

# ATLAS 2014 Event Descriptions

## **Lynda R. Campbell Memorial Lecture**

Friday, March 28  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Learning Resource Center, Pitlyk Auditorium B

Sponsored By: Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Brooke Hallowell, Ph.D., CCC-SLP Professor and Coordinator of Ph.D. Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Director of Neurolinguistics Laboratory, Adjunct Professor of Family Medicine, Adjunct Professor of Biomedical Engineering, and a Professor in Southeast Asia Studies at Ohio University. She is a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and a Past President of the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Dr. Hallowell's research has focused on the development and dissemination of new diagnostic methods for the study of cognitive processes and linguistic comprehension. She has been successful in the development of interdisciplinary projects in technology for persons with disabilities. In addition, she is committed to the development of new academic and clinical programs especially in underserved regions. Her presentation will focus on her areas of interest and expertise with emphasis on aging and disability.

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## **Education Under Fire**

Saturday, March 29  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Baer-Fuller Lecture Hall

Sponsored by: Interfaith Alliance, Atlas Planning Committee

The event will be a showing of *Education Under Fire*, a short documentary that focuses on the situation of thousands of young people who are followers of the Baha'i Faith in Iran that are denied formal university education due to their religious or ideological beliefs. In the face of systemic oppression of this fundamental right to belief, education and human dignity, the Bahá'í Institute for Higher Education (BIHE) was founded in 1987 as a response to the Iranian government's continuing campaign to deny Iranian Bahá'ís access to higher education. It's an organic and peaceful resistance to the regime's oppression. The format of the event will be a short introduction about the film (raise awareness about BIHE and how institutions can respond to the situation), followed by the showing of the film and a Q&A session with Iranian Baha'is in the St. Louis community. The documentary tells the compelling narratives of BIHE (Baha'i Institute for Higher Education) students.

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## **Flaming-Hawkins Dance**

Saturday, March 29  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center, Billiken Club

Sponsored By: Rainbow Alliance

The Flaming-Hawkins Dance is the kick off event for Rainbow Alliance's All of Us Campaign. The All of Us Campaign celebrates the inclusive environment of SLU's campus by staking the campus with allies of the LGBTQ community. The dance is a social event with music, dancing, and refreshments that will celebrate the unity of the SLU community.

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### **Atlas Week Kick-Off**

Sunday, March 30  
7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium

Sponsored By: Atlas Program Planning Committee

This event will be held Sunday before Atlas Week begins to promote the events of the week. We will be handing out passports during the event. Various groups will be tabling to promote events while other groups will be performing. We also plan on having food from across the world, an "international sampler" type spread. A presentation of previous Atlas events will be playing while performances are not going on.

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### **Film: The Rock Star and the Mullahs**

Sunday, March 30  
9:00 - 10:30 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium

Sponsored By: ATLAS Program Planning Committee, Film Studies Program

*The Rock Star and the Mullahs* is a film about Salman Ahmad and his band Junoon. Following the ancient Sufi tradition, the band's music and lyrics reflect the moderate, liberal side of Islam. Salman has also become UNICEF's chosen spokesman for AIDS prevention, and he and the group have publicly advocated the cause of peace with India. But a coalition of fundamentalist Islamic parties has made recent gains in Pakistani elections, and Junoon's high profile places them in conflict with the hardliners. WIDE ANGLE follows Salman as he journeys to the tolerant, ancient city of Lahore and the fundamentalist stronghold of Peshawar to reveal the internal religious and political conflicts of the Islamic world. The mullahs want to ban the music but Junoon's fans, among them Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, have made Salman a rock idol. From this trip emerges a rich portrait of modern day Pakistan, a pivotal nation in the war against terror. [56 minutes]

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### **Non-Traditional Study Abroad: Service-Learning Around the World**

Monday, March 31  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Center for International Services: Office of Study Abroad

Student presentations about service experiences while studying abroad in the Philippines, El Salvador, South Africa, and Vietnam. Panel discussion and Q&A session will follow the presentations.

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### **Film: Finding Home**

Monday, March 31  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
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Sponsored By: College of Arts & Sciences, Film Studies Program, Department of English, Center for Intercultural Studies, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, and Center for International Studies at Saint Louis University in partnership with the Seventh 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

Currently there are over 10 million refugees throughout the world and only 60,000 are allowed to enter into the United States each year. Finding home is a short, cinema verité style documentary that follows the Abdis, a refugee family from Somalia, throughout their first two months in the United States. The Abdi parents gave up everything they had for the chance of peace and a better life for their five children. Finding Home provides a first-hand look at the lives of refugees inside the United States and exposes the struggles and hopes refugee families face when trying to adapt to their new lives and cultures.

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### **Healthcare and Homelessness: Understanding Barriers to Health**

Monday, March 31  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Learning Resources Center, Pitlyk Auditorium A

Sponsored By: Global Health Learning Community, SLU School of Medicine

Dr. Mirela D. Marcu from the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry will lead a discussion about the relationship between homelessness and healthcare. What kind of challenges do people who are homeless face in terms of receiving care and how physicians try to mitigate these challenges will be the focus of this event. Come to discuss these important issues!

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### **Dentistry Around the World: Russia**

Monday, March 31  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Dreiling-Marshall Hall, Ringenberg Lecture Hall, Room 2031

Sponsored By: Center for Advanced Dental Education (CADE)

Dr. Sergey Dolgov, 2nd year Graduate Periodontic Student, will give a presentation on the history of dentistry in Russia, his educational experiences, and information about the culture and geography of Russia.

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## **Immigration and Education: A Panel Discussion of Student Perspectives**

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room

Sponsored By: International Services and Center for Global Citizenship

This event will feature perspectives from Saint Louis University students who are also immigrants to the Saint Louis community. Representing diverse histories and different perspectives on their personal paths to higher education, students will share experiences, barriers and personal reflections. Light refreshments will be served.

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## **The Campaign for Fair Food**

Monday, March 31  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Social Work Association

Fair Food St. Louis is a student, youth, and community-led committee working in solidarity with the Student/Farmworker Alliance and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to eliminate sweatshop conditions and demand social responsibility in the global food system. The CIW's Fair Food Program creates a unique relationship between farmworkers, growers, and the corporations who buy Florida tomatoes. As a part of the program, corporations agree to only buy from growers who uphold strict standards of working conditions, including a zero tolerance policy for forced labor and sexual assault. Locally, Fair Food St. Louis is promoting this movement by focusing on the current target of the campaign, Wendy's, and the recently announced "Boot the Braids" campaign.

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## **Education As a Driver of Improved Health Outcomes in Guatemala: Scholar Visits, Student Development, and Continuing Education Opportunities**

Monday, March 31  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 C

Sponsored By: Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health and Social Justice

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## **Breaking the Cycle of Poverty: The Blessing Basket Project**

Monday, March 31  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room

Sponsored By: English for Academic Purposes

International Students in the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program at SLU have been working with their community partner - The Blessing Basket Project - in order to help end poverty in Africa and Asia. The Blessing Basket Project is a non-profit organization that currently works with 1,500 artisans from countries such as Ghana, Uganda, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and Bangladesh to help end poverty. Representatives from The Blessing Basket Project and International Students in the EAP program will discuss how this generation's students and those in the St. Louis community can help to end this extremely important global issue.

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

Monday, March 31  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Campus Ministry and Center for Service and Community Engagement

Students who will spend their spring break participating in Campus Ministry's immersion trip to the Navajo Nation will discuss the major experiences and learnings from their time, including the major structural and social justice problems that face the Navajo people, as well as the historical, mythic, and ritual experiences the students will share during their time on the reservation.

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### **Beyond Internationalism to Globalism**

Monday, March 31  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored: Department of Theological Studies

Philosophy Professor Ronald Glossop and Theology Professor David Oughton, both board members of Citizens for Global Solutions, will explain the differences between internationalism and globalism. For example, internationalism means making treaties between national governments such as in the present United Nations Organization while globalism means having a world parliament that would create world laws, a world police force that would arrest individuals who violate world laws, and a world court that could prosecute individuals. The need for promoting world citizenship and a universal auxiliary language will be explained. The role of the world's religions for moving from the current international system to a global system will also be emphasized.

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### **Innovative Education: Before the Classroom**

Monday, March 31  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 251

Sponsored By: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of Public Health & Social Justice, School of Social Work, OneWorld, Department of Political Science

Speakers: Mariella Funk, Anna Boston

Mariella Funk is the Program Manager for Cooking Matters at Operation Food Search. Having been with the organization for over 6 years she has worked in many capacities ensuring the Cooking Matters St. Louis consistently offers high quality food-skills and nutrition education programming. Mariella, who is trained as a chef, and the rest of the Cooking Matters staff of dietitians and public health professionals work daily to put Cooking Matters at the forefront of empowering low-income residents in the St. Louis region to cook and eat more healthfully.

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### **Be a Fan of the Special Olympics**

Monday, March 31  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 C

Sponsored By: Special Olympics Saint Louis University

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.

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### **Adventures in Russia: Study Abroad Experiences**

Monday, March 31  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 256

Sponsored By: Center for Intercultural Studies, Department of Political Science, Center for International Studies, Department of Modern & Classical Languages, and the Russian and East European Studies Program

Recent Russian majors at SLU have enjoyed exploring the diverse landscapes of the largest country by land mass in the world, including Lake Baikal (the world's largest freshwater lake by volume), Saint Petersburg-the Northern Venice, Moscow-the Third Rome, and Novosibirsk, the Chicago of Siberia. The following three students will share their experiences from 2013:

- Louie Hotop is a Jesuit Scholastic at SLU who spent his last summer in two Siberian cities: Novosibirsk and Tomsk. He helped to facilitate youth summer camps around the region and taught English at the camps. He also worked and lived with the Missionaries of Charity, established by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, at a shelter for homeless alcoholics. You can listen to a podcast about his Russian experience (e.g., Catholic Circus or eating bear) at: <https://thejesuitpost.org/2013/10/tjpodcast-mistakes-lived-and-learned-in-siberia/>.
- Michael Meyer is a SLU senior concentrating in Biology, Russian Studies, and International Studies who conducted research in Russia the past two summers in Siberia and then in Moscow. His participation in the Summer Science and Language program at Moscow State University, funded by the

U. S. Department of Education, and his experience conducting an ecological survey in the Lake Baikal region have allowed him to collaborate so effectively with colleagues that he has plans to return to Russia to continue his research and is a finalist for the 2014-15 Fulbright Fellowship.

- Daniel Pike is a SLU senior concentrating in Biochemistry and Russian Studies who plans to earn a combined MD/PhD, with a PhD in a medically related science. Last summer he participated in a Biotechnology and Language Immersion Program at Moscow State University, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, in order to further explore biochemical research, to increase his understanding of the scientific culture of a foreign country, and to explore parts of a country that he has spent 8 years studying.

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### **Water, Water Everywhere, but Not a Drop to Drink**

Monday, March 31  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Global Brigades, Global Water Brigades, Global Public Health Brigades

Exploring the Global Brigades work in education abroad to empower communities towards a goal of clean water and higher standards of public health. Learn from fellow students and their international work, teaming up with communities to provide clean water and sanitary conditions. Explore how these students were able to educate community members on a wide range of public health topics through education for social change.

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Hope for Women in Africa: Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Shannon Potter

Monday, March 31  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
[R.S.V.P. Required](#)

Sponsored By: Political Round Table, Atlas Program

Dr. Shannon Potter is about to wrap up her OB/GYN residency at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and SSM St. Mary's Hospital. She has made multiple trips to countries such as Ethiopia, Kenya and Congo and she plans to make international relief work her full-time pursuit. Students will get the opportunity to sit down with Dr. Potter for coffee and an informal conversation regarding her career and how she combines her passion for medicine with helping those in need in Africa.

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### **ONE Campaign: Creating Change Through Advocacy Work**

Monday, March 31  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored By: ONE, School for Professional Studies

ONE is an advocacy organization that works to end extreme poverty and preventable diseases in Africa. The organization was founded by Bono and currently has over 3 million members worldwide. In this session,

members from ONE St. Louis will provide an introduction to current issues such as Electrify Africa. Additionally, they will share ways to promote change through advocacy work.

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### **The Third World Near You: Drawing Nearer!**

Monday, March 31  
4:00 - 5:15 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 251

Sponsored By: Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy - Doisy College of Health Sciences and Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice - College of Public Health & Social Justice

This panel is a continuation of efforts to break the bubble that separates St. Louis communities from each other. SLU students have worked within the twenty-first ward of St. Louis to support the local Alderman in examining youth perceptions of the community. Students participated in relationship building activities including tutoring and recreational activity as part of an immersion experience over the course of the semester. They assisted in developing an opportunity for local community youth to share their personal experiences, realities, and perceptions of life in the 21st ward. Panel members will describe their experiences in the field, themes derived from their community conversations, the significance of the life stories of the young people they worked with, and their insights regarding the development of supportive relationships between campus and community.

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### **Interfaith Prayer Service**

Monday, March 31  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
St. Francis Xavier College Church

Sponsored By: Interfaith Alliance

The first hour of the event of the service will entail a series of religious devotionals, musical performances, and speakers, including Jack Sisk (Hindu, curator of the Living Insights Center), Adil Husain (SLU center), people from various SLU CSO's, and so on. The second hour will consist of a fully catered dinner, free of charge, for anyone and everyone, featuring a variety of ethnic and mostly vegetarian dishes. In the past we have ordered from Wei Hong, Rasoi's, Pasta House, and also made the food ourselves.

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### **Crisis: Middle East**

Monday, March 13  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 256

Sponsored By: Model UN, Department of Political Science

Have you ever wanted to act as a diplomat? Come experience a Model UN style crisis simulation, wherein each attendee will act as a delegate from one of a variety of countries and work to resolve an evolving crisis scenario that will be actively updated throughout the simulation.

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### **The Third World Near You: The View from Outside**

Monday, March 31  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 251

Sponsored By: Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy - Doisy College of Health Sciences and Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice - College of Public Health & Social Justice

Perceptions of communities are often shaped by the way those communities are portrayed by media coverage. This panel reports results of a qualitative content analysis of local media coverage of north St. Louis. Working in collaboration with Alderman Antonio French, the project involved a review of four weeks of news coverage focused on characterizations presented by local news reporters. The research team analyzed language and topical themes that create the narrative to describe the North St. Louis community. Panel members examined the extent to which media depictions from outside captured the experiences and realities discussed by local community members. Panel discussion will focus on how media creates and influences community perceptions and the impact and implications of these media narratives on the well-being of the community.

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### **A Walk in Her Shoes**

Monday, March 31  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored: Una

1 in 4 women will be sexually assaulted by the time they graduate. In fact, most survivors of sexual assaults are full-time students. And although women are not the only victims of sexual assault, they are the overwhelming majority.

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 afterwards.

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### **The Story of Project Peanut Butter: Revolutionizing the Treatment of Malnourished Children Around the World**

Monday, March 31  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: SLU Global Brigades, and Project Peanut Butter

Project Peanut Butter is a nonprofit organization that produces and distributes ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) to severely malnourished children, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa. We currently produce the food in factories in Malawi, Sierra Leone, and Ghana.

The humble beginnings of Project Peanut Butter can be traced to the late 1990s, when St. Louis Children's Hospital pediatrician and Washington University Professor of Pediatrics, Dr. Mark Manary, traveled to Malawi and realized that the standard therapy for treating severely malnourished kids (a milk-based formula) was ineffective. Dr. Manary set about formulating a new therapeutic food-one that didn't spoil, didn't need to be cooked, and could be used by mothers in the home setting. Together with his colleague Dr. André Briend, Dr. Manary came up with the perfect blend of ingredients to treat malnourished children: a combination of peanut butter, powdered milk, vegetable oil, sugar, and vitamins and minerals. Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) was born, and recovery rates jumped from 40% to 95% in initial clinical trials in Malawi.

In 2007, the World Health Organization, the United Nations, and the World Food Programme publicly endorsed Dr. Manary's RUTF and home-based therapy as the standard of care for severely malnourished children throughout the world. Today, PPB helps feed hundreds of thousands of malnourished children. We distribute the locally produced therapeutic food at our own mobile clinics, where PPB nurses assess children for malnutrition and provide qualifying children with life-saving food at no charge. We also sell a large amount of RUTF at the cost of manufacture to multiple governments and aid organizations around the world. Speaker: A native of St. Louis, Margaret Loehnig graduated from Nerinx Hall High School in 2008 and from Truman State University in 2012, earning a Bachelor of Science in Health Science and minors in Sociology and Biology. She spent the next year working for a nonprofit organization called AIDS Interfaith Residential Services (AIRS) in Baltimore, Maryland, through the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. As a Residential Aide at AIRS, she cared for 10 individuals living with AIDS and other physical and mental disabilities.

In August 2013, Margaret deferred her admission to nursing school when she was given the opportunity to work full-time with Project Peanut Butter. She first heard about PPB when a representative came to speak at her University, and she was inspired to get more involved in eliminating malnutrition. Margaret traveled to Malawi with PPB in September 2013 and will be returning in April.

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### **Can We Have "Caring Democracy?"**

Monday, March 31  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 254

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Women's and Gender Studies Program

Open class. Student and faculty presentations that depict "Caring Democracy." Followed by Q & A session.

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### **Increasing Student Debt Burdens: Reasons for Recent Growth and Implications for Younger Americans**

Monday, March 31  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Economics Club

Join us as we welcome Bryan Noeth, Policy Analyst in the Center for Household Financial Stability at the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis to discuss a pressing issue for all college students in the United States: student debt. Aggregate student debt increased from \$530 Billion to over \$1 Trillion between 2007 and 2013.

This represents a significant burden for younger Americans. Topics discussed will be the reasons for recent increases and implications for economic growth.

Bryan Noeth conducts primary and secondary research and policy analysis on household balance sheet issues and helps to organize conferences, round tables and other efforts. Prior to joining the Household Financial Stability team, he worked in the Research division of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis as a research associate. Noeth received his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Missouri. He is currently working on a master's degree in finance from Washington University.

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### **NAACP: Resurrection, Revitalization, and Recruitment**

Monday, March 31  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 C

Sponsored By: Saint Louis University Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (SLU NAACP)

This event is an orientation on "SLU NAACP": a young organization that is overcoming political and cultural setbacks to move forward. There will be activities, food, and brief presentations from on and off-campus members to aid in illustrating the role of the NAACP. SLU-NAACP's tentative executive board will also explain what it can do.

Speakers:

- Stefan Bradley, Ph.D., Professor of African American Studies.
- Etefia Umana, Guidance Counselor, Cardinal Ritter College Preperatory High School
- Romona Taylor Williams, Executive, Metro St. Louis Coalition for Inclusion and Equity

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### **Global LGBT Issues**

Monday, March 31  
9:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium

Sponsored By: Rainbow Alliance

In recent light of harsh laws and actions against LGBT individuals across the globe, Rainbow Alliance hopes to engage and enlighten individuals who are interested and appalled by the human rights violations going on around the globe against LGBT individuals. Rainbow Alliance will be discussing the policies that are in place against the LGBT communities in Russia, India, and Africa.

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## **Monday Maniacs**

Monday, March 31  
9:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Marguerite Hall Lobby

Sponsored By: Monday Maniacs

Crossfit is an international workout sensation that the Monday Maniacs bring onto SLU's campus. We have been together since the Fall of 2011 and are growing strong and our membership has been steadily growing. We meet every Monday during the school year at 9:00 pm in the Marguerite Hall lobby for a fast, intense Crossfit-style workout. If you are looking for a group to help you get in the best shape of your life, maybe you've got what it takes to join us. We do burpees for fun...

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## **Doing Good Well: Global Brigades**

Tuesday, April 1  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: SLU Global Brigades

Dr. Cindy Bitter will deliver a lecture reviewing criticisms of humanitarian aid, discussing relevant principles of medical ethics and providing a framework for ethically sound volunteering. Dr. Bitter currently serves as adjunct faculty at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine and is a course director for the Wilderness Medicine elective. She has volunteered on multiple medical brigades in the Caribbean, Central America, and Nepal, and is a board member for the Himalayan Family Healthcare Project.

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## **Global Injustices, War and Conflict in Africa**

Tuesday, April 1  
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

Speaker: Dr. Elias Omondi Opongo, S.J.

Global injustices continue to manifest themselves in diverse ways, often affecting the poorer people in the society, effacing the middle class and sanitizing economic systems that are not founded on the basic principles of social justice. Such global injustices hit hard at countries emerging out of conflict and struggling to rebuild their societies. In addressing the challenges of post-conflict reconstruction, global politics tends to favour a liberal peace approach that puts emphasis on liberalization of economic systems, democracy, human rights advocacy and the rule of law. However, without an integrated transitional justice system that takes into account citizen participation in addressing past human rights violations and attempts towards national healing and reconciliation, post conflict reconstruction could expose weaker nations to further global injustices dictated by marketization of the African populations.

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## **Impact on Health: Availability of Food and Food Deserts in St. Louis**

Tuesday, April 1  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Learning Resources Center, Pitlyk Auditorium A

Sponsored By: Global Health Learning Community

In 2008 the annual medical cost of obesity was \$147 billion with more than one third of the U.S. population considered obese. The prevalence of obesity continues to increase and become an even greater concern for the country as well as health care providers. In understanding this trend in weight gain it is important to recognize the social constructs impacting food choice. Dr. Millie Mattfeldt-Beman, a professor and the chair of the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, and Melissa Chapnick, a graduate student in the Nutrition and Dietetics program, will be presenting a dynamic discussion on barriers to food availability in the St. Louis area and their impact on health.

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## **Film Screening with the Spanish Honor Society**

Tuesday, April 1  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 352

Sponsored By: Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society

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## **Micro Financing Partners in Africa**

Tuesday, April 1  
12:45 - 2:00 p.m.  
Tegeler 105

Sponsored By: School of Social Work

Speakers from the non-profit Micro Financing Partners in Africa will speak about their community development work in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda to empower those living in extreme poverty to better their situation with dignity through access to resources and education. Their main activity is to provide grants for the strengthening and expansion of microfinancing programs in Africa. [More information can be located on their website.](#)

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## **The Pruitt-Igoe Myth: An Urban History**

Tuesday, April 1  
12:45 - 2:00 p.m.  
McGannon 260

Sponsored By: Department of Sociology and Anthropology

It began as a housing marvel. Two decades later, it ended in rubble. But what happened to those caught in between? The Pruitt-Igoe Myth tells the story of the transformation of the American city in the decades after

World War II, through the lens of the infamous Pruitt-Igoe housing development and the St. Louis residents who called it home. At the film's historical center is an analysis of the massive impact of the national urban renewal program of the 1950s and 1960s, which prompted the process of mass suburbanization and emptied American cities of their residents, businesses, and industries. Those left behind in the city faced a destitute, rapidly de-industrializing St. Louis, parceled out to downtown interests and increasingly segregated by class and race.

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### **The Rule of Law in Afghanistan: A Reassessment for the Atlas Program**

Tuesday, April 1  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

For over a decade Western governments and NGOs have sought to transform Afghanistan's legal system using a top-down strategy of rewriting its Constitution, establishing legal codes, reorganizing courts, training judges and attorneys on Western standards, standing up bar associations etc. Many current indicators are that this transformation has not "trickled down" to the local Afghan level and as Western forces withdraw the fear grows that the new Afghan legal system may not be self-sustaining in a post-intervention environment. In this presentation, Dr. Jeanne Rueth will ask if there was/is an alternate, more grassroots strategy for legal development that might have been more successful in the long run.

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### **Advocacy and Awareness for Humanity in the Globalized Classroom**

Tuesday, April 1  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room

Sponsored By: English for Academic Purposes

Human trafficking takes many forms and is sweeping the globe like a virus. This pandemic has both international and local implications. The English for Academic Purposes program has partnered with International Crisis Aid (ICA) to raise awareness of the issue of human trafficking. Representatives from the EAP program and ICA will explore how SLU international students are supporting efforts to combat human trafficking locally and how students - as global citizens - can play a significant role in the global movement to eliminate this crime against humanity. To complement their Atlas Week event, EAP students will also be selling handmade bracelets to raise money for victims of Human Trafficking.

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## **Saint Louis University Prison Program: Changing Lives, Enhancing Society**

Tuesday, April 1  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Saint Louis University Prison Program

The state of Missouri's incarcerated population is in excess of 30,000 people; typically 97% of these individuals return to the community. What is the SLU community doing to serve those who are incarcerated and the rest of the state? What can we do to promote pro-social behavior and self-efficacy for those who are incarcerated? How can we prevent men and women from returning to prison after they've been released? Please join the SLU Prison Program team - Julie O'Heir, Mary Gould, Devin Johnston, Karen Barney and - as we discuss what our program does and how it relates directly to the mission of Saint Louis University. We hope to have a meaningful exchange on what it means to be present to the incarcerated community, how high rates of incarceration affect the entire community, and what our program provides to address these societal needs.

The SLU Prison Program provides educational opportunities to incarcerated men and prison staff at the Eastern Reception, Diagnostic, and Correctional Center (ERDCC) in Bonne Terre, MO. We offer SLU courses to two cohorts of students (incarcerated men and prison staff) leading to an Associate of Arts degree, as well as non-credit arts programming. The Prison Arts & Education Program brings speakers and workshops to the facility, and the Prison Program is currently working to expand our programming to the needs of inmates re-entering society.

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## **Working with Immigrants and Refugees in St. Louis**

Tuesday, April 1  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Immigrant and Refugee Women's Program, School for Professional Studies

The Immigrant and Refugee Women's Program (IRWP) is a non-profit organization that works to increase independence in the immigrant community through teaching basic English and practical living skills. In this session, Pat Joshu and Sarah Paradoski of IRWP will discuss and answer questions pertaining to their work with the immigrant population in St. Louis. Come and learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity.

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## **Pimps, Sex and Public Health: Coffee and Conversation with Sara Rahim**

Tuesday, April 1  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
R.S.V.P. Required

Sponsored By: Political Round Table, Atlas Week

Sara Rahim is a senior Public Health and International Studies major who recently got back from Morocco, where she worked with migrant workers on health issues. Students will get the opportunity to sit down with Sara for coffee and have an informal conversation on how she has learned to concretely apply her SLU

education in an international health setting. We hope that students bring their own dreams and goals to the table and that we can grow in conversation together.

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### **Film: Sahel Calling**

Tuesday, April 1  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 351

Sponsored By: College of Arts & Sciences, Film Studies Program, Department of English, Center for Intercultural Studies, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, Center for International Studies at Saint Louis University, Seventh Annual Africa World Documentary Film Festival, E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in African/African American Studies of the International Studies, Programs at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

*Sahel Calling* embodies the motivational and reconciliatory power of music to confront a radical political agenda and its consequences on peace and survival in West Africa. Using violence to control the population, the radicals also banned music, synonymous with life for many. Based around events in 2012 and 2013 in Mali, the fears and hopes of a terrorized and splintered population are expressed by musicians, the voice of the voiceless. Interviewed at ceremonies, refugee camps and concerts, the musicians demonstrate music's ability to raise global awareness about Mali, its culture and its challenges. The musicians also carry a local message: sing to bear witness, to forgive and to reconcile. A low budget independent film, *Sahel Calling* was released for free as a dedication to Malian people.

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### **Why We Are NOT Having a Serious Discussion on Climate Change**

Tuesday, April 1  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Department of Philosophy, Just Earth

The global catastrophe we call Climate Change is rapidly heading our way. It will happen much sooner and be far worse than is generally understood...and can only be solved / managed GLOBALLY (by Global Citizens). Tragically, the majority of greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction efforts are somewhere between frivolous and fraudulent. GHG reduction efforts at U.S. universities are particularly lamentable. Universities engage in "green" activities that essentially allow for business as usual. As a Jesuit institution, SLU is well positioned to discuss "Creation Resurrecting" (vs. "Creation Crucifying") activities (centering on service, justice, sacrifice, integrity & courage). Universities must not only prepare students for the future, but also do what they can to ensure that future.

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## **The Geostrategic Vortex of Central and South Asia**

Tuesday, April 1  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 256

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

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## **Innovative Education: Outside the Classroom**

Tuesday, April 1  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium

Sponsored By: OneWorld, Center for Global Citizenship, Department of Political Science

OneWorld Magazine will host local organizations that provide St. Louis youth with innovative educational opportunities outside of the classroom, including the Sunflower Project, the Amachi Program, Jonesville Youth & Family Center, the De LaSalle Reading Program, and more! Students will have the chance to meet the young participants involved with these programs and learn about the impact these organizations have on their lives and their communities.

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## **Responses to Global Health Issues**

Tuesday, April 1  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

Students will address the political, ideological, moral, and ethical challenges of a specific health issues.

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## **Food Justice in St. Louis**

Tuesday, April 1  
5:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 254

Sponsored By: Nutrition & Dietetics

Elizabeth Murphy is a senior Nutrition and Dietetics student with a minor in Urban Poverty Studies. She will be discussing green movements in St. Louis addressing issues of hunger and poverty. This will be an informal presentation on ways to get involved and what is happening regarding the food justice movement in St. Louis. Some organizations that will be discussed include International Institute's Global Farm, Campus Kitchen, City Seeds, Cooking Matters, and Food Outreach.

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### **Global Brigades: Empowering Developing Communities Around the World**

Tuesday, April 1  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science, Global Brigades

Four to six student speakers will speak on their experiences working in under-resourced communities such as Ghana, Honduras, and Nicaragua with Global Brigades. There will be a Q&A afterward.

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### **Hijab Fashion Show**

Tuesday, April 1  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Muslim Student Association

For the Hijab Fashion Show, the Hijab Awareness Day participants will come back to meet, learn more about the hijab, and go through a fashion show with all the MSA girls to learn more about the hijab and people's personal background with the hijab.

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### **Comparative Perspectives of the High School Experience: Cultural and Academic Reflections of Current Exchange Students**

Tuesday, April 1  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 C

Sponsored By: Political Science Department

In a panel discussion, high school students, who are current participants in a year-long exchange program with high schools in the metro-east, will compare and contrast cultural and academic elements with respects to high school in America and each participant's country. This panel will be moderated by graduate students Beth Alberty and Meaghan Gass.

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### **Italy at the Crossroads: An Italian Cinema Night**

Tuesday, April 1  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 351

Sponsored By: Modern and Classical Languages Italian Division

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### **Documentary: Crossing Borders**

Tuesday, April 1  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Kelley Lecture Hall

Sponsored By: Office of International Services

The film Crossing Borders is a 70 minute documentary that follows 4 Moroccan and 4 American university students as they trail through Morocco and in the proceeds discover themselves.

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### **Revolutionary Ideas from the Jews for All Humanity**

Tuesday, April 1  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 254

Sponsored By: SLU Jewish Student Association, Chabad

Judaism places a heavy emphasis on education throughout the life time. Through this tradition of learning, the religion has developed many unique and meaningful customs that we believe can be useful and beneficial to all members of humanity. Rabbi Hershey Novack, director and Rabbi at Chabad on Campus - Rohr Center for Jewish Life at Washington University, will discuss these traditions, covering topics from monotheism to the Sabbath, and how the Jewish faith has something to teach everyone.

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### **Responsibility to Protect: Government Responsibilities and Reactions in the Face of Crisis**

Tuesday, April 1  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 256

Sponsored By: Model UN, Department of Political Science

Beginning with a panel discussion on the political, social and ethical facets of the Responsibility to Protect, attendees will be invited to engage in a roundtable discussion on the dilemmas Responsibility to Protect and intervention present.

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

Tuesday, April 1  
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 251

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

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 the poorest 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.

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### **Film: Girl Rising**

Tuesday, April 1  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Baer-Fuller Lecture Hall

Sponsored By: Great Issues Committee, School of Professional Studies

*Girl Rising* tells the stories of nine girls from different parts of the world who face arranged marriages, child slavery, and other heartbreaking injustices. Despite these obstacles, the brave girls offer hope and inspiration. By getting an education, they're able to break barriers and create change. Each girl's story was written by a renowned writer from her native country.

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### **HALO's Gala**

Tuesday, April 1  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium

Sponsored By: Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO)

The Hispanic-American Leadership Organization will be hosting it's first gala! This event will consist of food, dance, dress, and presentations of various Latin countries. Come get a taste of culture from Cuba, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Chile, and Mexico!

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## **Hinduism 101**

Tuesday, April 1  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 C

Sponsored By: Hindu Students Community

This will be a student presentation on Hinduism, where it is practiced, and the differences between how Hinduism is practiced in the U.S. and in India. The presentation will also include information on some of the important festivals that Hindus celebrate.

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## **Mental Health 101**

Tuesday, April 1  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored By: Active Minds

This program will be a safe space for participants to learn more about mental health, and mental health issues that are prevalent in society. A brief, interactive overview of mental disorders and mental health issues will be provided, followed by the opportunity to ask questions and discuss mental health issues. This event will be facilitated by members of Active Minds.

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## **Halting the Spread of HIV/AIDS Globally**

Tuesday, April 1  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Black Student Association

This informal event will highlight the history behind the spread of HIV/AIDS. Presently, South Africa has the highest rate of HIV/AIDS, and often times people are not informed about this information. Therefore there is a need to draw attention to the source of the spread of the disease; which will empower individuals to share in the efforts towards combating the spread of HIV/AIDS globally. Esinam Davies, author and student at Saint Louis University, will be presenting and giving copies of her book, *A Research Work on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in South Africa*, away for free!

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## **Breaking the Silence: Conversations on Race Relations and Oppression in St. Louis**

Tuesday, April 1  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Diversity Leadership Cabinet (DLC)

This dialogue will explore the complex race relations in St. Louis, specifically in regards to SLU and the surrounding areas and neighborhoods. This dialogue will seek to challenge stereotypes and encourage others to seek racial justice in their daily lives by thinking, talking, and actively engaging in conversations on race and its connections to poverty, wealth, health, education outcomes, and privilege, among other things. Join in and lean into the discomfort of inter-group dialogue!

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### **Opening Doors to the World Through Debate in Afghanistan**

Wednesday, April 2, 2014  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: International Initiatives

Four years ago the NGO IFES (International Foundation for Electoral Services) began a British Parliamentary Debate project for university students in Afghanistan. The purpose of the program was to help students improve English, public speaking, research, and critical thinking. Through the program over 20 universities across Afghanistan introduced debate programs with a national tournament as the culminating activity each year. Students represented Afghanistan in international competition. Today students are attending graduate programs in the US and several other countries and have positions in Afghanistan that grew out of their debate experiences. Dr. Diana Carlin, professor of communication and AVP for graduate education and International initiatives, Frozan Maqsoodi, a graduate student in electrical engineering and computer science, and Reshad Farzan, a graduate of one of the universities in Kabul and a St. Louis resident, will describe the program and the impact it had on their lives and cross-cultural understanding.

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### **Learning from Systems: A Cuban Approach to HIV/AIDS**

Wednesday, April 2  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: College of Public Health and Social Justice and University Honors Program

Molly Loughran, a junior Public Health student, will present on the Cuban government's effective and long-lasting response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic which has allowed the country to boast the lowest HIV prevalence in the Caribbean at 0.03%, one-eleventh of the prevalence recorded in the United States. She will outline the components of the Cuban health care system that supported their HIV/AIDS effort and discuss how the United States can take away lessons from this methodology. The College of Public Health and Social Justice and the University Honors Program sponsor this event.

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### **What is the Purpose of Your Education**

Wednesday, April 2  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 251  
Sponsored By: The Atlas Program Planning Committee

Speaker: Shabana Basij-Rasikh

Shabana Basij-Rasikh, the Keynote Speaker for the 2014 Atlas Week Program, will discuss her path to becoming a social activist and how Saint Louis University students can get involved and make a difference in the world.

Born and raised in Kabul, Shabana finished high school in the U.S. through the State Department's Youth Exchange Studies program. She went on to attend Middlebury College, graduating magna cum laude in International Studies and Women & Gender Studies in 2011. In college, she founded HELA, a non-profit to empower Afghan women through education. She also raised funds across the U.S. to build a high school for girls in her ancestral village, and wells in the outskirts of Kabul.

In 2008, Shabana co-founded School of Leadership, Afghanistan (SOLA), a nonprofit that helps exceptional young Afghan women access education worldwide and jobs back home. SOLA scholars attend boarding schools, colleges and graduate programs in the U.S. and around the world. SOLA's mission is to provide these future leaders of Afghanistan with global educational opportunities so that they can-and will-return home to develop Afghan solutions to Afghan problems.

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### **Solidarity, Mutuality, Kinship: A Student Perspective on Accompaniment in Nicaragua**

Wednesday, April 2  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Mev Puleo Scholarship in Latin American Theology, Politics, and Culture and Department of Theological Studies

Theology students share their reflections on a 10-week immersion experience in Nicaragua living, working, and worshipping with the poor of Ciudad Sandino. Focusing on the theology of accompaniment, students reflect on the themes of solidarity, mutuality, and kinship as they seek to implement lessons learned in one of the poorest countries of Latin America in order to live more just lives here at home.

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### **Pecha Kucha**

Wednesday, April 2  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Des Peres 108

Sponsored By: Office of Study Abroad

Pecha Kucha is a type of presentation/karaoke that first became popular in Japan. For this session, we will need several students who studied in different parts of the world. Each of the students will need to submit 13 photos prior to the 19th. The pictures will be on a slide show and the students only have 20 seconds to explain each of the photos. This rapid pace visual arts presentation can be used to discuss your experiences abroad. This will be a great opportunity to share your photos and experiences with prospective and returned study abroad students.

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## **Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Luke Yarbrough: Scholarship and Identity: Engaging “Other” Traditions**

Wednesday, April 2  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
R.S.V.P. Required

Sponsored By: Political Round Table and Atlas Program Planning Committee

Dr. Luke Yarbrough from the history department will be talking about his experience in studying and living in the context of a society very different from the one he grew up in. He will refer to historical examples of individuals who've done the same, and to ask the audience to reflect on the challenges and concerns as well as the promise of academic study across traditional national, religious, and cultural boundaries. Hopefully we could make some progress toward defining and addressing those challenges. Dr. Yarbrough specializes in Middle Eastern history and has lived and worked in Egypt as a Fulbright Fellow.

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## **The Nations Are Coming to St. Louis...What Are We Going to do About It?**

Wednesday, April 2  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 251

Sponsored By: Amnesty International, Department of Political Science

Mark Akers, the Executive Director of Oasis, will be talking briefly to explain the plight of the refugee that arrives here from a war torn situation, having lost their home, family members, their livelihood and their country....with many times nothing except the clothes on their back. Mark will then introduce refugees now living in Saint Louis who have been aided by Oasis, who will then, in turn, share their own personal stories of struggle and success.

Oasis is a non-profit organization that was founded in Saint Louis in 1982, and now has centers in 43 different cities, nationwide. Nationally, their focus has been on providing stimulating activities and educational opportunities for the elderly. However, the St. Louis center has taken a special interest in aiding the many impoverished immigrants who come to our city seeking refuge. They provide services such as language classes, daycare services, and the distribution of donations of furniture in order to help these individuals and families start their new lives.

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## **Gender Disparities in Education: The Role of NGO Schools in India**

Wednesday, April 2  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: College of Education and Public Service and School for Professional Studies

Dr. Amrita Chaturvedi, Dr. Jennifer Roberts and Dr. Mary Chittooran, Associate Professor of Educational Studies, will present on educational disparities Northern India and how NGO schools are providing alternative schooling options for disadvantaged populations. They will discuss gender inequities and provide a first-hand encounter on developing and running an NGO school.

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## **Trans-Pacific Partnership**

Wednesday, April 2  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored By: Social Work Association

Learn about the serious implications that the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) could have on our society if passed, and what people in the St. Louis community are doing to stop it. Often called "NAFTA on steroids," the TPP is an international Free Trade agreement that threatens labor rights, the environment, public health, internet freedoms, regulating Wall Street, sustainable agriculture, national sovereignty, democracy, and more. The Obama administration is trying to "fast track" this agreement that has been kept a secret from legislators, the media, and the public alike.

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## **Nature Knows No Borders: Trans-Border Education and Collaboration on Environmental Issues in the Middle East**

Wednesday, April 2  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 C

Sponsored By: SLU Jewish Student Association

Gail Wechsler is a lawyer that works for Jewish Community Relations Council in Saint Louis. She has traveled to Israel to work with several groups doing educational work on environmental issues. This has led to collaborative projects among Jews, Palestinians and Jordanians. This presentation will focus on the importance of education and collaboration in regards to the natural resources of the region.

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## **Learning and Teaching Abroad: From Spain to Ethiopia**

Wednesday, April 2  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A  
Sponsored By: Office of Study Abroad

Join SLU students Lauren and Aroona as they talk about their experiences learning and teaching abroad, from all over Spain to Ethiopia. Come hear their stories about embracing cultural differences, language barriers, and their unexpected journeys and life-long friendships! Light, Ethiopian refreshments will be provided as well as an opportunity for a full on cultural experience.

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## **Film: "Man Up and Go"**

Wednesday, April 2

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Busch Student Center 351

Sponsored By: College of Arts & Sciences, Film Studies Program, Africa World Documentary Film Festival, Department of English, Center for Intercultural Studies, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, and Center for International Studies

"When Roger went to Ethiopia to get his adopted daughter, she was 6 months old, but only 7 pounds, dying. Roger asked himself, Is there a way out of this? He called his dad and heard words that rocked his core: Roger, man up! If she dies, at least she will die in the arms of a father. Roger had to inspire men to be better husbands and fathers, so he launched the Man Up movement. With 28 other men, they traveled to the depths of Africa to love big on orphans and the least of these. In the end, the men discover their lives were impacted the most. They travel home but will they be the same?"

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## **Chemistry: Creating a Better Future**

Wednesday, April 2

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored By: Chemistry Club

Undergraduates of the SLU chemistry club will be performing several demos, led by Saketh Javvaji. Fire in a Bottle: Place an alcohol fuel in a glass bottle and ignite the fuel to produce an internal, colorful flame. CD Bubble: Melting a CD, so that the plastic is extremely malleable and blowing a molten-plastic, sturdy bubble. Wire through Ice: Running a thin wire through a block of ice. The ice will refreeze so that the wire will be in the middle of the ice block. Reigniting the vapor trail of a candle: Extinguish a candle flame, which releases a vapor trail for the wick. Reignite that vapor trail will cause the flame to follow the trail back to the wick, relighting the candle. Boiling water in a paper bag: Fill a paper bag with water over a flame. The water prevents the paper bag from igniting, but the water can still boil in the bag. Elephant Toothpaste: Mixing hydrogen peroxide into soapy water. A catalyst is added to break down hydrogen peroxide into hydrogen and oxygen. The large amount of oxygen produced will be trapped within the soap bubbles and expand into a foam like substance.

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## **Bosnians in St. Louis**

Wednesday, April 2

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Medical Center Library, Boeing Institute of International Business, and Department of English & Communication - Fontbonne University

St. Louis is home to an estimated 60,000 Bosnians, making it the largest population outside of Bosnia. Escaping the conflict that took place in the early 1990s in the former Yugoslavia, Bosnian refugees started to settle in St. Louis as early as 1993, and since then their numbers have consistently grown. The community has

been an influential and significant contribution to the local area. This panel discusses who St. Louis Bosnians are, their characteristics and influences and the future of the community.

Speakers:

--Ajlina Karamelic Muratovic, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, SLU

--Patrick McCarthy, Director Medical Center Library, Associate Dean, SLU

--Benjamin Moore, Associate Professor, English and Communication, Fontbonne University

--Danielle Stevens, Program Coordinator, Boeing Institute of International Business, SLU

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### **This is Russia: American Perceptions of Modern Russia**

Wednesday, April 2

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Busch Student Center 256

Sponsored By: Russian Club, Model UN

The presentation will use a variety of mass media representations of Russians (particularly as they surround the 2014 Olympic Games) to illustrate how Americans view Russians today, followed by a discussion of the accuracy of such portrayals.

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### **Social Justice Fair**

Wednesday, April 2

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium

Sponsored By: Center for Service and Community Engagement and Service Leadership Program

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 hand at the first ever Social Justice Fair, on Wednesday April 9th 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!

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### **Mumbai is My Classroom: A Student Roundtable on Globalization and Education**

Wednesday, April 2

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room

Sponsored By: Center for International Studies

International Studies students who have participated in a special topics class, Conversations in Globalization, will have a roundtable discussion about their experiences in the hybrid-online travel course at SLU that matched up students from four universities on four different continents first online and then in Mumbai, India for a week of transformative global and intercultural education experiences.

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## **Fulbright Grants and Other Resources for International Study**

Wednesday, April 2  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 352/353

Sponsored By: Office of Post-Baccalaureate Scholarships & Fellowships, Office of Study Abroad, Department of Modern & Classical Languages, Center for International Studies

Fulbright Grants and Other Resources for International Studies will provide several brief presentations on opportunities for international study, with a particular focus on Fulbright Grants, which provide opportunities for undergraduates, post-graduates, and faculty to learn and study abroad. Panelists will include two faculty members who have recently completed and undergraduates who applied for Fulbright Academic and English Teaching Assistant awards during the past year. Duane Smith (Post-Bac Scholarships & Fellowships) will present on Fulbright opportunities for undergraduates - UK Fulbright Summer Institutes - and Annie Cavedine (International Programs/Study Abroad) will highlight other international funding and scholarship opportunities such as the Boren Scholarships and Fellowships, the Gilman

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## **Culture Alive!**

Wednesday, April 2  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
John Cook School of Business, Anheuser-Busch Auditorium

Sponsored By: Boeing Institute of International Business, 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 SCHNEIKL@SLU.EDU ---or call 314-977-3898 for more information.

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## **Meds and Foods for Kids. Local Hands - Bright Future: The Smart Plan for Haiti**

Wednesday, April 2  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: School of Social Work, Meds & Food for Kids

Speaker: Ashley Casan Holmes  
Development Manager, Meds and Food for Kids

Ashley comes to MFK by way of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, where she received an MSW with a concentration in social and economic development. She has five years nonprofit development and program management experience. However, it is Ashley's commitment to the promotion of healthy and thriving children, that makes her a great addition to the MFK development team. The Problem: One in ten children in Haiti is acutely malnourished and one in five is underweight. One in 14 will die before reaching the age of 5.

The Solution: Malnutrition in Haiti is the result of a combination of factors, most of which are not addressed by rescue operations and handouts. While the needs are great, a permanent, sustainable solution for Haiti is within reach. Meds & Food for Kids has a four-pronged plan that not only saves lives, but puts Haiti on the path to a stronger future. Meds and Food for Kids' approach is to use local labor and local resources to manufacture Medika Mamba, a treatment for malnutrition, which in turn develops the local economy.

Join Ashley Holmes, Director of Development for Meds & Food for Kids (MFK) as she discusses how community development, education and passion can ignite change. Currently, MFK works to save the lives of Haiti's malnourished children and other nutritionally vulnerable people. MFK accomplishes it's mission by developing, producing, and distributing highly nutritious foods, including the gold-standard Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF). These food products are made in Haiti, using Haitian workers and, whenever possible, Haitian raw materials. Haitians call the RUTF "Medika Mamba" - or "Peanut Butter Medicine" in Creole.

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## **The Critical Years**

Wednesday, January 2

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Griesedieck Complex, Blue Room

Sponsored By: Diversity and Unity Learning Community, Women's and Gender Studies Program

Join the Diversity and Unity Learning Community in a lecture and discussion with Dr. Ina Seethaler of the Women's and Gender Studies Department in a journey through the "Critical Years" of identity development. Engage in the conversation about the unspoken gender norm "education" which influences our gender identity development. Learn from others and share your own opinions on this broad topic. Enjoy snacks and beverages provided by the Diversity and Unity Learning Community. Overall, gain new perspectives and some free food.

Dr. Ina Seethaler has a full-time instructor position in Women's and Gender Studies at SLU. Her main research interests are gender, migration, and ethnicity. She is currently also working on a project related to feminist service-learning. Dr. Seethaler has published about cross-dressing in the fiction of early Japanese immigrants to the U.S. and about a spoof mail-order bride website that fights Asian women's hypersexualization through aggressive humor. She was awarded a dissertation fellowship and a pre-doctoral fellowship at SLU and received the 2013 Walter J. Ong Award as well as the 2011 RMMLA Women's Caucus Award for best feminist paper at their annual conference.

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## **Afghanistan Beyond Western Media**

Wednesday, April 2

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Busch Student Center 251

Sponsored: The Atlas Program Planning Committee

Speaker: Shabana Basij-Rasikh

Shabana Basij-Rasikh, the Keynote Speaker for the 2014 Atlas Program, will discuss her inside view of Afghanistan - a view very different from that portrayed in the Western media. A view of hope from one young female educator with a bright vision for the future of Afghanistan.

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### **Getting Involved in North Saint Louis: Establishing Collaborations Following the North Saint Louis Symposium**

Wednesday, April 2

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: North Saint Louis Initiative, Center for Service and Community Engagement, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, Doisy College of Health Sciences, Department of Behavioral Science & Health Education, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of Public Health and Social Justice

The fall 2013 North Saint Louis Initiative Symposium provided an initial forum for SLU students, SLU faculty members, and community partners to highlight ongoing projects in North Saint Louis; however, continued opportunities to form collaborations are essential to ensuring the success of North Saint Louis efforts. This Atlas Week event will briefly report the results of the North Saint Louis Initiative Symposium evaluation before providing open time for students and faculty members to network with community partners.

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### **Book Signing with Salman Ahmad: Rock and Roll Jihad**

Wednesday, April 2

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Busch Student Center, Wool Ballroom 170

Sponsored By: The Atlas Program Planning Committee, Center for Global Citizenship

Come meet Salman Ahmad, founder of South Asia's biggest rock band, Junoon! He will be available to sign his book, Rock and Roll Jihad, and his CDs will be available for sale. And don't forget the Junoon live concert on Friday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the Wool Ballrooms, Busch Student Center at Saint Louis University.

Biography: Salman Ahmad, one of South Asia's most influential cultural figures, is a musician, physician and United Nations goodwill ambassador. With his wife, Samina, he launched an NGO called the Salman & Samina Global Wellness Initiative, focused on interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue, global health and wellness, and music education.

Ahmad popularized a blend of Western rock music and Eastern/Islamic music that has been called "Sufi rock" and that has been hailed as a cultural bridge within South Asia and between the East and West.

Born in Lahore, Pakistan, Ahmad spent his teenage years in New York before returning to Lahore to train as a medical doctor.

Turning then to his true passion of music, Ahmad founded South Asia's biggest rock band, Junoon, in 1990. The band faced death threats and harassment from religious extremists and government forces in its early years, but Junoon's sweeping melodies, bhangra rock rhythms and driving guitars led it to become known as "the U2 of South Asia."

Junoon has sold over 25 million albums worldwide and has shared the stage with artists such as Melissa Etheridge, Alicia Keys, Sting, Earth Wind and Fire, and Wyclef Jean. Ahmad has recently co-written and recorded a song with academy award winning artist Melissa Etheridge called Ring the Bells.

Ahmad led Junoon in a 2001 performance at the U.N. General Assembly Hall-the first such rock performance in that hall. In 2007 Junoon performed at the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo. The group defied death threats from militants to perform in 2008 in the valley of Kashmir -- the first rock concert to be held in Srinagar.

Jon Pareles of the New York Times has described Junoon as "South Asia's answer to Santana," and the Wall Street Journal called Junoon's eclectic music "a powerful combination of Led Zeppelin and traditional South Asian percussion like tabla and dholak."

Ahmad has written a memoir for Simon and Schuster titled Rock and Roll Jihad (scheduled for publication in early 2010) and has written commentaries for the Washington Post's "On Faith" website. He is also a member of the Brookings institute's US-Islamic arts & culture panel for public diplomacy.

Ahmad has appeared on major television networks such as CNN, FOX, ABC, NBC, AL-Jazeera and AL-Arabiya and has been the subject of two documentary films: "The Rockstar and the Mullahs" and "Its My Country Too" for PBS/Wide Angle and the BBC.

Hollywood actress Susan Sarandon also presented a documentary on Junoon for VH1 titled, "Islamabad: Rock City."

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## **Health in Black America**

Wednesday, April 2  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored By: Society of African American Studies, Department of African American Studies

This event will specialize in the health of African Americans from an internal and external perspective. The speakers will speak to health in terms of nutrition, exercise and how it pertains to the entire person. One speaker will divulge into hair care and the importance of taking care of our various skin types.

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## **TED Debate: Does the World Need Nuclear Energy?**

Wednesday, April 2  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Baer-Fuller Lecture Hall  
Sponsored By: Just Earth

Nuclear power: the energy crisis has even die-hard environmentalists reconsidering it. Join Just Earth as we watch the first-ever TED debate, with Stewart Brand and Mark Z. Jacobson squaring off over the pros and

cons of nuclear energy. A discussion will follow the screening that will make you think -- and might even change your mind about nuclear energy. Food from India's Rasoi will be catered!

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### **The Salman and Samina Ahmad Global Wellness Initiative (SSGWI)**

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Busch Student Center, Wool Ballroom 170

Sponsored By: The Atlas Program Planning Committee, Center for Global Citizenship

Speakers: Dr. Salman Ahmad, Pakistani rock star, and Dr. Samina Ahmad, M.D. and Holistic Health Practitioner will discuss the work of SSGWI.

The Salman and Samina Global Wellness Initiative (SSGWI) is dedicated to making a tangible difference all around the world in a way that increases understanding, cooperation and mutual enrichment among cultures. This New York-based NGO focuses on three main areas: interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue; global health and wellness; and music education. Throughout their lives, Salman and Samina Ahmad have worked on raising social awareness and bringing people together, through music, media and advocacy. SSGWI further enables them to draw a worldwide network of partners into their efforts to connect East and West in life-affirming ways.

SSGWI is working on two projects in Pakistan, the "Model village project" in Sajawal, Thatta in Sind Pakistan, where they have adopted a village Suleman Mallah and are building houses for the flood affected villagers. This will be the first model village of its kind and will provide Holistic Health, education, vocational training, and playground and solar energy to the villagers. Through the SSGWI "Women's Wellness Initiative", Samina has adopted a school in Mansehra, Pakistan where she is providing Academic and Holistic Health education to local girls in order to empower them to raise healthy families.

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### **Knowing What You're Looking For**

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Dubourg Hall Sinefield State Room, Room 409

Sponsored By: Hispanic American Leadership Organization, Cross Cultural Center

The life we desire is completely limited by the life we believe we can have according to our conditioning and our diverse environments. Understanding that we already have the life we believe we can have is the only way to arrive at the life we desire. Everything we need in order to have the life that we desire is already within us. Shayla Rivera is a former Aerospace Engineer with NASA turned Keynote Speaker, TV Host, Emcee/Host, Humorist, Comedian, Actor, Writer, Producer and Awareness Expert. Rivera will help you get clear about your beliefs and thus start the process of removing the limiting beliefs that stand in our way. For more information on Shayla, visit: <http://www.funnyrocketscientist.com/>

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## **Eastern Religions**

Wednesday, April 2  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Interfaith Alliance

SLU Interfaith Alliance will be hosting a dialogue to discuss the religions of Asia and Eastern Asia, including Taoism, the various branches of Buddhism, Shintoism, Hinduism and Jainism, as well as others. Like our other dialogues, this will consist of 2-4 speakers (TBD) who will speak on their perspective

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## **Universal Primary Education: A Second Look at an Important Millennium Development Goal**

Wednesday, April 2  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Students United for Africa

SUFA will be looking at some facts about the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and will discuss the goal of achieving universal primary education. Participants will break into small groups for an exercise to discuss the goal and create their own development goals related to education.

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## **Coffee and Conversation with Shabana Basij-Rasikh**

Thursday, April 3  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
[R.S.V.P. Required](#)

Sponsored By: Atlas Week, Political Round Table

Come join this year's keynote speaker, Shabana Basij-Rasikh, and Political Round Table for an intimate discussion on pursuing a career in social justice. Come learn the hardships, advantages and disadvantages of being an activist in today's world. Interested in social justice issues but don't know what to do after college? Want to start a non-profit or run a human rights campaign? Find out how she does it. Shabana will be sharing on why she chose his career and how his path led to where she is today. Please don't miss this opportunity to simply sit, have coffee and chat with and learn from someone who has spent her life working toward social change in her own community. Only 30 spots available! R.S.V.P. is required.

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## **Enchanted Makeovers: The Sacred Sewing Room**

Thursday, April 3  
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Busch Student Center 256

Sponsored By: Alpha Phi Omega (APO), Center for Service and Community Engagement (CSCE)

Enchanted makeovers is a non-profit organization who has started a sacred sewing room program to transform shelters for women and children from surviving to thriving spaces. This program gives the opportunity to empower women with skills that will essentially help them provide for themselves and their children. This summer, enchanted makeovers will be coming to St. Louis and transforming a room in the women's safe house of St. Louis to a sacred sewing room. Come find out about how you can help with this movement! For more information visit: [http://enchantedmakeovers.org/category\\_41/Sacred-Sewing-Room.htm](http://enchantedmakeovers.org/category_41/Sacred-Sewing-Room.htm)

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## **Rights and Humanity: Pioneering the Human Rights Approach**

Thursday, April 3  
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

Dr. Andy Price holds a PhD from Manchester Metropolitan University with a specialization in political theory, human rights and ecological thought and practice. He is Senior Lecturer in Politics at Sheffield Hallam University, UK. During Atlas Week, he is a special guest lecturer in the Department of Political Science at Saint Louis University. The international human rights organisation, Rights and Humanity, is a multi-faith, multi-cultural international movement linking people from many faiths and walks of life and of various political opinions in order to promote respect for human rights as a foundation for global economic and social justice and human development. Through what it calls the 'human rights approach', Rights and Humanity aims to prevent and relieve human suffering by the translation of the norms of human rights and responsibilities into reality in public policy, corporate practice, and professional and daily life. In this talk, Dr Andy Price describes the work and achievements of Rights and Humanity and highlights how they tap into the as yet unfulfilled potential of the international human rights regime.

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## **Achieving Optimal Wellness with Holistic Approaches**

Thursday, April 3  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Learning Resources Center, Pitlyk Auditorium A

Sponsored By: Global Health Learning Community

Speaker: Dr. Samina Ahmad, M.D., Co-Founder, The Salman & Samina Global Wellness Initiative (SSGWI)

Dr. Samina Ahmad, M.D., will discuss how to build a lifestyle of maximum health and vitality by cultivating principles of energy healing, mindful meditation, nutrition, restful sleep, and laughter. The focus will be on the importance of Ayurvedic science in achieving spontaneous healing through nutrition. As Dr. Samina comes from a medical background, she will also touch on the personal benefits of practicing Ayurvedic principals and the impact this has had on her family's health.

About the Speaker:

A graduate of the University of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan with a Medical Doctor degree, she began her medical career at Services Hospital as an Internal Medicine Physician in the Senior Gastroenterology Department. She later worked at the National Institute of Child Health, Karachi, and started her Family Practice.

Deeply concerned about healthcare and its availability to underprivileged women and children, Dr. Samina subsequently opened and built a school and a hospital in Karachi, Pakistan, facilitating the care for thousands of women and children who do not have ready access to medical services.

Dr. Ahmad concurrently developed a second career in scriptwriting, directing, producing and hosting highly popular television programs on health and nutrition. Comparable to a Martha Stewart of Pakistan, for many years, Dr. Ahmad hosted television programs on healthful cooking, family issues, and nutrition.

She graduated as a Health Counselor from INN and qualified for National Certification as a "Holistic Health Practitioner" by the American Association of Drugless Practitioners.

Dr. Samina is a Chopra University Certified Perfect Health Consultant and Ayurveda Coach and runs her Wellness Center, "Samina's Wellness" in New York. The Association of Ayurvedic Professionals of North America Certified Dr. Samina as a Registered Ayurvedic Lifestyle Consultant (R.A.L.C.)

Samina, launched (SSGWI), the New York-based NGO that focuses on interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue, global health and wellness, and education.

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### **Immigration in Saint Louis: Challenges and Opportunities**

Thursday, April 3  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
School of Law, Scott Hall 1066

Sponsored By: School of Law

#### **Speakers:**

Anna Crosslin, President and CEO, International Institute of Saint Louis  
Betsy Heller Cohen, Project Director, Saint Louis Mosaic Project, Immigration Initiative, World Trade Center Saint Louis  
Rebecca L. Feldmann, Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Missouri Immigration Law Project; Officer of Missouri/Kansas Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association

#### **Moderator:**

Professor Constance Wagner, Saint Louis University School of Law

The purpose of the panel is to highlight the need for greater foreign immigration into the Saint Louis region and to address some of the legal and social challenges associated with immigration in the region.

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### **Celebrating International Student-Athletes**

Thursday, April 3  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
John Cook School of Business, Anheuser-Busch Auditorium

Sponsored By: Department of Management & Sports Business, John Cook School of Business

International student-athletes (ISAs) from our greater STL region as well as others from various US regions alongside graduates will share their life stories, sports and educational experiences, and show how their journey and US pursuits shaped their lives. These individuals hail from five continents and numerous countries,

they all had an athletic talent in common, and they all followed different paths that led them to their US educational destinations combining academics and sports. Some have horror and war stories to share, some had pleasant and uplifting experiences, and they all used sports as the medium to make a difference and pursue opportunities that they otherwise would not have been granted. Next to several other outcomes this profound, lively, and interactive session will yield, attendees may enjoy a truly universal overview of young people's concerns, hopes, trends in each country of origin, and realize that sports may indeed contribute to a more balanced, fair, and promising future. The session will incorporate live video streaming to former ISAs who returned home, and carried back several important lessons from the US.

Moderator: Dr. Anastasios Kaburakis - SLU JCSB MGT & Sport Business Program, Chair of the international academic/practitioners' ISAs research consortium, international educational exchange programs', international sport federations', and international sport consulting firms' legal advisor.

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### **Their Voice Matters**

Thursday, April 3  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Department of Fine and Performing Arts

Their Voice Matters is a program where students from SLU go to a group who are underrepresented and forgotten, and alongside them, write a show. The point is not only to have a finished product, but the time spent with them, proving to them that people care about what they have to say. This year, we are going to a group of underprivileged children in Centralia, IL, and the final show goes up April 11 at G62 Xavier Hall.

This presentation focuses on the methods used to communicate and connect with the children, illustrated with audio and video recordings of the sessions that we used to build the script. The program was produced, directed, and designed by student Austin Beals.

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### **Arab Uprisings**

Thursday, April 3  
12:45 - 2:15 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Middle Eastern Student Association, Department of Political Science

Dr. Ann Wainscott's class "Arab Uprisings" in collaboration with MESA (Middle Eastern Student Association) will be hosting an event that will give a breakdown of the what the Arab Spring is/was. Participants will then break up into discussion groups in which MESA members will facilitate the discussion.

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### **International Poetry Recital**

Thursday, April 4  
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center, Saint Louis Room

Sponsored By: Department of Modern & Classical Languages

Our annual International Poetry Recital features students of the Department of Modern & Classical Languages reading poems in a variety of world languages. English translations of all poems will be provided and projected onto a screen behind the readers. In addition, there will be skits and songs performed in foreign languages. We also hope to have musical interludes within the program.

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### **Lockean Privacy and the Courts: An Avenue for LGBT Rights in America**

Thursday, April 3  
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 B

Sponsored By: Department of Political Science

Jesse Doggendorf will present his work, which contends that the privacy argument is the best avenue to ensure favorable outcomes for LGBT activists in the courts. In the United States, minorities consistently attempt to have their rights recognized within the courts. One of these minorities, the LGBT community, has fought their specific type of oppression through different legal arguments - ranging from individual liberty guarantees to the condemnation of moral legislation. The variety of arguments and legal issues within LGBT cases has led to disagreements concerning the usefulness of each approach in obtaining the desired outcomes. I argue that the most successful and pragmatic route to equal rights for this community lies in the privacy arguments which have proven successful in the past. More specifically, advocacy for LGBT plaintiffs should be based in Lockean ideals concerning privacy. These ideals, properly understood, construct an umbrella under which the LGBT community may expect substantial progress in governmental recognition of its rights without negatively affecting their interests in equality.

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### **Civic Education and Women's Political Participation in Pakistan**

Thursday, April 3  
2:15 - 3:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Atlas Planning Committee, Center for Global Citizenship

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### **Climate Change at SLU: Food for Thought**

Thursday, April 3  
2:15 - 3:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 C

Sponsored By: Department of Philosophy, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biology

Catastrophic climate change is rapidly heading our way. It will happen much sooner and be far worse than is generally understood...and can only be solved / managed globally (by global citizens). Well within the lifetime of undergraduates, climate change is likely to become the most pressing problem facing humanity. This panel will

generate a discussion on climate change...including how we will feed current students in the coming decades (as planetary climate changes); and how scientists could do a better job of informing politicians (and the public) about climate change.

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### **Controversies in Short-Term Medical Mission Trips**

Thursday, April 3  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By:

Speaker: Nicholas Comninellis, M.D., President of the Institute for International Medicine

Short-term medical mission trips are a popular phenomena among North American healthcare professionals. Beyond a gesture of compassion, however, serious questions may surround the professional ethics and actual effectiveness of this practice. Short-term medical missions is often further complicated by concerns connected with limited time commitment, inadequate resources, unfamiliar cultural context, and lack of continuity following departure. The key element in assuring that such missions are both ethical and effective is national partnerships: cooperation with healthcare professionals, healthcare institutions and/or educational institutions in the host nation. Such partnership may involve provision of materials, instruction, and/or special services - always in collaboration with, and ideally, under the direction of national leaders.

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### **Film: Seeds of Hope**

Thursday, April 3  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 254

Sponsored By: College of Arts & Sciences, Film Studies Program, Africa World Documentary Film Festival, Department of English, Center for Intercultural Studies, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, and Center for International Studies

In a corner of Eastern Congo one woman puts herself at risk every day to help thousands of Congolese rape survivors embark on a journey of healing. Seeds of Hope tells the story of Masika, herself the victim of multiple rapes, who runs a center that helps other rape survivors and children born from rape come to terms with what they have lived through. The women and children farm a small patch of land together that provides them with an income, a sense of stability and a form of therapy. However, the battle against endemic rape is far from over. Filmed over two years, Seeds of Hope takes us deep into the lives of women and children rarely seen.

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### **Food Sustainability Community Panel**

Thursday, April 3  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room

Sponsored By: Center for Service and Community Engagement, Center for Sustainability

The Center for Service and Community Engagement and the Center for Sustainability will host the first Food Sustainability Community Panel discussing food sustainability in a local and international context, and how it is affected by problems like international mobility, climate change, and socio-economic forces. The panel will be comprised of two members of the Saint Louis University, Kelley Belina and Mildred Mattfeld-Berman, and the St. Louis community, Rachel Levi, Program Manager of Earth Dance Farms, and Joel Walker, Global Farms Coordinator for the International Institute, who will speak for sixty minutes on the impact these forces have on food systems, followed by a thirty minute open question and answer session. Light refreshments will be served.

The Food Security Community Panel complements ATLAS week's theme of "Education: Inspiring the Flames of Change" by highlighting local and global problems, how they intersect, and actions organizations are taking to create solutions. It also complements the CSCE's Trash to Treasure program, an initiative designed to raise awareness about the benefit to the global community of sustainable alternatives to throwing away unwanted items. The Trash to Treasure donation drive benefits St. Louis area non-profits and will run from April 22nd-May 13th.

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### **108 Sun Salutations**

Thursday, April 3  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 353

Sponsored By: Doisy College of Health Sciences, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Interested in challenging your body and mind? Curious about the ancient yoga practice of 108 sun salutations? This session with Lauren DeValk will explore the various cultural and historical meanings behind this spiritual ritual. It will specifically focus on the significance of the number 108. It will also give participants the chance to actually engage in the physical tradition of the salutations. All of the yoga poses will be explained and demonstrated. Participants should wear comfortable clothing that they can move around in. Those who attend will be encouraged to listen to their bodies, pay attention to their breath and go at their own pace.

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### **Sharia Law 101**

Thursday, April 3  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 D

Sponsored By: Muslim Student Association

A story can take two seemingly different people regardless of their race, nationality, language, color and personal baggage and allows them to relate. Stories can be breathtaking, inspirational, heart-breaking or just hilarious. We truly believe that the majority of our struggles exist because we don't know, or take the time to learn each other's stories. The Muslim Monologues are an opportunity for students to share stories related to their experiences as Muslims and as humans, through original, candid and personal performances. This program is an opportunity for learning, critical thinking, challenging of biases and discussion.

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## **Signature Symposium Featuring Shabana Basij-Rasikh: "Dare to Educate Afghan Girls"**

Thursday, April 3

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Busch Student Center, Wool Ballrooms

Sponsored by: The Atlas Planning Committee

Shabana Basij-Rasikh is co-founder and president of the School of Leadership, Afghanistan (SOLA), a nonprofit that helps exceptional young Afghan women access education worldwide and jobs back home. SOLA may be the only girls' boarding school in Afghanistan. The school's innovative college preparatory program is well underway to becoming the first internationally recognized and accredited secondary boarding school in the country.

Born and raised in Kabul, Shabana finished high school in the U.S. through the State Department's Youth Exchange Studies program. She went on to attend Middlebury College, graduating magna cum laude in International Studies and Women & Gender Studies in 2011. In college, she founded HELA, a nonprofit to empower Afghan women through education. She also raised funds across the U.S. to build a girls' high school in her ancestral village, and wells in the outskirts of Kabul. In 2011-2012, Shabana was the National Gender Mainstreaming Advisor at the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development in Kabul.

In 2008, Shabana co-founded SOLA to create education and leadership opportunities for a new generation of Afghan women. SOLA seeks to prepare Afghan secondary students for higher education and to nurture their visions for their country. After two to three years studying at Kabul, SOLA helps qualified candidates access good schools in the region and around the world. Most of these young women are the first generation in their families to be educated. Once they've graduated college, some with advanced degrees, SOLA continues to work to help them find substantive positions in the public, private, and civil sectors back home. These students are the generation that can bring peace and prosperity back to Afghanistan.

Growing numbers of SOLA alumnae with college degrees are poised to return home to contribute to rebuilding their country. SOLA's mission is to provide these future leaders of Afghanistan with global educational opportunities so that they can-and will-return home to develop Afghan solutions to Afghan problems.

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## **Music is Power: School of Rock Film Screening**

Thursday, April 3

7:00 - 9:45 p.m.

Busch Student Center 352

Sponsored By: SLU Music Honor Society

SLU Music Honor Society will sponsor a School of Rock film screening in efforts to demonstrate the importance of music education in our global society. For more information on the film, visit <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0332379/>

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## **The Global Classrooms: Lessons Learned While Traveling**

Thursday, April 3  
8:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Wilderness Adventure Club

The Global Classroom is a chance for SLU students to share their experiences on traveling. The Wilderness Adventure Club will be facilitating this discussion. Whether you went abroad for the semester, participated in a service trip or went on an amazing vacation, you have a story to tell! We will be focusing on how travel helps us to learn about ourselves, others and social issues. All are welcome to share their stories and listen to others! Snacks will be provided.

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### **Film: "Mountains Will Move"**

Friday, April 4  
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: College of Arts & Sciences, Film Studies Program, Department of English, Center for Intercultural Studies, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, and Center for International Studies at Saint Louis University in partnership with the Seventh 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

Film description follows: "In the shadow of Africa's highest peaks, a new generation of Tanzanian girls struggle to overcome poverty and inequality. On the other side of the world, an all-female group of Australian teenagers sets out to raise money and awareness by taking on a challenge of new heights. What begins as a movement to offer a helping hand turns into a journey for two groups of young women that will climb together side by side to reach for the top of one of the highest mountains in Africa, Mount Meru (14,977 feet). Theirs is a touching story that reminds us that the efforts of working together can yield unimaginable results, and that by empowering girls today we ensure a brighter world for the women of tomorrow."

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### **Cooking Demo with Samina Ahmad: Pakistan's "Martha Stewart" of Healthy Living**

Friday, April 4  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
R.S.V.P. Required

Sponsored By: Atlas Planning Committee, Center for Global Citizenship

Dr. Samina Ahmad graduated from the University of Punjab, in Pakistan with a degree in medicine, and has worked at Services Hospital, the National Institute of Child Health, and as a Casualty Medical Officer. She started her own practice at the Family Practice Health Care Clinic for Women and Children. Deeply concerned about healthcare and its availability to underprivileged women and children, Dr. Ahmad subsequently built and administered the Al-Rehman Welfare Trust & Medical Center in Karachi, Pakistan. Along with her husband,

she launched the Salman and Samina Global Wellness Initiative (SSGWI). The New York-based NGO focuses on three main areas: interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue, global health and wellness, and music education.

Dr. Ahmad concurrently developed a second career in scriptwriting, directing, producing, and hosting numerous highly popular television programs targeted at healthcare, nutrition, family planning and social issues. Compared as the Martha Stewart of Pakistan, for many years, Dr. Ahmad hosted television programs on healthful cooking, family issues, and nutrition. Come join us as Samina will demonstrate and discuss healthy ways to cook South Asian food.

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### **Parade of Nations 2014**

Friday, April 4  
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
The Quad

Sponsored By: International Student Federation, Billiken World Festival Planning Committee, and Cross Cultural Center

The Parade of Nations kicks off the Billiken World Festival activities and features SLU students carrying flags from around the world.

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### **Global Health Learning Community Distinction Presentations**

Friday, April 4  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Learning Resources Center, Rooms 112 - 113

Sponsored By: Global Health Learning Community

The Global Health Learning Community of the medical school will have their first class of distinction graduates this spring. Distinction candidates in the Class of 2014 will present on their work in global health over their four years in medical school.

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### **Billiken World Festival 2014**

Friday, April 4  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
The Quad

Sponsored By: International Student Federation, Billiken World Festival Planning Committee, and Cross Cultural Center

Every April, the International Student Federation (ISF) and the Cross Cultural Center organize the hugely successful Billiken World Festival, which caps off the Atlas Week Program. 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. Previous festivals featured the Japanese Taiko drummers, Middle-Eastern Belly Dancers, as well as dances from Spain, Ireland, and the Philippines. 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. Interested in securing a booth for the festival? View the Billiken World Festival Submissions Form Page!

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### **Children at Play in China: The Trifling, the Wicked, and the Sacred**

Friday, April 4  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 253 A

Sponsored By: Department of Theological Studies, Asian Studies Program, Center for Inter-Cultural Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies Program

Professor Pauline Lee will be speaking on changing views of children and childhood in China--children at play engaged in the trifling, the wicked, and the sacred--from ca. 200-1800 CE through a study of Chinese religious and philosophical classics, the rich but too often neglected tradition of commentaries on these works, as well as paintings and playthings. In her conclusion, she brings into conversation the recent popular book by Amy Chua, *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, and considers where the stereotyped "Chinese parenting" model might in fact be found--or not--within the rich history of China.

Professor Pauline Lee joined the department of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University in 2013 and teaches East Asian and comparative religions. Her recent work includes a book *Li Zhi, Confucianism, and the Virtue of Desire* (SUNY, 2012).

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### **Living Among Us: A Conversation About Immigration in the United States**

Friday, April 4  
1:10 - 2:00 p.m.  
Xavier 122

Sponsored: Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Interfaith Legal Services for Immigrants

"Living Among Us: A Conversation about Immigration in the United States" will be a roundtable event that explores the experiences and lives of immigrants and the children of immigrants in the United States. Speakers will include Mr. Albert Marban, a 2nd generation student at SLU and Mr. David Lugo, SJ, a 1.5 generation immigrant from the Dominican Republic. Mr. Ryan Fitzpatrick, staff attorney at Interfaith Legal Services for Immigrants (ILSI) will also be attending to speak about immigration policy, including the recent DACA policies for the children of immigrants. The session will include brief talks by the guests followed by roundtable discussion.

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## **Black Art + Live Music = Kreative Pandemonium**

Friday, April 4

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saint Louis University Museum of Art (SLUMA)

Sponsored By: College of Arts & Sciences, Art History Program, African American Studies Program

In conjunction with the "Tradition Redefined: African American Art from the Larry and Brenda Thompson Collection" exhibit afro-percussion group, Kreative Pandemonium will be performing at Saint Louis University Museum of Art! Kreative Pandemonium is known in the St. Louis community for their high energy music and dance. At this event, the group will also perform a live painting collaboration with William Burton, Jr., one of the founders of the black owned 14th Street Community Art Gallery.

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## **Junoon Concert: "Blues for Rumi"**

Friday, July 4

6:30 p.m.

Busch Student Center, Wool Ballrooms

Sponsored By: The Atlas Program Planning Committee, Center for Global Citizenship, Student Activities Board, and the Billiken Club

Ever since the 13th century, poets, musicians, writers and dance companies have begged, borrowed and been inspired by the work and spirit of The Mevlana, Jalaluddin Rumi.

"Rumi, in spirit" will highlight some of these cultural collisions through song, poetry and video indigenous to Muslim societies as well as its natural intersection with Western and other non-Muslim cultures. Pakistan born musician, author and film maker, Salman Ahmad will also explore the relationships of these collisions between religion, literature and the arts as expressed by diverse voices like author and film maker Deepak Chopra, pop culture icon Madonna to sufi- rock bands like Junoon.

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## **VANG: A Play About Recent Immigrant Farmers**

Saturday, April 5

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Center for Global Citizenship Auditorium

Sponsored By: Center for Service and Community Engagement, Center for Intercultural Studies, Center for Global Citizenship, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma, the International Institute, Department of Women and Gender Studies, Center for International Studies

A Hmong family who fled Communist bullets and wild tigers through the jungle of Laos and across the Mekong River to the refugee camp in Thailand. A Sudanese man who was thrown into prison in Ethiopia for helping the Lost Boys and was left gasping for air through a crack under the door. A Mexican woman who taught herself English by looking up the meaning of the profane words that were hurled at her at her first job in a meat packing plant. A Dutch boy, dressed as a cowboy, who put the flag of the Netherlands through the paper

shredder and declared, "I am an American." These are some of the characters brought to life in Vang, a drama about recent immigrant farmers.

The immigrant farmers in this production came from four continents, speaking over six different languages, with multiple experiences of the world. In their own ways, they adjusted to life in America. Some of these immigrants came to the U.S. as refugees from war-torn parts of the world. Others came fleeing poverty in their homelands. Still others came with money, invited to join agri-business ventures. Many of these immigrants landed in the U.S. and took the only jobs they could find-in meatpacking plants and auto repair shops. But all of these immigrants had grown up on farms and wanted to once again assume the livelihood that they had known in the past, the work that had formed the foundation of their cultural roots. The public often thinks of farmers as white males of European ancestry living in isolated rural areas. And the public often thinks of immigrants as those who have slipped into the United States to take advantage of assistance programs. Vang blows both of those stereotypes and opens discussion about how farming is done in the United States and how immigrants have become part of the larger agricultural picture.

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### **ISA Spring Show**

Saturday, April 5  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Harris Stowe University Auditorium

Sponsored By: Indian Student Association

Spring Show is a showcase of Indian culture through the medium of dance, music and acting. Through upbeat music and student derived choreography, approximately seventy members of the Indian Student Association participate in dance styles that span the sub-continent of India. The creativity and talent the students exemplify shows their passion for Indian culture as they take on the stage!

Spring Show will be April 5th at the Harris Stowe Auditorium (across Chaifetz Arena) at 7pm. Tickets will be sold starting March 16th in the Busch Student Center from 10am-4pm.

Please visit [www.sluisa.org](http://www.sluisa.org) for more information or email [isa@slu.edu](mailto:isa@slu.edu)! We cannot wait to see you on April 5th at the ISA Spring Show!

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### **Agents of Change at Atlas Week 2014: An Exhibit**

Thursday, March 27 - Wednesday, April 30  
Pius XII Memorial Library, Lobby

Sponsored By: Pius XII Memorial Library

Rock Star. Educator. Doctor. Activists and agitators. This year's Atlas Week features fascinating speakers who have dedicated their lives to bringing knowledge and understanding to the world. Visit Pius Library to learn more about keynote speaker Shabana Basij-Rasikh, as well as speakers Salman and Samina Ahmad. The exhibit will also highlight library collections focused on the importance of educational equality and cross-cultural understanding in a globalized world.

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## **The Intersection of Justice and Spirituality: An Interactive Display**

Monday, March 31 - Friday, April 4  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center, North Lobby

Sponsored By: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship will be hosting an interactive display throughout ATLAS Week that will encourage participants to critically think about the intersection of Justice and Spirituality. Where do we see injustice in the world? How does this challenge faith? Why do people of faith feel compelled to respond to injustice? These questions and more will be tackled in a way that is fun and interactive and can be done on your way to or from class.

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## **Advocacy and Awareness for Humanity**

Monday, March 31 - Friday, April 4  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center, Main Lobby

Sponsored By: English for Academic Purposes

EAP faculty and students will be selling bracelets to raise funds for the International Crisis Aid Organization, a local organization that helps victims of human trafficking.

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## **Pulsera Project Sales**

Monday, March 31 - Friday, April 4  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center, North Lobby

Sponsored By: Latin American Studies Program

The Pulsera Project sells bracelets made in Nicaragua. The funds earned in the U.S. are then sent back to Nicaragua to help with child poverty, promotion of education, and other ways of aiding the poor youth of the country. As a complement to their Atlas Week event, students will be selling bracelets from the Pulsera Project throughout the week, and will send the proceeds back to Nicaragua.

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## **What Will You Build Campaign**

Tuesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 3  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center 254

Sponsored By: SLU Habitat for Humanity

The What Will you Build Campaign is very simple and is used to bring greater awareness of sub-standard housing and homelessness issues to the SLU community. We will be most likely be advocating for some legislation in regards to housing issues along with our campaign. We will have some papers that will say "I will build . . ." and students/faculty can write down what they would build for those with housing issues. We will take pictures of them holding their signs and promote in on social media.

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### **Interfaith and Cultural Show**

Sunday, April 13  
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Busch Student Center, Saint Louis Room

Sponsored By: Interfaith Alliance

The Interfaith and Cultural Show will provide an opportunity to educate the student body on religious and cultural diversity through the arts, including dance, music, and fashion. The theme will be the "Face of the Billiken," addressing the many religions, cultures, and backgrounds that compose SLU and its student body. The event will be Sunday, April 13th at 7:00 pm in the Saint Louis Room! Doors open at 6 pm, and an international dinner will be served.

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### **Junoon Concert & Ticket Purchasing Information**

Friday, April 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., Wool Ballroom, Busch Student Center

Purchase tickets [HERE](#).

Salman Ahmad founded South Asia's biggest rock band, Junoon, in 1990. Ahmad popularized a blend of Western rock music and Eastern/Islamic music that has been called "Sufi rock" and that has been hailed as a cultural bridge within South Asia and between the East and West. The band faced death threats and harassment from religious extremists and government forces in its early years, but Junoon's sweeping melodies, bhangra rock rhythms, and driving guitars led it to become known as "the U2 of South Asia." Junoon has sold over 25 million albums worldwide and has shared the stage with artists such as Melissa Etheridge, Alicia Keys, Sting, Earth Wind and Fire, and Wyclef Jean. Ahmad has recently co-written and recorded a song with academy award winning artist Melissa Etheridge called, "Ring the Bells." Ahmad led Junoon in a 2001 performance at the U.N. General Assembly Hall-the first such rock performance in that hall. In 2007 Junoon performed at the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony in Oslo. The group defied death threats from militants to perform in 2008 in the valley of Kashmir - the first rock concert to be held in Srinagar. Jon Pareles of the New York Times has described Junoon as "South Asia's answer to Santana," and the Wall Street Journal called Junoon's eclectic music "a powerful combination of Led Zeppelin and traditional South Asian percussion like tabla and dholak."

Ahmad has written a memoir for Simon and Schuster titled Rock and Roll Jihad and has written commentaries for the Washington Post's "On Faith" website. He is also a member of the Brookings institute's US-Islamic arts & culture panel for public diplomacy. Ahmad has appeared on major television networks such as CNN, FOX, ABC, NBC, AL-Jazeera and AL-Arabiya and has been the subject of two documentary films: "The Rockstar and the Mullahs" and "Its My Country Too" for PBS/Wide Angle and the BBC. Hollywood actress Susan Sarandon also presented a documentary on Junoon for VH1 titled, "Islamabad: Rock City." Ahmad is United Nations Goodwill Ambassador. With his wife Samina, he launched an NGO called the Salman and Samina Global Wellness Initiative (SSGWI) which is dedicated to making a tangible difference all around the world in a

way that increases understanding, cooperation and mutual enrichment among cultures. Throughout their lives, Salman and Samina Ahmad have worked on raising social awareness and bringing people together, through music, media and advocacy.

Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#). The concert is free to members of the SLU community with SLU ID card. Tickets for non-SLU members are \$5 with proceeds to benefit the Salman and Samina Global Wellness Initiative.

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### **Coffee and Conversation 2014**

The Atlas Program Planning Committee, in collaboration with Political Round Table, is pleased to announce its first series of "Atlas Coffee and Conversation" events. During last year's program, John Prendergast, the selected Keynote Speaker, sat down with SLU students for coffee and an informal conversation regarding his global activism. Students had a chance to hear how he chose his career and his path to becoming a global activist. He also shared his "10 ingredients" on how to effect social change and make a difference in the world.

During the 2014 Atlas Program, we are hosting three Coffee and Conversation events with members of the SLU community in addition to the Coffee and Conversation event with our Keynote Speaker, Shabana Basij-Rasikh. The first Coffee and Conversation event will be with **Dr. Shannon Potter**, a resident physician at Saint Louis University School of Medicine in the department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health. The second will be with **Dr. Luke Yarbrough**, an Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern History whose focus area is the pre-modern history of the Middle East with a particular emphasis on social and political aspects of interfaith relations. Our final Coffee and Conversation event will be with **Sara Rahim**, a senior Public Health and International Studies major who recently got back from Morocco, where she worked with migrant workers on health issues.

As the Coffee and Conversation events are designed to provide an informal, small group setting, spaces will be limited at these events and an R.S.V.P. will be required. To R.S.V.P. to any of the Coffee and Conversation events, go to the "R.S.V.P.s" page in the sidebar to the left.

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### **Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Shannon Potter**

*Monday, March 31, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.*

Shannon J Potter is an OB/GYN resident who worked with some of the doctors in Ethiopia at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital helping women injured in childbirth find hope and healing. She graduated from LeTourneau University and obtained her medical degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. She has spent time in Kenya, Ethiopia and Congo where she plans to work after graduation from residency. "When I saw what it was like firsthand, I decided I would have to forget about it, or do something about it," Potter said. "I hope to convince you to find what will move you to change the world in your way." R.S.V.P.s for this event are now closed.

### **Coffee and Conversation with Sara Rahim**

*Tuesday, April 1, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.*

Sara Rahim is a double major in Public Health and International Studies at Saint Louis University. Sara's passion for social justice expands to global health, interfaith, and refugee/migration issues. She has studied Arabic in Egypt, offered healthcare and workshops in Honduras, and spent a semester in Morocco, where she conducted a study on accessibility to healthcare for undocumented sub-Saharan migrants. She later returned to Morocco to work with grassroots NGOs that focus on sub-Saharan female migrants' health. Off campus, Sara has interned at Interfaith Youth Core coaching students to be leaders of interfaith action, and she has worked in refugee resettlement at World Relief. Join us to learn more about Sara's fieldwork and her recent trip to Morocco. Space is limited. R.S.V.P.s for this event are now closed.

### **Coffee and Conversation with Dr. Luke Yarbrough**

*Wednesday, April 2, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Luke Yarbrough is Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern History. He earned his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 2012. His academic interests focus on the pre-modern history of the region, and in particular on social and political aspects of inter-faith relations. Dr. Yarbrough studied and worked in Egypt for several years and travelled elsewhere in the Middle East, but will be discussing issues of relevance to intellectually curious, ethically engaged people across the map. Space is limited. **R.S.V.P. [here](#).**

### **Coffee and Conversation with Shabana Basij-Rasikh**

*Thursday, April 3, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.*

Come join this year's keynote speaker, Shabana Basij-Rasikh, and Political Round Table for an intimate discussion on pursuing a career in social justice. Come learn the hardships, advantages and disadvantages of being an activist in today's world. Interested in social justice issues but don't know what to do after college? Want to start a non-profit or run a human rights campaign? Shabana will be sharing why she chose her career and how her path led to where she is today. Please don't miss this opportunity to simply sit, have coffee and chat with and learn from someone who has spent her life working toward social change. Space is limited. R.S.V.P.s for this event are now closed.

### **Signature Symposium Reception**

*Thursday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.*

Following the Atlas Week Signature Symposium, there will be a private reception with Shabana Basij-Rasikh. Space is limited. **R.S.V.P. [here](#).**

## **Cooking Demo with Samina Ahmad: Pakistan's "Martha Stewart" of Healthy Living**

*Friday, April 4, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

Dr. Samina Ahmad graduated from the University of Punjab, in Pakistan with a degree in medicine, and has worked at Services Hospital, the National Institute of Child Health, and as a Casualty Medical Officer. Deeply concerned about healthcare and its availability to underprivileged women and children, Dr. Ahmad subsequently built and administered the Al-Rehman Welfare Trust & Medical Center in Karachi, Pakistan.

Along with her husband, she launched the Salman and Samina Global Wellness Initiative (SSGWI) that focuses on three main areas: interfaith and cross-cultural dialogue, global health and wellness, and music education. Dr. Ahmad concurrently developed a second career hosting numerous highly popular television programs on healthful cooking and nutrition. Come join us as Samina will demonstrate and discuss healthy ways to cook South Asian food. Space is limited. R.S.V.P.s for this event are now closed.

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### **Atlas at the School of Medicine**

#### **ATLAS WEEK AT THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

JANUARY 23 - 27, 2017

#### **Visions for Global Change: Start Where You Are. Do What You Can.**

Monday, January 23, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

##### **"Human Trafficking 101 for Healthcare Providers"**

Speaker: Ms. Amanda Mohl, Anti-Trafficking Community Coordinator,  
International Institute of St. Louis

Wednesday, January 25, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

##### **"The Medicine Abroad Program"**

Speaker: Martin Schmidt, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics &  
Director of the Medicine Abroad Program, Saint Louis University

Thursday, January 26, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

##### **"FACES: Foreign Adoption Clinic and Educational Services"**

Speaker: Jennifer Ladage, M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics,  
Saint Louis University

**All events are held in the Learning Resource Center (LRC), Pitlyk Auditorium A**