The Peace Corps is an excellent opportunity to serve your country, help others in another country, and learn a lot about yourself. This event will be a mixture of personal experiences (the good, the bad and sometimes comical) from prior Peace Corps participants, as well as information on applying to the Peace Corps. Also, additional advice on working in global health will be offered by the Global Health office, which is a co-sponsor this event.

AAA and Cherry Crush KPOP Dance Instruction
The Asian American Association (AAA) presents a student led choreography to a popular Korean Pop (KPOP) song. The student teacher(s) are part of a group called Cherry Crush, which began earlier this year, and performed in the AAA's Annual Fall Showcase as the grand finale. The purpose of teaching the dance is to introduce a popular Asian style of music and dance, as well as provide a fun and energetic activity.

**International Opportunities Roundtable**

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room
Sponsored By: Center for International Studies

Students from The Center in International Studies will talk about the various international opportunities available to students majoring in International Studies.

**Ukraine and You!**

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Department of Languages, Literature and Culture - Russian Division, Russian and Eastern European Area Studies Program

The presenters will describe the current political crisis in Ukraine from different perspectives, including the official Russian government, the official Ukrainian government, the Ukrainian separatists, and the Western perspective. What can the US do? Speakers will include Sean Canavin, Katie Alvarez, Bethany Glock, Benjamin Baldwin, Katherine Kelliher, Ajay Chatrath, and Safija Avdíc.

**About Saudi Arabia**

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium
Sponsored By: Saudi Group, Middle East Studies Program

This event will cover the late King Abdullah’s achievements in the past 9 years, general information about Saudi Arabia, and clear up some misconception that usually people have about the country. After the presentation, there will be a 15 minute question and answer session. Activities will include writing your name in Arabic, taking photos in Saudi traditional clothes, tasting of Arabian coffee and traditional food, and listening to music.
Measles Outbreak: Vaccination vs. Non-medical Exemptions

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 254
Sponsored By: College for Public Health and Social Justice

In wake of the measles outbreak that began in Disneyland last December, lawmakers are deciding whether to tighten non-medical exemptions laws to ensure that all school-aged children are vaccinated. The speaker is presenting her final project for a public health course and will discuss what she has found about the history of the vaccine controversy and how over 90% of the population needs to be vaccinated to prevent an outbreak. The controversy began with a 1998 paper that linked the MMR vaccine to autism. Since then, some parents have become hesitant to vaccinate their children, despite the paper being recalled and proven false. Lower vaccination rates are a factor for outbreaks such as the measles.

Collective Impact & Clean Water in Honduras

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 A & D
Sponsored By: St. Louis Rotaract, College for Public Health & Social Justice

St. Louis Rotaract has been working on bringing fresh water to the town of El Barrial, Honduras. The town's residents have been stricken with a number of illnesses related to drinking/using contaminated water. In the Spring of 2014, Dr. Steven Howard and 17 students went to Honduras and did a door-to-door health assessment of the town and schools and then used this data to find solutions to the issues unclean water has brought upon them. Dr. Howard, a faculty member in the College for Public Health & Social Justice, has been heavily involved in St. Louis Rotaract's Clean Water project. Not only a frequent visitor to Honduras, he has also been an integral part in writing the grant to obtain the funds for this project. Through a grant with Rotary International St. Louis Rotaract hopes to serve the approximately 1,740 people in El Barrial's 300 households. The students helped set up biosand filters so the community would not have to keep buying expensive bottled water. With the help of Rotary Clubs in the St. Louis area, Rotary Choloma, and the Water Board of Choloma, St. Louis Rotaract hopes to bring/install 300 biosand filters, as well as train and educate the population in using them.

Interfaith Prayer Service

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier College Church
Sponsored By: SLU InterFaith Alliance
SLU InterFaith Alliance will be hosting the 7th Annual Prayer Service on Monday, April 13 at 5:00 PM in St. Francis Xavier College Church. This year the theme of the prayer service is Interfaith Begins in You. The goal of the InterFaith Prayer Service is to bring people of faith and philosophical backgrounds together for an afternoon of prayer, music, and reflection. Similar to years in the past, several students from Saint Louis University will be sharing a reflection on their life, faith, or philosophical tradition as well as presenting a prayer or piece of scripture. Following the service, there will be free ethnic cuisine provided.

View the Event Flyer.

Campus Kitchens Presents: FeedtheLOU, Addressing Hunger in St. Louis

7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 A & D
Sponsored By: Campus Kitchens Project at SLU

Campus Kitchens at SLU is presenting a discussion about the hunger that plagues the City of St. Louis and our nation as a whole. Natalie Myers, a member of the Leadership Team for Campus Kitchens at SLU and Summer Intern for Campus Kitchens at SLU, will address the following who is hungry in St. Louis, what does hunger look like in the US, what safeguards are available to the hungry in St. Louis and the accessibility of them, how big of a problem is food waste in the US, and how does Campus Kitchen address hunger and food waste simultaneously. The Campus Kitchens Project Mission is "Strengthen Bodies, Empower Minds, Build Communities." Come and join the discussion about hunger and food recovery. Let us realize together the hungry reality that exists in our neighborhoods.

Overfishing: Drying up a Way of Life

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 254
Sponsored By: Michael Sickels

Human beings have trod upon this Earth for centuries. Given this, we have become rather adept at thriving in this wonderful planet by utilizing its natural resources. The problem however is that in the recent century we have not been using these resources responsibly. The ocean and its ecosystem have become victim to our voracious and carefree consumption. Scientists claim that humanity alone is on the verge of causing a mass extinction event on ocean life. Assuming that humanity continues its fishing trends, it is estimated that the ocean will no longer be a viable source of nutrition by 2048. Hard to believe? The effects have already been felt in recent decades. For example, bluefin tuna, salmon, and Atlantic cod among countless others are now endangered species. Amid this the human population continues to grow at a rapid rate and the demand for seafood follows suit. Harmful effects to nature aside, this is devastating to the world’s diverse civilizations. It is estimated that 1 billion
people depend on seafood as a source of nutrition. If we exhaust the ocean of its ability to supply the world, not only will we drive up the prices for the ever shrinking population of fish, we will be destroying peoples' way of life. Societies that depend on sea life for nutrition or trade will be forced to find other means of survival. Countless people will need to find new fields of employment as they become displaced. The adverse effects reverberate quite deep. Join the conversation as we explore this epidemic of overfishing, how it occurs, and its global economic and social repercussions.

A Walk in Her Shoes

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 B & C
Sponsored By: Una, the Feminist Voice at SLU, Women's and Gender Studies Program

One in 4 women will be sexually assaulted by the time they graduate. In fact, most survivors of sexual assaults are full-time students. Although women are not the only victims of sexual assault, they are the overwhelming majority of them. In observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Una presents "A Walk in Her Shoes," a free interactive presentation by Safe Connections that depicts sexual assault from a first hand perspective. This simulation allows the participants to listen and learn by making decisions about a sexual assault situation given different scenarios. Awareness and education on this subject are emphasized through a discussion after the presentation.

From Womb to Tomb: Health Care Around the World

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: College for Public Health and Social Justice

This presentation on contemporary issues in global health will address the healthcare systems of three different countries with different qualities of healthcare. Students will present each healthcare system based on how they take care of their citizens from early to late life. There will also be some interactive simulations that demonstrate the quality of care one would receive in these respective countries. The state of healthcare in Missouri might also be discussed.

Model United Nations Simulation

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 256
Sponsored By: Model United Nations

This event will simulate a global issue that is faced in many nations around the world. The simulation will discuss a topic that spans various geographical, political, and social boundaries. Individuals who
attend this event will receive the opportunity to represent a delegate from a nation of their choice to debate the global issue. The purpose of this event is for the delegates to work together in order to reach a resolution and to come to an agreement for further action regarding the topic at hand.

Tuesday

Off the Beaten [Medical] Path

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Katherine Mathews
R.S.V.P. Required
Sponsored By: The Atlas Program, Political Round Table

Dr. Katherine Mathews is Director and Associate Professor, Division of Research, in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health. Dr. Mathews will talk about how she stepped off of the conveyor belt of the "typical" med-school career plan to spend time abroad and how this has influenced her perspective on effecting positive social change. The discussion will also include respectful expectations for entering another culture's community, reasonable mindsets in acting for social change, and how stepping away from a "typical path" can often help you focus on moving forward. If you have struggled with a "confined future" of planned education and careers, debated the best and most respectful ways to experience travel abroad, or simply want to hear more of Dr. Mathews' story, we hope you consider attending this great opportunity!

What Will You Build?

10:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center North Lobby
Sponsored By: Habitat for Humanity

Stop by Habitat for Humanity's "What Will You Build Campaign" during this year's Atlas week! We encourage you to write something you would build to make the future a brighter place (friendship, community, teamwork... the possibilities are endless!) At the end of the campaign, all of the submissions will be sewn together into a quilt and displayed! We look forward to seeing what YOU will build!

NO to Child Marriages

11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: The Atlas Program and Department of Political Science

Child marriage is an issue prevalent across countries, cultures, religions, and ethnicities. Child brides can be found in every region of the world, from the Middle East to Latin America, South Asia to Europe. This event will address the issue of child marriages and its effect on millions of girls today. It
will address the causes of child marriage, which include poverty, lack of education, and culture. It will also address the effects of child marriages, including death, diseases, depression and premature birth. Possible solutions on the prevention of child marriages will also be discussed.

**From Starvation to Security in 10 Years: A Measurably Successful Program in Bangladesh**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 256
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Asian Studies Program, Partners in Sustainable Development International

Partners in Sustainable Development International (PSDI) is a nonprofit organization committed to permanently eradicating poverty among the rural poor in the developing world. The PSDI Model is based on the concept that the poorest people in the world are capable of becoming self-sufficient with a little help. The Model is being implemented in Bangladesh as PEP (Poverty Eradication Program). The PSDI Model is holistic in nature, recognizing that the extreme poor face so many obstacles to their economic recovery that only a comprehensive program can offer them a permanent uplift from poverty. The Model encourages poor families to form partnerships, which allow them to devise creative solutions to their own social, economic and environmental problems, and then helps them to obtain the resources necessary to bring those plans to fruition. Each family member has a role and every program has an educational component. Their successes are measurable due to a system that uses a ground up delivery approach. Through a network of trained, field social workers in the villages, partner families are visited biweekly to monitor their progress in meeting their interim goals. Most families enter the program near starvation and are able to realize their dream of financial stability and independence within ten years. To date, 94,000 families (470,000 people) have been partners and 87,000 children have completed PEP primary schools. Virginia Klein is a co-founder and the Executive Director of PSDI. Ms. Klein will present on the PSDI Model, its implementation and success in Bangladesh, as well as its potential for eradicating poverty around the globe. She will conclude the presentation with a question and answer session on the organization, its endeavors, and the realities of international poverty.

View the [Event Flyer](#).

**Human Trafficking 101 for Healthcare Professionals**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Learning Resource Center, Pitlyk Auditorium B
Sponsored By: Global Health Learning Community and School of Medicine

Do you think slavery no longer exists in the United States? Think again. Human Trafficking 101 for Healthcare Providers will give an overview of this form of modern day slavery and the factors that perpetuate it. Get to know the victims, their captors, and how you might encounter them. Many former victims report interactions with the healthcare system, but very few were identified. Learn important patient indicators and what steps you can take to assist in their rescue. This training will be led by
Amanda Mohl, the Anti-Trafficking Community Coordinator with the International Institute of St. Louis. For more information on human trafficking, visit www.stoptraffickingmo-il.org.

Film: "12 Months"

12:45 - 2:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 254
Sponsored By: Film Studies Program and Department of English at Saint Louis University in partnership with the Eighth Annual Africa World Documentary Film Festival, sponsored by the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in African/African American Studies of the International Studies and Programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

‘12 Months’ is a documentary about a Los Angeles man named Tony who rented his home for the entire year of 2013 for $1 per month to help a family in transitional housing. He never met the family, but offered his 3-bedroom home to give the family a chance to get on their feet. The story follows Felicia Dukes and her four children as they are in Tony's home, as well as explores the impact that generosity has on the community.

Israeli Innovations for the World

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 256
Sponsored By: Jewish Student Association

Dr. Malter has led the development of Olin's Israel-based initiatives which include innovative courses in Business, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Israel and Venture Advising in Israel. Venture Advising in Israel is a joint course with the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya. Twelve Washington University and twelve IDC students are placed on global teams to advise an Israeli start-up on a strategic issue. The students travel to Israel for an eight day immersion where the global teams work face to face to create a strategic solution for the start-up company. Dr. Malter is an expert on Israeli Entrepreneurship and will talk about topics in Israeli Innovation such as technology, environment, and global aid.

Eliminating Poverty in the Middle East: Instability and Investment

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: Middle Eastern Student Association (MESA), Boeing Institute of International Business, Middle East Studies Program

Speakers:
Dr. Mamoun Benmamoun, Assistant Professor of International Business, John Cook School of
Following the Arab Spring, young discontent has turned violent in key Middle Eastern countries and is threatening to destabilize the whole region. These political upheavals have energized calls for equitable and sustainable economic and social development and inclusive growth in the Middle East. In fact, the region does have the vital demographic and resource advantages necessary to become an emerging investment frontier. How can countries harness these resources to encourage investment and promote stability? These issues and a wide range of business topics related to the Middle East will be explored.

**Zumba: Dance for Women's Education**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Simon Rec Center, MPR #1
Sponsored By: She’s the First, OneWorld Magazine, Women's and Gender Studies Program

Come dance for girl's right to education! OneWorld Magazine is hosting a free Zumba class in the Simon Rec Center, and She's the First organization will provide a brief presentation on women's education in Colombia. There will be Latin American food and tons of dancing!

**Romanian Film Screening: "Children Underground"**

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall 0002
Sponsored By: Russian and Eastern European Area Studies Program (REEAS) and Department of Sociology and Anthropology

After the fall of Communism, children fled underfunded state institutions in the Romanian countryside and headed for the capital city, Bucharest. Approximately 20,000 children are reported to be living on the streets. "Children Underground" follows the story of five street children, aged eight to sixteen, living in a major subway station. The documentary follows their daily efforts at getting by.

Children Underground won the Special Jury Prize at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Documentary. The Director, Edet Belzberg, received a MacArthur Fellowship in 2005 for her work.

Following the screening, Dr. O'Neill will host a discussion about the film and his current research in Bucharest with homeless populations living underground.

**Through the Lens of Social Justice: SLU Art Exposition**

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Cubicles
Sponsored By: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholars
"Through the Lens of Social Justice" is an exposition to be created by the SLU community. We invite all students, faculty, staff, community leaders, and anyone else to contribute to the mural. The objective of the mural is to express both sides of the sentiments surrounding social justice and the events in Ferguson. The events that happened in St. Louis this fall will be remembered in history. It is our time as a SLU community to reflect on what occurred, what is occurring, and what will continue to occur. The exposition will be a chance to portray the students' voice and the voice of social media on these events. We are not looking for the next Pablo Picasso. Ways to express yourself on the exposition may include: a powerful word, a stick figure drawing, a painting, a sculpture that you attach to the mural, origami, be creative! Art has the power to bring people together, to see other perspectives, and then to appreciate them. This is a time to be open-minded. Come and go as you please. This event is sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholars. Join us in our reflection and expression of the social justice issues in our community!

The Global Compassionate Cities Initiative

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 256
Sponsored By: College for Public Health and Social Justice

Speakers:
Rev. Dr. David Mehl, Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis, "The Compassionate Cities Initiative"
Dr. David Oughton, Associate Professor, Department of Theological Studies, "The Charter of Compassion"
Katherine Van Uum, Philosophy of Science, "The Science of Compassion"
Dr. Sarah Patrick, College for Public Health and Social Justice, "St. Louis Town Hall Events"
Dr. Bahar Bastani, School of Medicine, "Examples of Compassion within St. Louis"
Dr. Danielle Joy Davis, College of Education and Public Service, "Incorporating Compassion and Mindfulness into the Classroom"

The panelists will speak on Compassionate St. Louis. Compassionate St. Louis believes that this Compassionate City Initiative means that we, the people of the St. Louis region, seek together to discover ways to care about all our residents in all aspects of their lives. Compassionate St. Louis acts as an incubator for ideas and collaboration. This Initiative encourages compassionate motives and practices to permeate our civic life in health care, housing, public safety, government, business, education, religion and the arts. Incorporating the Charter for Compassion into professional processes and corporate concerns will lift us all to higher vision, goals, values, and the shared capacity to more fully realize those in each of the above sectors. This Initiative affirms persons of all ages, nationalities and religious affiliations.

Global Brigades: Experiences with Sustainable Development Work

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 354
Sponsored By: Global Brigades
Global Brigades is the world's largest student-led sustainable development organization working to improve health and economic disparities in Honduras, Panama, Nicaragua, and Ghana. Come and hear student's experiences working with community members in these countries to improve different resources. These students have experienced medical, water, environmental, and many more brigades. There will be a Q&A session at the end.

**Social Justice Fair**

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium  
Sponsored By: The Faith & Justice Collaborative, Campus Ministry, The Center for Service & Community Engagement, and the Service Leadership Program in the John Cook School of Business

Interested in engaging in advocacy and social change? Excited to start working for real justice right now? 20+ local and regional justice-based community organizations, representing a variety of social justice issues, will be on hand at the Social Justice Fair! Join us Tuesday, April 14th from 3-5pm in the Center for Global Citizenship. Come find out the many ways you can get involved in advocacy, lobbying, and social action!

**Global Networking: Career Building and Cross Cultural Connections in St. Louis**

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 251  
Sponsored By: International Faculty and Staff Association, Project Mosaic

Speakers:  
Bert Barry, Program Director, Enrollment Outreach  
Elizabeth Cohen, Director, Mosaic Project  
Suzanne LeLaurin, Sr. VP for Program, International Institute  
Julia Ostropolsky, CEO, Bi-Lingual International Assistant Services  
Jeri Peterson, Program Manager, St. Louis Regional Chamber  
Simone Bregni, President-elect, International Faculty and Staff Association  
Hisako Matsuo, President, International Faculty and Staff Association

The purpose of this panel is to promote a dialogue related to professional networking opportunities and challenges experienced by existing and emerging professionals in the St. Louis area. Members of the panel will consist of individuals who will share individual experiences and knowledge of local resources and networking possibilities for students and scholars who are interested in pursuing careers or research relevant to cross-cultural and global issues. This session is open to all who claim oneself as a global citizen.
Treatment Without Borders: SLU's Center for World Health & Medicine

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Carlo Auditorium, Tegeler Hall
Sponsored By: The Student Ambassadors for the Center for World Health & Medicine

Experience what it's like to fight for a loved one's life, to race the clock in researching a disease's cure. Learn what it takes to fight for those suffering from diseases without a cure. Join the Center for World Health and Medicine's (CWHM) Mr. Peter Ruminski, Executive Director, Dr. Fran Sverdrup, Ph.D. team leader for Parasitic Disease and Muscular Dystrophy research, and Blake Exline, Chairman of the Center's Student Board of Ambassadors as they highlight and raise awareness on the Center's mission to find and develop medications to treat the needs of underprivileged and underserved populations. Dr. Sverdrup will share the story of his daughter, the inspiration for his research, whom like thousands of others suffers from Muscular Dystrophy. Mr. Ruminski and Mr. Exline will then detail the CWHM's mission and process used to develop research and medications for underserved diseases. At the conclusion of our presentation we will be encouraging attendees to become involved with the CWHM's mission, to help raise awareness in the Saint Louis University Community, and to join our fight for those who can't.

Culture Alive

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Anheuser Busch Auditorium, John Cook School of Business
Sponsored By: The Boeing Institute of International Business and John Cook School of Business

Culture Alive is held every year to growing audiences! This event provides an interactive means of showing students how cultural issues impact business relationships, business practice, and business success! Students studying business at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels join faculty and members of the advisory board of the Boeing Institute of International Business to create a program that may include a culture quiz, skits highlighting how ignorance of a cultural norm can ruin a business interaction, videos, handouts, and more -- plus a closing international reception with food from various countries! Everyone is welcome. Reservations are not required, but may be made by emailing Karen Carpentier at schnelkl@slu.edu — or call 314-977-3898 for more information.

Improving Healthcare - Change Through Debate and Dialogue

4:15 - 5:30 p.m.
Medical Center Education Union Auditorium
Sponsored By: SLU Association for International Debate, Center for Global Citizenship, Center for Interprofessional Education
The SLU Association for International Debate (SAID) promotes international understanding and the practice of communication through discussion and debates between students from Saint Louis University and other nations. We debate topics of global significance, topics that allow us to express and discern our rights and responsibilities as global citizens. Debating an issue from 2 different sides is a great way to foster dialogue and discussion and ultimately effect change. In this event, students from SAID and the IPE Health Care Systems Class (IPE 350) will debate the best system to deliver healthcare in developing countries. One side will take a specific position while the other side will oppose. Various issues will be encountered: the concept of healthcare as a right, the role of government, private sector involvement, etc. Following the debate there will be a dialogue session so that audience members and debaters can discuss public health issues with one another. SAID also works to bring in international debate partners from other nations to bring another perspective to the discussion. In this case, we are seeking students from nations that have different healthcare systems than the U.S. To view previous SAID debate topics and photos visit http://www.slu.edu/globalcitizenship/programs/said/said-debate-archive

**Film: "The Rule"**

5:15 - 7:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: Film Studies Program and Department of English at Saint Louis University in partnership with the Eighth Annual Africa World Documentary Film Festival, sponsored by the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in African/African American Studies of the International Studies and Programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

'The Rule' captures how one monastery called Newark Abbey, in the heart of one of America’s most impoverished and violent cities, Newark, New Jersey, applies the precepts of this nearly 1500 year old handbook to its school, St. Benedict's Prep. The Benedictine monks instill a sense of community in the most vulnerable student body: inner-city African American and Latino teenage males - who then go on to achieve amazing educational success. A formative chapter in the film begins in 1967 when St. Benedict's Prep had a student body of mostly white young men from a working class background. But after the Newark Riots of 1967, fear of the neighborhood caused student enrollment to drop so significantly that the school closed in 1972. A year later, while some of the monks moved to exit the decaying city and relocate the abbey and its school to a safer location, a group of visionary monks refused to leave Newark and, adhering to their vow of "stability of place," reopened the school with few resources but a strong commitment to serve the students of the community, many of whom could not afford the tuition. Fast forward, 40 years later, in a city that struggles to graduate students from high school, particularly young men, St. Benedict's Prep has a nearly 100% college acceptance rate.

**Lessons from Appalachia: Practicing Public Health and Social Justice**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 254
Sponsored By: College for Public Health and Social Justice
This event will focus on the public health issues of the Appalachian region, specifically West Virginia. We will begin with a brief presentation, highlighting the major public health issues of this unique region including maternal and child health, drug abuse, and the environmental impacts of the mining industry. Panel discussion will highlight students' perspectives of the West Virginia Spring BreakOut Immersion Trip co-sponsored by Campus Ministry, focusing on the practice of public health, working with community partners, and issues of cultural competency. We will also reflect on how various ethical and spiritual principles invite us to respond to these social justice issues. Allison Phad, a senior in the College of Public Health and Social Justice and student leader for this year's immersion trip, Maggie Callon, Undergraduate Coordinator in the CPHSJ, and Brad Mills, a Jesuit scholastic and MSW student, will facilitate discussion.

Healthy Body Healthy Mind

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 C
Sponsored By: SLU Lions Club

We are from the SLU Lions Club, a service and public health club. Within SLU Lions Club there are Disease Prevention Committees, who travel to local high schools and grade schools to discuss public health issues. Three of the DPCs, Eating Disorders, Obesity, and Nutrition, have come together to discuss positive body image, and the factors that contribute to overall well being. This presentation will be a discussion about societal factors and other obstacles that contribute to a person's body image, healthy eating and nutritional health.

Celebration of African Cultures Part II

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Refectory Hall, DuBourg 157
Sponsored By: Black Student Alliance

Presentation of West African dance, entertainment and food. A more relaxed follow-up to the educational part of Celebration of African Cultures that was presented in December 2014. This event is going to introduce some dance from Western African Cultures as well as some heartier cuisine. Come enjoy and learn about some West African entertainment and food!!

Christian Entanglement: Engaging the Stranger and Finding Yourself

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room 124
Sponsored By: The Atlas Program
In quantum physics, entanglement occurs when two sub-atomic particles interact with one another and remain connected so that actions performed on one affect the other, even at great distances. Siblings and best friends, people who have had a strong impact on one another can experience an analogous type of entanglement. Mark Ravizza, S.J., who has spent the past seven years accompanying students at the Casa Programs in El Salvador and the Philippines, will discuss how lives are transformed when we leave the comfort of "home" and risk getting entangled with the broader reality of the world. When students truly encounter the "stranger" and share life with those on the margins, both locally and globally, they can be forever changed no matter the distance in space or time. Fr. Ravizza will be speaking about such entanglement within a Christian context, and how such experiences are invaluable to a truly transformative Jesuit education.

"Documented": A Film by an Undocumented American

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 A
Sponsored By: SLU College Democrats, Hispanic-American Leadership Organization, Department of Political Science

"Documented" is a film made by José Antonio Vargas, who immigrated to the U.S. from the Philippines as a small child and has since finished school, gone to college on a scholarship, and become a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist as an undocumented American. The film is about Vargas’ life and the wider experiences of undocumented immigrants in the U.S.. It shows viewers an image of immigration different from that which dominates the public consciousness. Also, there will be FREE PIZZA at the event!

Political Health Panel

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 254
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

This panel will consist of various health topics that students enrolled in "Politics of Health" have researched and become experts in. Topics range from religion and physical/mental health to the correlation between obesity and type 2 diabetes. These topics will also have a layer of political examination taking the health issues to a national level. The presentations will revolve around different perspectives in public health.

If We Love Jesus, Why Don’t We Love Justice?

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: Intervarsity, Upper Room, Campus Ministry
In honor of ATLAS Week, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship is hosting an event trying to tackle the question of why many Christians are not necessarily living out a lifestyle driven by seeking justice, in both local and global settings. This event is aimed to challenge Christians to truly reflect on their beliefs and values, the commands of God (which are proclaimed truths in this faith tradition), in contrast with the drastic disparities in equality and opportunities for all people, who currently exist on earth. In order to stimulate discussion and this guided-reflection, the event will be set up in a manner that allows activities, group-interactions and audience-participation. Small groups will be set up accordingly to better focus the dialogues, answer questions and process the information. Additionally, Intervarsity is inviting local religious leader, Michelle Higgins, to share some closing words of wisdom, to reconcile and guide us, students, in this challenge. Michelle Higgins is a choir director, event coordinator, youth ministry director, gospel-funk lyricist and lead singer for South City Church. She has deep roots in the African American Pentecostal tradition, but her ambition is to encourage and participate in blended worship with all the nations. Michelle holds an M.Div from Covenant Theological Seminary and lives in Old North Saint Louis with her husband, Sean Loftin, and two children, Moses and Mati. She's been fairly involved in getting local churches involved in the #BlackLivesMatter movement over the last year. For more on this speaker and her church: http://www.southcitychurch.com/home/staff/. Lastly, this event will encourage students to become more involved in their pursuit of local and global social justice by offering various tangible ways to serve and learn more, including Intervarsity’s very own conference, URBANA, occurring later in the year (Dec. 27-31, 2015). URBANA aims to connect all Intervarsity chapters nationally and internationally with partner organizations that work towards serving people, showing love, and pursuing justice in all neighborhoods worldwide. For more on Intervarsity’s network and conference, URBANA, visit: http://urbana.org/happening

"The Last Conquistador": Film screening and Discussion with American Indian Artist and Activist C. Maurus Chino (Kaaimaisiwa)

7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 D
Sponsored By: Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Anthropology Club, Center for Global Citizenship

Join the Anthropology Club in a screening of the "Last Conquistador" a film by John Valadez which recounts the controversial work of artist, John Houser and his world record sized bronze equestrian statue, of Spanish conquistador, Juan de Oñate. The statue, which is planned to be the biggest bronze equestrian statue in the world, faces opposition from the Native American population of the southwest region who recall the intense racial discrimination and persecution their ancestors suffered under Juan de Oñate. The film explores the deep impressions discrimination leaves in a community and how important it is to consider different perspectives in modern times as well as social justice issues faced by the Native American population of the area.

Following the film, the Anthropology Club will be hosting a discussion led by Native American Artist and Activist, Maurus Chino, to talk about the implications of film and the impact of racial discrimination on the Native American population. Maurus Chino is a painter, pottery maker, and jewelry maker from Acoma pueblo. Some of his jewelry is displayed at the Institute of American Indian Arts Contemporary Museum. Furthermore, he is an activist who has frequently spoken out against conquistador celebrations in New Mexico and elsewhere. He helped organize the Huaba
Hanu Listening Conference and the Huaba Hanu Humanity in Resistance Symposium in Alburquerque, NM.
We invite the SLU community to stay after the screening for this discussion and refreshments.
- The event seeks to shed light on the racial discrimination of Native Americans and how misinterpretations of the history can continue that discrimination into modern times.
- Here is a link to the full movie description:
- We plan to show the film and hold a discussion after which will include some type of refreshment (beverages and food)

Eye Diseases

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: SLU Lions Club

This presentation about Eye Diseases will kick off with a humorous short skit starring Derek Nguyen and Arjun Kaverimanian. Attendees will then discover the causes and symptoms of a range of different but very common afflictions of the eye through an interactive Prezi presentation, containing a riveting array of informational videos, images, and text! The presentation will end with an enthusiastic round of Jeopardy!

Wednesday

Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Kira Banks and Dr. Jonathan Smith

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
R.S.V.P. Required
Sponsored By: The Atlas Program, Political Round Table

Recent events in Ferguson, MO have sparked local and national debates centered on issues such as unconscious bias and police-community relations. Join SLU Political Round Table, ATLAS, Dr. Kira Banks of the Department of Psychology, and Dr. Jonathan Smith of the African American Studies Program in a conversation about these issues as we think about how to move forward as both a university and part of the St. Louis community.

Food Injustice in St. Louis

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 A
Sponsored By: Honors Program, Urban Poverty Studies Program, College for Public Health and Social Justice
Two seniors in public health and international studies will describe their capstone project in food insecurity. The project focuses on the St. Louis community and explores food deserts, community gardens, and local initiatives.

**Culture of Ethiopia and Teaching Abroad**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: College of Education and Public Service

Two students, Ellie Cash and Jackie Bova, will present their cultural findings while spending a month teaching in a rural Ethiopian town. They discovered the various treasures and key cultural elements of Ethiopia through speaking with locals, traveling to various environments throughout the country, as well as our own observations. Teaching to students who don't know your own native language is a whole new ballgame, and something from which any type/level of educator can learn. They look forward to sharing their love of Ethiopia with all those who are interested!

**Educating for Global Change: Human Trafficking Awareness 101**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 D
Sponsored By: Angela Hakim, English for Academic Purposes, St. Louis Rescue and Restore Coalition

Advanced English for Academic Purposes students, along with a faculty member and a representative from the St. Louis Rescue and Restore Coalition, will lead a discussion on human trafficking and simple steps SLU students can take to impact this global human rights issue both locally and globally.

**Film: "Reportero"**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 C
Sponsored By: Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish Honor Society)

Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish Honor Society) highly values Hispanic culture and language. For this event, we will be showing the film, "Reportero". Reportero is a 2012 documentary that takes place in Mexico and illustrates the violence that ensued against journalists after they took a stand exposing drug cartels and political corruption. The film follows a veteran reporter and his colleagues at Zeta, a Tijuana-based independent newsweekly, as they stubbornly ply their trade in one of the deadliest places in the world for members of the media. In Mexico, more than 50 journalists have been slain or have vanished since December 2006, when President Felipe Calderón came to power and launched
a government offensive against the country's powerful drug cartels and organized crime. As the drug war intensifies and the risks to journalists become greater, will the free press be silenced?

1,000 Cranes for Social Justice

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Des Peres Hall Student Lounge, Room 108
Sponsored By: English as a Second Language & Center for Global Citizenship

Join the English as a Second Language program as they create 1,000 cranes for social justice. SLU international students completed the first 1,000 cranes in the Fall 2014 in order to show support for Ferguson. Stop by to learn more about the project, reflect on social justice, and to create an origami crane, or two, to be a part of the next 1,000 cranes for social justice.

The Voices of Belize: The Educational Impacts of Belizean Culture and The SLU-Belize Project

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: College of Education and Public Service, Center for Service and Community Engagement

This presentation will break down and explain some of the major aspects of Belizean culture and how they have developed to what they are today. These themes will then be put into terms as seen by young Belizean students and how each part affects their day-to-day lives in the educational environment. These topics will be shown alongside the various elements of the SLU-Belize Project and the partnership with the St. Martin de Porres School in Belize City, Belize. The Project aims to improve some of the areas of the school, including educational resources and instructional techniques.

Global Policy and Advocacy

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 D
Sponsored By: ONE Campaign at SLU

Erin Hohlfelder is the ONE Campaign's Policy Director for Global Health. In this role, she leads health research and policy analysis across ONE's global markets, focusing primarily on infectious diseases, maternal and child health, and health financing mechanisms such as the Global Fund, the GAVI Alliance, and PEPFAR. Before joining ONE, she worked as the Policy Associate for the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases at the Sabin Vaccine Institute, where she helped to develop and lead advocacy, social media, partnership development, and legislative efforts around NTDs.
Previously, she also worked for Global Action for Children and the Duberstein Group, Incorporated. She will be speaking about her experiences with ONE Campaign and other past projects, but mainly focusing on the huge push for effective policy due to the upcoming UN Conference for Sustainable Development Goals this fall. Come learn what a career in Health Care Policy could look like, and more about the importance of advocacy in helping improve global health care disparities.

A Personal Journey Toward Positive Global Impact

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: Athletics

Speaker: Janet Oberle, Associate Director of Athletics, Saint Louis University

I go places; quite simply, I love to travel.

I have learned that international travel can be a way I connect with others in an effort to make the world a better place.

Through travel organized via organizations - Global Habitat for Humanity & International Assist Medical Missions - I have experienced direct connection to communities in Nigeria, Haiti and Paraguay. Through other travel choices, I have learned about communities and culture on five continents.

Join me as I talk about how my love for travelling has allowed me to work toward a positive global world - through the interactions I have encountered, while I am in country, as well as the opportunity to share my experiences abroad with people unable to travel.

We each take our own journey to positively impact global change, so perhaps your simple step is coming to my presentation.

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Sowing and Whittling: Two Confucian Views on the Life Well Lived

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 254
Sponsored By: SLU Philosophy Club, Asian Studies Program

In "Sowing and Whittling: Two Confucian Views on the Life Well Lived," Professor Pauline Lee from the Department of Theological Studies will discuss two great Chinese classics-the Xunzi and the Mengzi-and show how these two different visions of a good life are relevant to our lives today.
Dr. Pauline Lee is Assistant Professor of Chinese Religions and Cultures in the Saint Louis University Department of Theological Studies. She teaches East Asian religions and philosophy with courses in Chinese thought, Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, East Asian women and feminisms, Chinese Civilization, world religions, and children's studies.

The SLU Philosophy Club provides a forum beyond the classroom for undergraduate students to discuss and debate interesting historical and contemporary topics in philosophy. For more information, please email "philosophyclub@slu.edu".

**Film: "The Vow"**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: Film Studies Program and Department of English at Saint Louis University in partnership with the Eighth Annual Africa World Documentary Film Festival, sponsored by the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in African/African American Studies of the International Studies and Programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

When Riqie Wainaina won a green-card lottery in his home country Kenya, he thought it was a ticket to the American dream. He left his family and came to a country he knew only from TV and movies. The reality of life when he arrived in the US was far more complicated. After becoming entrenched in a life of gangs and drug dealers, a tragic event prompts Riqie to transform his life. With the help of some innovative youth workers, he fights to leave behind a life of crime, poverty, and loss and become a leader in his adopted hometown of Lowell, Massachusetts. But the past proves difficult to shake when his mistakes catch up with him and threaten to jeopardize his future.

**A Place at the Table: Disability in the Age of Globalization**

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 A
Sponsors: College for Public Health and Social Justice, College for Education and Public Service

International stakeholders have called on a diverse audience of activists, academics, researchers, and policy makers to meaningfully address the barriers that restrict the full and meaningful social participation of individuals with disabilities. In 2000, 189 nations made a commitment to free people from extreme poverty and multiple deprivations. The result of this promise was the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which initiated a combined effort from national governments to work aggressively and cooperatively toward social and economic development for some of the world's poorest nations. 2015 marks the end of the MDG timeline, and in September the United Nations will confer a new set of goals, the Sustainable Development Goals, which will aim to end all forms of poverty and inequality. The MDGs were highly successful to draw attention to the most pressing global issues of our day, but development experts agreed that to broach upon economic and social growth going forward, specific attention must be paid to barriers that prohibit individuals with disabilities. In short, disability has to have an equal place at the table. A Place at the Table: Disability in the Age of Globalization will explore disability from a global perspective and how disability is related to international development in the global market.
Films: "My Name is Dieme" and "The Ball"

1:10 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 C
Sponsored By: Film Studies Program and Department of English at Saint Louis University in partnership with the Eighth Annual Africa World Documentary Film Festival, sponsored by the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in African/African American Studies of the International Studies and Programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

'Dieme' is 8 years old and from the Democratic Republic of Congo. His family fled to neighboring Uganda when war broke out between rebel groups and the Congolese military. Every day he risks his life crossing the border to his homeland to attend school. Dieme knows how dangerous this journey is but believes, 'it is better to die trying to get an education, than staying at home without a good future'. The mineral rich region has long suffered with violent conflict, which saw a resurrection in 2012 that has remained to this day. The documentary takes you on Dieme's journey and lets him tell you his story.

'The Ball' takes place in one of Kenya's largest slums - Kibera - with an estimated 800,000 residents. This short documentary takes viewers into a place that most outsiders would not risk visiting or would not want to. The documentary follows two young boys in their quest to someday leave the slum by becoming professional soccer players. They have decided not to let their impoverished life keep that from happening. Through hard work and ingenuity, these boys find a way to still go after their dream.

Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Students' Steps for Global Change

1:10 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: Xavier 117
Sponsored By: Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Dr. Annie Smart, and Dr. Elena Dalla Torre

"LLC Students' Steps for Global Change" is a panel that will feature a group of students from the department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures who were involved in service and humanitarian experiences while studying abroad (Central and South America, Africa, Europe). By bringing their personal and unique testimonial students will talk about the impact that their service experience had towards raising cross-cultural awareness and towards their overall educational experience. They will also address how their knowledge of languages and cultures facilitated their service experience. The panel will take place during Dr.Elena Dalla Torre's Italian 415 class. Dr. Dalla Torre will moderate the panel.

Undoing the Bosnian Genocide: Transgenerational Trauma in St. Louis' Bosnian Diaspora Community
Laura Kromják is an International Visiting Fellow at SLU researching the Bosnian diaspora in St. Louis. In particular, Ms. Kromják’s research focuses on transgenerational trauma and its impact on collective identity and memory from those that experienced the genocide and the next generation’s void in understanding both their pre-war and subsequent heritage.

**America's Relationship with Israel and Palestine**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Location: Des Peres 213  
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Middle Eastern Studies Program

Students from the course POLS 393: America and the Middle East will present their research projects to inform their fellow students about issues of importance regarding America’s relationship with Israel and Palestine. These projects include videos, podcasts and policy briefs.

**The Death Penalty Around the World**

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Busch Student Center 253 D  
Sponsored By: SLU Students for Life

This event provides an overview of what the death penalty looks like in various countries around the world. Members of SLU Students for Life will give a brief presentation on which countries use capital punishment and the differences that exist in execution methods and punishable crimes. Then attendees will be asked to share their knowledge, questions, and reactions in small group conversations. Email sfl@slu.edu with any questions.

**Film: "Stranger With A Camera: The Impact of Media on the Appalachian Identity"**

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.  
Location: Busch Student Center 253 B  
Sponsored By: Center for Service & Community Engagement

The media’s portrayal of impoverished areas, whether in America or abroad, has been a major source of controversy for decades. Appalachian coal country in particular has struggled with the stigma left behind by the War on Poverty. The documentary Stranger With A Camera, produced and directed by native Appalachian Elizabeth Barret, explores the questions: What is the difference between how people see their own place and how others represent it? Who gets to tell the community’s story?
What are the storytellers' responsibilities? And, what do these questions have to do with the 1967 murder of Canadian filmmaker Hugh O'Connor in eastern Kentucky? The run time of the film is 61 minutes. Time will be provided after the showing for discussion and reflection on its implications in today's global society.

**Microfinance: Small Change Makes a Big Difference**

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: College for Public Health & Social Justice

This session will introduce attendees to the role of microfinance practices in improving health and development around the world. After a brief overview of the history and impact of microfinance, attendees will hear from a panel of students and professionals here in St. Louis who are involved in microfinance programs around the world. There will also be a Q & A session with the panelists.

**Reflections on Spring Break Immersion Trips**

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room 124
Sponsored By: Campus Ministry

Over Spring Break, students traveled throughout the country on immersion trips in order to gain new experiences on a range social justice issues and learn from people with radically different life experiences. Trips set out to the Navajo Nation, Wheeling, WV, North St. Louis, Los Angeles, CA, Mobile, AL, and Kermit, WV. Hear reflections from students on their trip experiences and how they are applying those experiences locally. For more information on Campus Ministry's immersion trips visit: http://www.slu.edu/campus-ministry.

**Mary and Jesus in Islam**

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 A
Sponsored By: Muslim Student Association

Dr. Oughton has taught over 400 courses regarding theology, philosophy, and world religions. He is the founder of St. Louis' Dialogue Group of the World's Religions and Philosophies, which has brought people of different religions together. He is an associate professor of World Religions at St. Louis University and will be speaking about the role of Mary and Jesus in Islam.

**Voices of Appalachia**
Accepting people right where they are, just the way they are can be difficult, but it can also be an incredibly humbling and life changing experience. The mission of Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is just that. The non-profit home repair ministry exists to eradicate substandard housing in rural Appalachia. Each summer, college students are hired to run each of the thirty centers throughout the summer helping over 4,500 families each year. 6 current Billikens, including Meg and I, have worked for ASP and will be present to participate in a student panel at the end of our presentation. Collectively, what we've found is our experiences with ASP and in Appalachia walking alongside the homeowners through their challenges is not only congruent with SLU’s Jesuit Mission, but also allows us the unique opportunity to experience the lives of the people we are serving. Our presentation will include testimonies from several families ASP has served, all who highlight some of the social conditions Appalachia faces such as food insecurity, the cycle of poverty, poor health conditions, stereotypes, and substandard housing. We are hoping to share the voices of Appalachia so they can be heard. However, we didn’t need to travel thousands of miles away to see that many of these problems are also present in St. Louis. The end of our event will focus on bringing the spirit of ASP to SLU (in the form of a student organization called College Service Project and creating our own relational ministry, with a little construction on the side.

ASP Website: [http://www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org)

Speakers:
Meg Buckley: Junior majoring in Public Health, Worked on ASP staff summer of 2013 (Leslie County) 2014 (Harlan County)

Hannah Kilroy: Junior majoring in Social Work and International Studies, minoring in Urban Poverty Studies
Worked on ASP staff summer of 2014 (Wise County)

Panelists: Cami Kasmerchak, Katie Healy, Natalie Lynch, Rachel Mego, Meg Buckley, Hannah Kilroy

**Displaced but Not Disgraced: Realities of Refugees Today**

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 D
Sponsored By: Maria Walawende, Elizabeth Schwaab Embry, Dr. Jeanne Melton, College for Public Health and Social Justice

This event will focus on realities that refugees and immigrants face. As people enter, they will have the option to mark where they trace their lineage on a world map. I will begin the event with my own background, presenting the various journeys that brought my family members to where they are today. The group will then participate in a simulation, which will be followed by discussion. The event will conclude with the story of a fellow student here in St. Louis who was a refugee.
Leadership Matters: The St. Louis Confluence on Workforce Inclusion

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Anheuser Busch Auditorium, John Cook School of Business
Sponsored By: The Emerson Leadership Institute, John Cook School of Business

Leadership impacts all life on earth...every day. When leaders are steered by a moral compass that values all life on earth, good things happen...every day. So leadership does matter, and the matters undertaken by ethical leaders every day are often about the most challenging issues facing society.

One such challenge in the St. Louis region is the creation of a diverse and inclusive workforce, the underpinning for sustainable economic development. "Leadership Matters: The St. Louis Confluence on Workforce Inclusion" series will bring together thought leaders and experts on workforce diversity and inclusion to showcase existing initiatives underway, or those that are being planned, that are focused on building St. Louis into the most diverse workforce in the nation.

The series will be held the first three Wednesdays of April, and on the final night of April 15th a town hall meeting will be held in conjunction with Atlas Week. The first two Wednesdays - April 1st and April 8th - will feature the sharing of best practices among SLU faculty/staff Human Resources experts, not-for-profits, non-governmental agencies and HR executives from area businesses. The last session on Wednesday April 15th as part of Atlas Week will follow a town hall meeting format, inviting an open dialogue with the public to showcase the impactful workforce diversity and inclusion programs being executed in the St. Louis Region.

The Disconnect: Exploring the Tension between the Greek Community & Minority Perspective

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Sinquefield State Room, DuBourg Hall
Sponsored By: Hispanic - American Leadership Organization, Kappa Delta

HALO and KD present a discussion between the disconnect between Greek life on campus and minority students. Similar to the intergroup dialogue course on campus, students will be divided into 2 groups: sorority members and non-sorority/minority students. A fish bowl discussion led by trained facilitators will take place in order to improve understanding between these social identities in a structured, safe environment.

El Sistema: A Music Revolution

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 A
Sponsored By: Forte
Speaker: Mark Sarich - He is the leader of Orchestrating Diversity in St. Louis and serves on the board of El Sistema USA.

El Sistema began 33 years ago in Caracas, Venezuela. With just eleven children in a parking garage, Dr. José Abreu began his project to liberate Venezuela’s poorest children from the bondage of poverty. His vision was that playing orchestral music together would transform their hopelessness into conviction for the power to create their own futures. With 300,000 children now participating in El Sistema in Venezuela, and over 4 million around the world, it has transformed not only the lives of the children, but also their communities.

Today there are more than 100 El Sistema-inspired programs in the USA. They are distinguished from other musical communities by their commitment to social change, in which every child is empowered as an asset to their community. We believe that music education must be accessible to all children, requiring an intense dedication and time-commitment, the involvement with the nucleo of the family in their children’s education, and the involvement of the community and other nucleos through outreach concerts.

Mark will discuss El Sistema and it's global musical revolution.
Mark Sarich Bio: https://musicassociation.wordpress.com/board-nominees/mark-sarich/
Orchestrating Diversity Website: http://orchestra.lemp-arts.org/about/
El Sistema Website: https://elsistemasusa.org

Be a Fan: Special Olympics

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 254
Sponsored By: Special Olympics Club

Lindsey Hawkins and her mother, Pat Hawkins Lindsey has been a Global Messenger for Special Olympics Missouri for four years and has reached out to ten different schools. As a Global Messenger, she speaks about the benefits of being an athlete with SOMO and tries to recruit others to join. Lindsey has also done three Spread the Word campaigns. This campaign is trying to eliminate the use of the word retard. Her favorite thing about Special Olympics Missouri is that it has given her a chance to develop many skills, win medals and make new friends. She will be coming to SLU to spread the same message that she has been doing.

Lindsey and her mother, a current Special Olympian, will be on a discussion panel. Lindsey will share with us her direct insight of what it's like to be an athlete as well as how appreciative it is to have volunteers support her during her events. She will be open for questions from the audience after her discussion.

Coming to America...To Play and Learn: Celebrating International Student-Athletes
The Obesity Epidemic: Today's Modern Plague

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: Minority Association of Pre-Health Students

This event will discuss topics contributing to the modern obesity epidemic. Topics will include food deserts and their impacts on obesity rates and how food stamps should be restructured, if at all, to reduce the increasing rates of obesity.

Higher Education: A Comparative Study Between Nations

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 C
Sponsored By: College of Education and Public Service

This class is completing a study abroad to Madrid to explore higher education in other countries. Students in the class will present on various aspects of higher education and discuss the similarities/differences between the United States and various other nations around the world. Speakers will include all six students participating in this study abroad activity.

JUST a Movie Night! Film: "Disruption"
Disruption is a short documentary (50 minutes) about how though "the world hasn't ended, the world as we know it has." This film teaches how to embrace the fact that there are environmental problems in the world and how to be an active participant in saving our beautiful home. Following the film, there will be a short discussion on the film and how small lifestyle changes cause great impact. Refreshments will be provided.

**America: Changing Faces and Multi-Races**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 253 D
Sponsored By: Cross Cultural Center, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Department of American Studies

The purpose of this event is to discuss issues of culture and identity as people of multiracial backgrounds and how different cultures and identities play into one’s American Identity as well as how this American Identity has changed and will change. Furthermore, this event will discuss cultural preservation and loss in adapting or rejecting American culture versus a parent's culture as well as other multi-racial topics.

The panel will include 6-8 members, consisting of a mix of students and professors with related experience and research in the subject matter, who will answer pre-determined questions relating to the subject but will also open up the panel to answer questions from the audience.

**Stigma: A Barrier to Mental Health**

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 A
Sponsored By: Active Minds

Learning Objective: To educate the audience about the stigmas students face, how they affect our society, and how we can work to remove them.

Various posters labelled with mental illnesses will be spread out around the room. The audience will be asked to write a word they associate with that illness on the poster board. The responses will be used throughout the presentation to show the stigmas that exist. The topics covered will be depression, self-injury, anxiety, and eating disorders.

Based on the information presented we will engage the audience in a discussion on how to reduce the stigmas related to mental health in the future. By providing audience members with this information they will be better equipped to handle situations involving the stigma around mental
health as well as how these misconceptions affect those diagnosed with these disorders.

The Pulsera Project: Color the World

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: Latin American Studies Program, Caribbean and Latin-American Student Association, Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures: Spanish Division

Interested in international development and education? The Latin American Studies Department and CALSA will be hosting a conversation and virtual panel discussion with Pulsera Project CoFounder Colin Crane. The Pulsera Project is a non-profit organization that educates, empowers, and connects Nicaraguan youth with students in U.S. universities through the sale of colorful, hand-woven bracelets, or ”pulseras” in Spanish. This is the third time The Pulsera Project will come to ATLAS Week, and The Pulsera Project has raised $4,000 at SLU over the past few years. To learn more about The Pulsera Project, please visit www.pulseraproject.org.

Habitat for Humanity Housing Simulation

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Carlo Auditorium, Tegeler Hall
Sponsored By: Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a housing simulation in order to bring to light some of the problems of sub standard housing. Participants will take on various roles of individuals trying to find housing and experience how challenging the process of finding housing can be.

Thursday

Solea Water: Fighting the Water Crisis While Being a College Student

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, The Atlas Program

Rachael Burchett is a SLU student who was the founder and CEO of Water for Panama. Water for Panama has merged with Solea Water, where Rachael is Associate Executive Director and Chief Water Officer. She will share how she came to see an injustice in the world and found a way to work against it. Guests will hear her story and will be able to ask for practical advice on how to get involved in any issue while still managing a college schedule. Hannah Vestal, another student, has been working with Rachael. Through Hannah’s ”small steps” of carrying a jerrycan of water in solidarity with
those who must travel tens of miles for clean water, she has raised awareness and now over $3,500 for the cause.

**Build a House**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Dolphin Pond  
Sponsored By: Habitat for Humanity

"Build a House” is an opportunity for students to support a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in another country. Members of SLU Habitat for Humanity will build the frame to a house and students passing by can buy two nails for $1 and help build the house!

**1,000 Cranes for Social Justice**

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Des Peres Hall Student Lounge, Room 108  
Sponsored By: English as a Second Language, Center for Global Citizenship

Join the English as a Second Language program as they create 1,000 cranes for social justice. The first 1,000 cranes were completed in the Fall 2014 by SLU international students in order to show support for Ferguson. Stop by to learn more about the project, reflect on social justice, create an origami crane or two, and be a part of the next 1,000 cranes for social justice.

**Tunnel of Oppression**

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saint Louis Room, Busch Student Center  
Sponsored By: Diversity and Unity Learning Community, Active Minds, Rainbow Alliance, Center for Global Citizenship, Cross Cultural Center

Tunnel of Oppression is an impactful and informative event that draws attention to various oppressions that happen daily within SLU’s community and gives participants a chance to experience, witness, and learn about those oppressions first hand. By going through different rooms in the Tunnel, each focusing on a different oppression, people can receive accurate and personal information on oppressions they may not normally consider.

The Tunnel itself is a large space composed of individual rooms (office dividers), and each room contains a media piece (performance, video, scenario, etc.). Following the conclusion of the Tunnel, licensed facilitators (counselors, etc.) will lead a discussion on what participants saw and how it affected everyone. After the discussion, there is a component entitled "Wall of Hope" where students can learn more about what they can do to fight and learn more about the oppressions in the Tunnel.
Global Billikens: The Fulbright U.S. Student Program

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 256
Sponsored By: Competitive Fellowships and Scholarships, Honors Department

Are you interested in studying or teaching abroad? Engaging in intercultural exchange? If so, the Fulbright U.S. Student Program might be perfect for you.

We will be speaking with a former recipient who spent a year teaching in Germany, a student currently applying for a research grant, and a professor who has won a Fulbright grant in the past and now helps interview student applicants, in order to help students learn about the program from every angle.

For over 60 years, the federal government-sponsored Fulbright U.S. Student Program has provided future American leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to study, conduct research, and teach in other countries. Fulbright student grants aim to increase mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchange while allowing students to serve as a catalyst for long-term leadership development.

Please join Competitive Fellowships and Scholarships in a panel discussion on the application process and experience of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

What's The Price of Cheaper Gas?: Global Consequences of Falling Commodity Prices

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 D
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

The price of gasoline has fallen by almost half over the last year. While this is good news for U.S. drivers who now pay much less to fill up their vehicles, it is not necessarily good news for everyone around the world. We will discuss why oil prices have fallen so dramatically, who benefits, who suffers, and what the short and long term consequences of lower oil prices are.

Learning from Experience: Understanding Where Your Talents and the Needs of the World Collide

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 C
Sponsored By: School of Social Work, College for Public Health and Social Justice
Interested in learning about working in an international community? Interested in learning more about what it takes to develop and establish a non-profit organization? Interested in learning how your outlook can be shaped from cultural experience? Then come and join us for Learning from Experience where guest speaker Becky Sheppard will both share her experience working in the field and be available for dialogue regarding any questions you may have!

At the young age of 24, Rebecca Sheppard is the Founder and President of a 501(c)(3) status non-for-profit organization, Building Foundations of Hope. Following graduation from Missouri State University in 2012 with a degree in Child and Family Development and completion of a summer internship, she discovered a great passion for working with orphaned children and those living in poverty, specifically in Uganda. After finding a service gap with this population, she decided to take a risk and develop her own nonprofit to help Ugandans achieve their goals, but little did she know what an undertaking this would be and how much the process would come to shape her professional perspective.

Building Foundations of Hope is a living entity growing, evolving, and becoming better every day in the effort to break the cycle of poverty in Uganda through sustainable, community-led programs. Examples of these programs include Orphan Care, Women Empowerment, Government School Reform, Adult Education, HIV/AIDS Education and Care, Farming Projects, Fresh Water Well Projects, and Men's Sports and Fellowship.

The Call to #EndIt: Why Modern Day Slavery Matters to College Students

12:45 - 2:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: Pre-Law Department

Brittany Sullivan and Desirae Rowan created this program for The Meeting of the Minds Conference in Kansas City. They have presented it in various settings, including to the Active Minds chapter at SLU, The Wellness Department, and The University Counseling Center. The project aims to educate the audience about the stigmas students face, how they affect our society, and how we can work to remove them.

Vicious and Virtuous Cycles for Food and Climate Change

12:45 - 2:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 254
Sponsored By: Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Department of Biology

What makes both climate change and the biology of food so difficult to get a grip on is that everything happens in cycles. Some of these cycles are self-reinforcing and can lead to runaway reactions; others are stabilizing and work to keep the climate in balance. Likewise in our lives, when we want to change something, cycles are at work: some of them to encourage us, others to discourage us. In this workshop we will look at how we can draw diagrams of these cycles in order to better understand them. We will then work in small groups to make up our own diagrams.
Film: "Smuggled"

12:45 - 2:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall 0200
Sponsored By: Department of Sociology and Anthropology

"Smuggled" tells the story of a 9 year-old boy and his mother as the couple are smuggled into the U.S. in a compartment underneath a tour bus. Unfortunately, the journey doesn't go as planned as a new destiny awaits Miguel and his mother.

"Russian Ark": A Russian Perspective on 200 Years of Imperial History

12:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 256
Sponsored By: Russian and East European Area Studies Program, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures: Russian Division, Department of History

Alexander Sokurov's "Russian Ark" (2002) takes the viewer through 200 years of the Russian Empire, from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, as the camera moves, with no cuts, from room to room in the tsar's Winter Palace. The scenes show different rulers and historical events, ending with an orchestra concert conducted by Valery Gergiev, after which elegantly costumed guests descend the steps of the front entrance by the Neva River. Russian Ark's striking picture of Russia's imperial glory is the image of Russia Vladimir Putin has evoked today, from the Sochi Olympics to claims on Ukraine.

After the film there will be a discussion led by David Murphy, Professor of Russian Studies in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; and Daniel Schlafly, Professor of History.

Walking in Beauty: Spirituality, Culture and Justice in the Navajo Nation

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 D
Sponsored By: Campus Ministry

Students from the Campus Ministry spring break trip to the Navajo Nation will discuss the significant experiences and insights they took from their time among the Navajo, including a look at their spiritual life and the challenges of living between two cultures. Campus Minister Patrick Cousins, who lived and taught in the Navajo Nation and has brought over twenty groups to the reservation, will facilitate the conversation.
Reflections on Community, Partnerships, and North Saint Louis

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 251
Sponsored By: North St. Louis Initiative, Center for Service and Community Engagement

As a part of the North St. Louis Initiative several faculty, staff, and students currently partner with community organizations on a number of program, service, and research activities to address social, economic, education, and health disparities that exist in North St. Louis. Hear presentations on several of these partnerships, followed by a discussion on serving with North St. Louis communities.

North St. Louis Initiative partnerships discussed will include:

Making Changes Happen Leadership Academy (LA); A Project of the St. Louis Healthy Start Program, Maternal Child and Family Health Coalition (MCFHC)
Contributors: Darcy Scharff, Ph.D. (SLU), Keri Jupka (MCFHC), Lora Gully (MCFHC) and Kendra Copanas (SLU)
Walbridge Community Education Center
Contributors: Basiyr Rodney, Ed.D. (Webster University)
The North Campus
Contributors: Liz Peinado (The North Campus)
North St. Louis Immersion Trip

Free to [be]: A Presentation and Discussion on Grassroots Feminism

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 C
Sponsored By: Free to [be], Women's and Gender Studies Program

Free to [be] is a group of SLU students who started a movement in order to explore feminism. In March, there was a week of events that focused on feminism and aimed to remove the negative stigma from the word. This presentation will explain the origins of Free to [be] and provide another space to chat about feminism.

Non-Traditional Study Abroad: Service Learning in the Global South

2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room 124
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Department of International Studies, Study Abroad Office, Office of International Services
This event will consist of a panel of students who have spent their semesters abroad in non-traditional settings. The purpose of this event is not only to share our experiences with other students interested in going abroad or doing similar programs, but also to reflect and share about similar but surely different experiences while studying abroad in the "Global South." The panel will include students who went to Morocco, Tanzania, El Salvador, the Philippines, Vietnam, Argentina, and South Africa. Panelists will focus on their incredibly rich experiences that came from combining cultural immersion, academic learning, and social learning with service while upholding Jesuit traditions. In collaboration with the Office of International Services, this event will highlight the questions, challenges, processes, and lessons of choosing to study abroad in a non-traditional setting. These may include questions regarding changed understandings of native traditions, religions, and history; questions on self-identity as it relates to multiculturalism; increases in linguistic capabilities; and exposure to the lives of the poor and disadvantaged on a global scale. Additionally, an overview of available scholarships will be presented by current scholars and advisers, who will provide the resources and details and accompanying links. There will be snacks provided.

Gender Equality and Education in the Post-2015 Agenda

2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 256
Sponsored By: School for Professional Studies, Women's and Gender Studies Program

Since the creation of the Education for All (EFA) goals in 2000, there has been considerable progress in improving education for all children, especially girls and other marginalized populations. Despite the progress, none of the goals have met the 2015 deadline. This presentation will begin by looking at the current status of gender equality in education before shifting the conversation to the post-2015 agenda.

Immigrants and Refugees in St. Louis

2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Department of Psychology

This session is a presentation of research projects that have focused on the lives of immigrants and refugees in the St. Louis area. A discussion session will follow after the presentation in order for the attendees to provide comments and to learn from each other.

Panelists will include:
Hisako Matsuo, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Kathryn Kuhn, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Emmanuel Uwalaka, Associate Professor of Political Science
Lisa Willoughby, Associate Professor of Psychology

Online Boutique: Ongoing Mission in Khatguria, India
Kelly Gallagher is an elementary education major and a recent graduate of Drury University. While a senior in college, Kelly had the opportunity to teach underprivileged children in Khatguria, India.

Kelly's students live in an extremely impoverished area. The only source of fresh water is rainwater, and the drinking water is contaminated with high levels of arsenic. The children remain resilient in the face of extreme poverty and the unsanitary living conditions and diseases that surround them. Despite these unimaginable circumstances, each of them maintains their desire to learn and better themselves, beginning with an education.

Recently, Kelly used her entrepreneurial skills to open her online boutique, C'est la Vie by Kelly Marie. The site offers clothing, accessories and jewelry for young women. A portion of the sales from C'est la Vie will go towards a women's and children's development center in Khatguria, as well as a new village well which will offer fresh drinking water.

Kelly will present an overview of her teaching experience in India and how the children of Khatguria inspired her to open her online boutique.

The opportunity to give back is always "on trend." Don't miss Kelly's presentation.

View the Event Flyer.

**Lost Islamic History: Islamic Contributions to the Modern World**

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium
Sponsored By: Muslim Student Association

Firas Alkhateeb is an American researcher, writer and historian who specializes in the Islamic world. He completed his BA in History from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2010 and has since been teaching Islamic history at Universal School in Bridgeview, Illinois. He founded and writes the website "Lost Islamic History," which explores Muslim contributions and history in a modern context. This event will focus on Islamic contributions to the world as we know it. Please refer to http://lostislamichistory.com for more information. Refreshments will be provided.

**Atlas Week Signature Symposium Featuring Derreck Kayongo**
"From Homeless Refugee to Living the American Dream"

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Wool Ballroom, Busch Student Center
As a child, Derreck Kayongo and his family fled from Uganda to escape the Idi Amin Regime. He spent 10 years as a refugee in Kenya before immigrating to the United States. Kayongo, never forgetting the experience of homelessness and living in a refugee camp, made it his mission to help save the lives of millions of children in developing countries, one bar of soap at a time.

In 2009, Kayongo founded the Global Soap Project. The hotel industry throws away eight hundred million bars of soap every year. Hotels in the United States alone discard an estimated 2.6 million bars daily. In juxtaposition, there are 2.4 million children that die globally due to lack of hygiene and sanitation. The Center for Disease Control states that this casualty rate could be mitigated by 47% if soap was made available to children in need.

The Global Soap Project works at the intersection of both issues to reduce waste and save lives. The Global Soap Project repurposes partially-used soap from hotels into new soap for vulnerable populations, including disaster victims, refugees, and those living in extreme poverty. The World Bank has estimated that hygiene is the most cost-effective health intervention available.

Today, the Global Soap Project produces millions of bars of soap per year and has partnered with leading global health organizations like the Center for Disease Control, Partners in Health, and CARE to provide life-saving soap and hygiene education in 32 countries on four continents. Currently, there are 1,500 hotels in the United States alone that are members of the Global Soap Project Recycling program.

**Identifying with Jewish Culture**

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Busch Student Center 253 B
Sponsored By: Jewish Student Association

At this event, Rabbi Fleisher will be discussing Jewish culture and identity. He will also focus on connecting these two aspects of Judaism to global change and social justice.

This event will be both an informative and entertaining way for students, staff, and faculty along with their friends and families to learn more about the Jewish people. After the Rabbi's speech, we will open the floor to any appropriate questions.

Rabbi Fleisher is the Associate Rabbi at the Central Reform Congregation (CRC) here in St. Louis. He concentrates a lot of his work on social justice and is involved with the greater St. Louis community. Additionally, the Rabbi often works with clergy from other faith traditions. For more information on the CRC or Rabbi Fleisher, please visit http://www.centralreform.org/.

**Awareness and Prevention of Drugs and Alcohol**
In this presentation, SLU Lions Club will be discussing the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol, and will also be bringing awareness to young adults in our community so that we can help create a healthier Saint Louis. During our presentation, we will perform activities with the audience to provide a more immersive learning experience.

SLUBAD and H4H Trivia Night

9:15 - 10:30 p.m.
The Billiken Club and Grill
Sponsored By: Habitat for Humanity, Billikens After Dark

Come join Billikens After Dark and Habitat for Humanity for a night filled with trivia and fun. Come test your knowledge of Habitat for Humanity! Compete in four fun and fact-filled rounds of trivia. Gain knowledge on what Habitat for Humanity does for the community, the country, and the world! Prizes will be given out to the winners.

Friday

Coffee and Conversation with Keynote Speaker, Derreck Kayongo

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
R.S.V.P Required
Sponsored By: ATLAS Week Program, Political Round Table

Come Join SLU Political Round Table during Atlas Week, as we sit down and talk with this year's Keynote Speaker, Derreck Kayongo! Mr. Kayongo founded the Global Soap Project, which repurposes partially-used soap from hotels into new soap for vulnerable populations, including disaster victims, refugees, and children living in extreme poverty. Never forgetting the experience living in a refugee camp as a child, Kayongo made it his mission to help save the lives of millions of children in developing countries, one bar of soap at a time. Participants will be able to ask Mr. Kayongo questions about his story and advice on what we can do here at SLU to also work for positive global change.

Tunnel of Oppression

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saint Louis Room, Busch Student Center
Sponsored By: Diversity and Unity Learning Community, Active Minds, Rainbow Alliance, Center for Global Citizenship, Cross Cultural Center

Tunnel of Oppression is an impactful and informative event that draws attention to various oppressions that happen daily within SLU's community, and gives participants a chance to experience, witness, and learn about these oppressions first hand. By going through different rooms in the Tunnel, each focusing on a different oppression, people can receive accurate and personal information on oppressions they may not normally consider.

Following the conclusion of the Tunnel, licensed facilitators will lead a discussion on what you saw and how it affected you. After the discussion, there is a component entitled, "Wall of Hope", where students can learn more about what they can do to fight and learn more about the oppressions in the Tunnel.

Parade of Nations

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
West Pine Mall
Sponsored By: International Student Federation, Billiken World Festival Planning Committee, SGA Committee of International Affairs, Cross Cultural Center, Center for Global Citizenship

The Parade of Nations kicks off the Billiken World Festival activities and features SLU students carrying flags from around the world. The Parade will be led by Soldan International Studies High School's Marching Band and the Billiken! Derreck Kayongo, Atlas Week's Keynote Speaker, and Dr. Ellen Harshman, Vice President of Academic Affairs, will serve as Grand Marshals for the Parade! If you would like to carry a flag in the Parade, please [click here].

SLU LAW: Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Scott Hall, School of Law, Room 1020
Sponsored By: Center for International and Comparative Law, School of Law

Please join the Center for International and Comparative Law for the SLU LAW Atlas Week event that will focus on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Ms. Lisa Yemm, the Assistant Circuit Attorney from the City of St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office, will discuss the Hague Convention and her experience with international child abduction cases. A free shuttle from the Frost Campus to the Law School will be available.

Billiken World Festival
The Parade of Nations kicks off the Billiken World Festival activities and features SLU students carrying flags from around the world. At the Billiken World Festival, student organizations offer delicious foods representing their respective cultures, heritages, and countries.

The festival also features live cultural music and dance performances on the Quad. The Billiken World Festival is the first large-scale diversity program organized on campus, with more than 40 different student groups, university departments and over eighteen hundred students coming together in a celebration of culture and diversity.

People and Things Out of Place: Globalization in the 21st-Century Hispanic World

2:00 - 3:10 p.m.
Davis-Shaughnessy Hall 173, John Cook School of Business
Sponsored By: Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

We will offer a panel showcasing presenters' various personal experiences with issues of globalization in the Hispanic World. The title of the panel is related to the SPAN 493 content course "People and Things Out of Place." It will feature 4 10-15 mini-presentations focused on speakers' recent individual experiences in Nicaragua, Honduras, Mexico and the Mexico-US Border, followed by a 10-15 minute Q & A session. The speakers are varied as well in background and perspective, comprised of a SLU undergrad, a Jesuit seminarian, a St. Louis nurse with a background in Global Public Health, and finally, a SLU faculty member in Spanish. See below for a more detailed description of topics and speaker bios in order of presentation.

Presenter Bios:

Gabriela Figueroa is a senior Pre-Med Biology major also pursing a Spanish minor. She is involved in SLU Greek Life and holds an position on the Executive Board of SLU's chapter of Global Medical Brigades. Gabriela has been involved for the past two and a half years in SLU's Global Medical Brigades, with which she has made two trips to Nicaragua to volunteer in a mobile clinic and serve as translator for volunteer medical professionals from the US.

Emily Church is a registered nurse in the Emergency Department at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Emily also has a Masters in Public Health with an emphasis in Global Health from Boston University. She has lived and worked in health promotion in El Salvador as well as Honduras.

Andrés Arteaga, SJ, is a Jesuit scholastic from Los Angeles studying philosophy at Saint Louis University. He was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. Andrés earned his B.A. in English-Literature and French from Seattle University in 2012. Thereafter, he joined the Society of Jesus, where the focus of his ministry has been with the Latino population.
Amy E. Wright holds her Ph.D. in Hispanic Studies from Brown University (2006) and has been a practicing faculty member at St. Louis University since 2010. Her specializations include Latin American Literature and Culture and Transatlantic Studies. Dr. Wright regularly travels to Mexico and is currently teaching an advanced undergraduate course on Globalization in the Hispanic World out of which this panel was born.

Topics in Order of Presenter:

The mission of Global Medical Brigades is to provide sustainable health solutions, empower volunteers to facilitate medical care, increase prevention through education, and provide resources for patient followup. The goal is to work side-by-side with the people of under-resourced communities to provide healthcare to the people who otherwise have limited to no access to it. Global Brigades aims to accomplish long-term goals by referring patients to local clinics for followups and consistently sending brigades for continuous healthcare access. Gabriela Figueroa will discuss the last two and half years of her involvement with SLU's Global Medical Brigades as well as her recent trips to Nicaragua to volunteer in mobile clinics and serve as a translator for volunteer medical professionals from the US.

Honduras is a "hot mess" as Emergency Department Professionals say when referring to patients with complicated conditions that have no immediate solutions and present challenges for long term management. Poverty, corruption and poor infrastructure, as well as drug and sex trafficking are among the contributing factors. Emily Church recently travelled to Olancho, Honduras, to observe how an international non-profit organization was responding to the needs of this particularly underdeveloped region of the country heavily affected by drug trafficking routes: Predisan, a Christian health ministry, established more than 30 years ago by a missionary couple to offer basic health care and education. How can global humanitarians and religious missionaries make a sustainable and fruitful impact? And in the case of drug trafficking, does the international community have a specific responsibility to intervene? If so, in what way?

"Welcome tu Tijuana"
The effects of globalization and the unjust reality of immigration against Latinos are most apparent and alive in one of Mexico’s most unique and troubled cities: Tijuana. Located on the border between California and the Estado de Baja California, only a twenty minute drive south of San Diego, Tijuana is a major transitory hub for Latinos seeking to "illegally" enter the United States. However, the majority of the city's inhabitants are those who failed to actualize this dream (whether due to financial circumstances or deportation) and had no choice but to stay in the heavily U.S.-influenced Mexican border-town. Given such a sociopolitical reality, Tijuana experiences some of the worst cases of poverty, crime and human injustices in all of Mexico. For this presentation, Arteaga will discuss this Tijuanense reality through the lens of his personal experience as a first-generation Chicano with family in Tijuana and as a Jesuit, working and living in Tijuana soup kitchens for six months.

The panel will close with a discussion of Dr. Amy Wright's recent experiences as a volunteer and observer at the Migrant Shelter "la 72" of Tenosique, Tabasco A shelter on the southern Mexican border led by Franciscan Friar Tomás González de Castillo, "la 72" provides basic supplies, health care and amenities to threatened populations making the trek up through Central America and north through Mexico towards the border with the United States. The refuge was founded in 2011, in memoriam of the 2010 "San Fernando Massacre," in which 72 male and female migrants from Central and South America were discovered dead in San Fernando, Tamaulipas, following their refusal to cooperate with local drug gangs.
Ethnic Stereotyping in Hollywood Movies

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room
Sponsored By: Center for Intercultural Studies, Film Studies Program

A panel discussion on how ethnic stereotypes in Hollywood movies shape societal perceptions of the Other by creating reductionist categorizations, perpetuating prejudice, and preventing intercultural dialogue.

Speakers: Michal Jan Rozbicki, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Intercultural Studies; Vincent Casaregola, Professor of English and Director of Film Studies; Jean-Louis Pautrot, Professor of French and Center for International Studies; Janice McIntire-Strasburg, Associate Professor of English; Karen Secrist, Assistant Professor in Spanish and Latin American Studies Program.

Innovation Challenge

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Rotunda, McDonnell Douglas Hall
Sponsored By: Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology, the Kern Entrepreneurship Education Network, the Coleman Foundation, and the ATLAS Program

This year, the Weekly Innovation Challenge scheduled during Atlas Week will be on Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will feature judging from this year's keynote speaker Derreck Kayongo. The challenge will be centered around the theme of Atlas Week: "Simple Steps: Global Change Starts with You." More information about the specifics of the challenge will be announced at the Atlas Week Kickoff on Sunday, April 12th. There will be a prize of $300 per team ($100 per teammate). The event is sponsored by the Kern Entrepreneurship Education Network, the Coleman Foundation and Saint Louis University.

The Golden Dream: Understanding Central American Migration to the US - Film: "La Jaula de Oro"

3:10 - 5:00 p.m.
Davis-Shaughnessy Hall 173, John Cook School of Business
Sponsored By: Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

At 3:10 Dr. Amy Wright will introduce the 2013 film "THE GOLDEN DREAM"/"LA JAULA DE ORO" (108 minutes) and will frame this class viewing (SPAN 493-01) of the film in relation to her December 2014 visit to the migrant shelter "La 72" on the border between Mexico and Guatemala.

Culture and Music
Music Honor Society wants to promote the inclusion of all cultures and backgrounds through music around the world. At this event we welcome all people to come and perform music from different cultures being their own or one they have learned. We are reaching out to performance groups and our own members have said they will perform. MHS hopes to have instruments from around the world for people to play and look at as well. We will also have food from around the world.

**SUFApalooza**

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Center for Global Citizenship’ Auditorium
Sponsored By: Students United for Africa (SUFA) 
Africa Student Association(ASA)

Students United For Africa (SUFA), in collaboration with newly founded student group African Student Association (ASA), is hosting the annual fundraising event SUFApalooza. SUFApalooza is campus-wide awareness-raising cultural event, aimed to celebrate African cultures and fundraise to support education (building a library and increasing infrastructure of a school) in Manyoro, Ghana. Previously we have invited a variety of artists both from Saint Louis University student body and from the greater St. Louis area, including Sunshine African Drum Band, to perform at this event. This event also offers the opportunity to taste flavors from African cuisines and to watch and learn some African dance moves! Ultimately, all donations go directly towards funding education and literacy in Ghana, a project launched by a SLU Alumni in collaboration with a fellow Jesuit, working in-country. This year especially will be special as we have the honor of introducing and partnering with a new student organization, African Student Association!

**Saturday**

**Relay For Life**

Saturday, April 18 - Sunday, April 19 6:00 p.m - 6:00 a.m.
Herman Soccer Stadium
Sponsored By: SLU Relay For Life

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser, benefiting cancer research, patient care, recovery programs, education and more. This is the 11th year for Relay on SLU's campus. Over the years, Saint Louis University has raised more than $1.1 million. Join in celebrating the survivors, remembering those lost to cancer and fighting back against a disease that has taken too much.
About Derreck Kayongo

As a child, Derreck Kayongo and his family fled from Uganda to escape the Idi Amin Regime. He spent 10 years as a refugee in Kenya before immigrating to the United States. From Africa to Atlanta, with nothing but a dream and tenacity, Derreck Kayongo beat the odds, earned an education, became a naturalized U.S. citizen, and served in leadership roles in some of the world's most respected NGOs.

In 2009, Kayongo and his wife Sarah started their own NGO, The Global Soap Project. The Hotel Industry throws away eight hundred million bars of soap every year into our landfills. Hotels in the United States alone discard an estimated 2.6 million bars daily. In juxtaposition, there are 2.4 million children that die globally due to lack of hygiene and sanitation. The Center for Disease Control states that this casualty rate could be mitigated by 47% if soap was made available to them. Kayongo, never forgetting the experience of homelessness and living in a refugee camp, made it his mission to help save the lives of millions of children in developing countries, one bar of soap at a time.

The Global Soap Project works at the intersection of both of these issues to reduce waste and save lives. The Global Soap Project repurposes partially-used soap from hotels into new soap for vulnerable populations, including disaster victims, refugees, the homeless, and mothers and children living in extreme poverty. The World Bank has estimated that hygiene is the most cost-effective health intervention available.

Six years later, the Global Soap Project has expanded operations from the basement of the Kayongo family to become a leading global health organization with large reprocessing facilities producing millions of bars of soap per year. The Global Soap Project has partnered with leading global health organizations like the Center for Disease Control, Partners in Health, CARE, and MedShare to distribute lifesaving soap and hygiene education in 32 countries on four continents. Currently, there are 1,500 hotels that are members of the Global Soap Project Recycling program in the United States alone, and the list of participating countries in Europe and Asia continues to expand.

Kayongo has been recognized as a 2011 CNN HERO; won the Maxx Entrepreneurship award; received the Refugee Services Award; has been honored by Congressman John Lewis with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition; and has been featured in more than 20 news stories and on TV programs such as Fox News and CNN.

Kayongo has worked with the American Friends Service Committee as Program Director for the Southeast Peace Education program, Amnesty International as the Director of the Southeast Region, and CARE International as a Senior Advocacy Coordinator for the Southeast region. He is also a regular columnist with The Huffington Post.