



**The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Global Understanding  
Convention:  
Change and Stability in  
Global Environments**

**A Convention of the  
Institute for Global Understanding**

**Program of Events  
April 5 – 10, 2010**

## **Week Long Events    April 5-8**

### ***GUC Poster Display***

**Wilson Hall Auditorium**

**Mike Richison and Jing Zhou**

Come visit this poster display created by Monmouth University Students. The posters depict students' visions of the theme for this year's Global Understanding Convention (GUC): Change and Stability in Global Environments.

### ***Water for People Photographic Display***

**March 22-April 22**

**Library**

**Photographs by Tim Ryan**

Come see the extraordinary photos taken by Tim Ryan, professional photographer, who donates his time and talent to the international organization, Water for People, photographing the people and villages affected by unsafe water and sanitation. The exhibit includes images from Guatemala, India, and Malawi. This event is sponsored by the Sociology Club, the Library, and the Urban Coast Institute.

### ***HIV AIDS in Vulnerable Populations in the Global Societies***

**Bey Hall Hallway**

**Poster Session**

**Students in PR 422-02**

Learn about issues concerning HIV AIDS around the world by reading and perusing posters created by students in PR422-02.

### ***Linking Literacy to Community Children***

**Wilson Auditorium Hallway**

Poster Session

Laura Straus

**MONDAY**

**April 5**

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**10:00 – 11:15 am**      **Turrell Boardroom, Bey Hall**

***Turkey: Bridge of Hope***

**Joe Ritacco**

**(Classroom Colloquium)**

Turkey has been at a physical, economic and cultural crossroads between the East and the West for millennia. But through much of 20th Century, it became more insular and thus was not on the radar of most Americans. Turkey is trying to assume a more proactive peace building role in the region and beyond. Come learn more about this fascinating country.

**1:00 – 2:15 pm**

**Bey Hall Hallway**

***HIV AIDS in Vulnerable Populations in the Global Societies***

**Students in PR 422-02 Aids & Global Society Course,  
with Bojana Beric and Lisa Coasts**

**(Poster Session)**

Students in PR 422-02 class will hold a poster session to present their research on the topic: Vulnerable populations and HIV/AIDS globally.

**2:30 - 3:45 pm**

**Turrell Boardroom, Bey Hall**

***American Red Cross: What to Do When Disaster Strikes?***

**Leo Pratte**

**(Lecture and Workshop)**

**4:30 – 5:45 pm**

**Wilson Auditorium**

***Coral Growth and Development***

**Devon Hodge, Donald Dorfman and Golam Mathbor**

**(Lecture)**

This panel will look at how human actions have impacted coral populations, and what can be done to enhance their survival.

**MONDAY**

**April 5**

**7:30 - 10:00 pm**

**Pollak Theater**

***The Vanished Empire***

**Provost Thomas S. Pearson and Dr. Andrei Kuteinikov**

**(Movie Showing and Reception)**

Love and youthful idealism are both put to the test as the Soviet Union begins to crumble in this post-Soviet drama from director Karen Shakhnazarov, which nostalgically looks back on coming of age in a more stable and simple time. In the early 1970s, Sergei (Alexander Lyapin) is a Russian college student who proudly describes himself as a dissident, telling anyone who cares to listen that he wants to help bring democracy to the country. Sergei's confident, outspoken manner has made him quite popular with the women on campus, much to the chagrin of his close friend Stepan (Yegor Baranovsky), who shares his political views but not his social skills.



**8:30 – 9:45 am** H.R. Young Auditorium, Bey Hall

***Israel and Palestine:***

***One-State vs. Two State Solutions***

**Hussein Ibish**

**(Lecture followed by Q&A)**

The developing American and international consensus regarding the two-state solution has changed the Palestinian-Israeli conflict from a zero-sum equation to what can and should be a win-win solution—Israel and Palestine living alongside each other in peace and security.

**10:00-11:15am** H.R. Young Auditorium, Bey Hall

***Israelis and Palestinians:***

***Learning Each Other's Historical Narrative***

**Saliba Sarsar, Joe Ritacco,**

**Monia Abou Ghali, and Michael Marks**

**(Presentations and Video followed by Q&A)**

The focus will be on the "Shared History Curriculum Project" developed by the Peace Research Institute in the Middle East, and the joint work that Israeli psychologist Dan Bar-On and Palestinian educator Sami Adwan did while they served as Fulbright Scholars in Residence at Monmouth University during Spring 2007. This event is part of PS376 01

**10:00-11:15 am**

**Bey Hall 222**

***Corporate Social Responsibility, Change, and Stability in Global Environments***

**Michael Gilsenan, Maria Mazzone, Vincent Oliva, Javen Richardson**

**(Classroom Colloquium)**

Multinational corporations and governments are increasingly criticized for business practices that are harmful to global stability. This presentation will examine selected problems which undercut global environmental stability and propose strategic management.

**TUESDAY**

**April 6**

**11:30 – 12:45 pm**

**H.R. Young Auditorium**

***The Earth will survive: Will Humans?***

**Chris Hirschler**

**(Lecture/Workshop)**

Recent events and reports indicate that the human species is accelerating its own demise due primarily to industrialization and globalization. Urgent action is required to address looming environmental catastrophes that will have dire public health consequences for those in poor and wealthy countries. What steps should governments, corporations, and individuals take to avert or lessen the impact of this potential disaster? How can we plan to meet the needs of current inhabitants while planning for a future that will likely be radically different in terms of access to cheap energy and materials, and productive farmland? The human mind contributed to this predicament; can it get us out of it?

**1:00 – 2:15 pm**

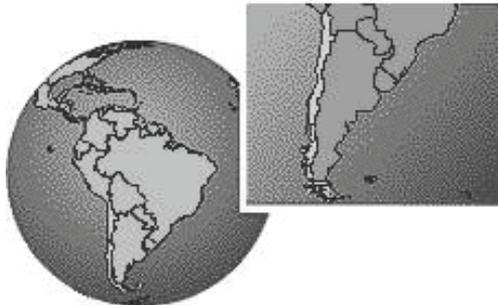
**Wilson Auditorium**

***Chile: Resiliency in the Face of Disasters***

**Rosemary Barbera, Trina Scordo, and Molly Greenberg**

**(Lecture/Workshop/Fundraiser)**

This session will briefly introduce the generations of human rights and then give examples from the US and Latin America of social movements struggling for human rights.



**1:00 – 2:15 pm** **H.R. Young Auditorium**  
**Meet a Peace Corps Volunteer: Skype on Haiti**  
**Shannon Alston and Nancy Mezey**  
**(Classroom Colloquium)**

Join us for this unique opportunity to talk with Shannon Alston, a recent MU graduate who is serving in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. In this interactive discussion, Shannon will share her experiences living right next door to Haiti during the earthquake and discuss local efforts to help those in need. This event is part of SO/GS 225 02.

**2:30 – 3:45 pm** **Wilson Auditorium**  
**CAPITAL Irate and FIRST FRIENDS**  
**Falon Limberis**  
**(Lecture/Workshop)**

IRATE and First Friends is a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to treating immigrants with dignity and compassion, and providing visitors and non-legal assistance for immigrants held in detention. IRATE functions as an advocate for immigrant rights, specifically the end of detention for non-criminal asylum seekers. Such detention is morally wrong, legally suspect, and wasteful of tax-payer funds.

**4:30 – 7:15 pm** **Edison Hallway**  
**Why Haiti? Introduction to a Global Sociology**  
**of Earthquakes**  
**Vincenzo Mele and SO/PS 274**  
**(Poster Session)**

Are natural disasters just “natural”? Does an earthquake affect poor and rich people of the world in the same way? Why does the global public react in a different way to similar catastrophes? The students in SO/PS 274 will focus on Haiti, using it as a case study for a broader sociology of natural catastrophes in the global age.

**TUESDAY**

**April 6**

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Wilson Auditorium**

***Women in War Zones***  
**Scott and Melanie Blanding**  
**(Documentary)**

In the messy aftermath of the Rwandan civil war, thousands of women who have been raped and mutilated can attest that the momentum to kill and maim is still in full swing despite a peace agreement signed in 2003. Nestled in the hills along the Rwandan border, Panzi Hospital stands as the last hope for many of Congo's victims of sexual violence. This film dives intimately into the lives of two young women during their time of treatment at Panzi hospital as they struggle to maintain hope and a sense of dignity as they come to grips with their violent and tragic past.

**6:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Anacon Hall**

***International Film Fest: Global Metal***  
**International Club**  
**(Film)**

Discover how the West's most maligned musical genre – heavy metal – has impacted the world's cultures beyond Europe and North America. Travel on a whirlwind journey through Asia, South America and the Middle East to explore the underbelly of the world's emerging extreme music scene, where metalheads are creating a new form of cultural expression in societies dominated by conflict, corruption and mass-consumerism.



**9:30 – 11:30 am****Plangere Center*****Context and Family: Issues Influencing Bonding Patterns and Family Life Around The World*****Rebecca Sanford and her CO 309 students  
(Poster Session)**

This poster session will provide information about the cultural, social, and contextual issues that influence bonding patterns (dating, marriage, and partnership rituals) and family life (parenting, inter-generational communication, and so forth) in a variety of cultural and social contexts.

**10:00 – 11:15 am****H.R. Young Auditorium*****Do You Want To Join the Peace Corps?*****Miles Vidreiro, Trenna Field, and Nancy Mezey**

(Interactive discussion via Skype/Classroom Colloquium)  
Have you ever considered joining the Peace Corps? Do you want to learn more about living abroad? Join us for an interactive conversation via Skype with an MU Alum now serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of Georgia. This event is part of SO 101 04.

**11:30 – 12:45 pm****Edison Hall Hallway*****Sport: Inspiration or Opiate?*****Vincenzo Mele and his SO 234 students****(Poster Session)**

Students from the course "Sport & Society" will present their posters looking at how sport is both an essential part of the global culture and a huge commodity that changes the nature of how sport is played.



**WEDNESDAY**

**April 7**

**11:30 – 12:45 pm**

**Wilson Auditorium**

***Policy Debate – Nuclear Disarmament***

**MU Debate Team  
(Debate)**

The Monmouth University Debate Hawks will simulate an abridged policy debate round on the topic of nuclear weapons. Resolved: The U.S. Federal Government Should Substantially Reduce the Size of its Nuclear Weapons Arsenal, and/or Substantially Reduce and Restrict the Role and/or Missions of its Nuclear Weapons Arsenal. This debate is sponsored by IGU, the Debate Hawks, and Pi Sigma Alpha, with a chapter grant from Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. In attendance will be the Communications High School students from Wall Township, Monmouth County.

**1:00 – 2:15 pm**

**Turrell Boardroom, Bey Hall**

***Global Education in New Jersey***

**Terry Conn, Desire Karangwa, Tim Torre, Michael Weinstein, and Monmouth University Faculty  
(Roundtable Discussion)**

Please join us for the 2nd annual roundtable discussion to share your experiences, successes, and errors, so we all can learn how to improve global education in New Jersey. The session is co-sponsored by the International Scholar Committee (ISC) and the Center of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) at Monmouth University.



**2:30 – 3:45 pm**                      **Turrell Boardroom, Bey Hall**

***Global Crises: Journalists As Objective Spectators or PR Agents?***

**Darijo Cerepinko and Marina Vujnovic**

**(Panel)**

In times of crisis, media coverage of events can often be biased or even wrong. Seen through many case studies and analyses, from the 9/11 attacks to wars in the former Yugoslavia and to the recent Haiti catastrophe, times of crisis open the door for the manipulation of public opinion and the public itself, especially in monopolized and/or controlled media environments. This panel will discuss the link between framed news narratives and journalists' personal involvement in the stories they are covering, looking at how in times of crisis, journalists tend to become spokespersons for society, more than objective spectators on local, national or international levels.

**3:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Pollak Lobby**

***Addressing Challenges of Women around the World: The UN and Beyond***

**Rekha Datta and her class PS377**

**(Poster Session)**

Students have been reading *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunities for Women Worldwide*, by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Springing off from accounts of women's lives and challenges, students have researched issues and policies at local, national and international levels, and the role of the UN in addressing education, income, health, violence, and human rights issues faced by women and impacting the whole of humanity. The posters summarize their findings.

**3:00 – 8:00 pm****Pollak Lobby*****The Poverty Challenge:******Change and Continuity*****Rekha Datta and her class PS101****(Poster Session)**

In light of the global recession, how are different political systems coping with economic and socio-political challenges? Covering developed, middle-income, and developing countries, students have researched comparative political systems and economic challenges and solutions attempted by countries such as the United States, Greece, India, Mexico, Sudan, South Africa, Haiti, and Chile. These posters summarize their findings.

**4:30 - 5:30 pm****Versailles and Pompeii Rooms,****Wilson Hall*****Reception for Keynote Speaker Nicholas D.******Kristof and Student Art Awards Ceremony*****Institute for Global Understanding****(Reception and Awards Ceremony)**

This event provides a reception for the keynote speaker for the Global Understanding Convention and recognizes the students who created posters for the convention. Please note that the reception admission is \$15 per person.

**5:30 – 6:00 pm****Pollak Lobby*****Book Signing: Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity*****Nicholas D. Kristof****(Book Signing)**

Come early to the keynote address to have a copy of *Half the Sky* signed by the author (co-authored with Sheryl WuDunn). Books will be available for purchase.

**WEDNESDAY**

**April 7**

**6:00 - 7:15 pm**

**Pollak Theatre**

**Keynote Address**

**Welcome and Introduction by  
President Paul G. Gaffney II**



***Between Oppression and  
Opportunities: How Women  
are Facing Change and Stability in Global  
Environments.***

**Nicholas D. Kristof**

**With introduction by the Corialis Trio**

**Laura DuBois, Mike Gillette and Wayne Arndt  
(Musical Performance)**

The Corialis Trio, with Mike Gillette on violin, Laura DuBois on piano and Wayne Arndt on cello, will provide a musical prelude as people are being seated. They will then perform the first movement of the Brahms Piano Trio No. 1 in B major, "Allegro con brio," as a musical introduction to the keynote speaker.

**8:30 – 11:00 pm**

**Anacon Hall**

**5th Annual Monmouth University Drag Show**

**All Lifestyles Included (ALI)**

**(Performance)**

Come join us for an evening of fun and entertainment at Monmouth University's 5th Annual Drag Show, featuring professional and amateur performers. Light refreshments will be served. \$5.00 in advance or at the door.



**THURSDAY**

**April 8**

**7:15 am - 4:00 pm**                      **United Nations, NYC**  
***Educational Trip to the United Nations,***  
***New York City***  
**Rekha Datta and Saliba Sarsar**  
**(Trip)**

The Institute for Global Understanding invites everyone to join us on a trip to the United Nations on Thursday, April 8th. The bus will leave the Student Center at 7:15 a.m. and return to campus around 4:00 p.m. Attendees may purchase lunch at the UN, and tour tickets (Students: \$11.00 with university ID; Adults: \$16.00). For more information, please contact Dr. Rekha Datta.

**10:00 – 12:45 pm**                      **Club 107/108**  
***Finding Peace in Today's World***  
**Karyn Levana and Karen Faherty**  
**(Lecture/Workshop)**

Finding Peace in Today's World is an experiential workshop sponsored by the Institute for Individual and World Peace (IIWP), an organization whose mission is to study the processes that lead to peace. This workshop is designed to help students discover what peace is for them and what disturbs their sense of peace. It provides tools and techniques to enhance the experience of peace in their personal lives, thereby helping participants recognize they can be a force for peace in the world.

**10:00 – 11:15 am**                      **Wilson Auditorium**  
***Sustainable Poverty Eradication***  
**(Public Health)**  
**Melissa Flynn, Bojana Beric, and Moline Modziwa**  
**(Lecture/Workshop)**

This lecture/workshop focuses on poverty eradication with a focus on public health in the village community of Macheke, Zimbabwe.

**10:00 – 11:15 am** **Bey Hall 222**

***Corporate Social Responsibility, Change and Stability in Global Environments***

**Maribeth Deleski, Matthew Girard, Meghan Murray, Timothy Sheridan, and Justin Slansky  
(Classroom Colloquium)**

Multinational corporations and governments are increasingly criticized for business practices which are harmful to global stability. This presentation will examine selected problems that undercut global environmental stability and propose strategic management.

**11:30 – 12:45 pm** **Turrell Boardroom, Bey Hall**

***Friend of Socrates:  
"On that day everybody ate"***

**Friends of Socrates  
(Round Table Dialogue)**

This session will be a philosophical inquiry into relationships between poverty and health. One woman's story of hope and possibility in Haiti by Margaret Trost will be introduced as a starting point of inquiry and discussion.

**11:30 – 12:45 pm** **CETL Classroom in the MU Library**

***Water for People: A Photographic Journey***

**Tim Ryan  
(Classroom Colloquium)**

Come here photographer, Tim Ryan, talk about his photos from around the world and his work with Water for People, a non-profit organization that helps people in developing countries to develop locally sustainable drinking water resources and hygiene education programs. This event is sponsored by the Sociology Club, the MU Library, and the Urban Coast Institute, and is part of SO 101 04.

**11:30 – 12:45 pm****McAllen Hall 115****Change and Stability in Italy****Maria Simonelli****(Classroom Colloquium)**

Change and Stability in Italy showcases research that students in the Italian Minor are doing. The discussion will focus on new emigrants in Italy, new ethnic groups, social structure like marriages and birth rates, changes in school programs, and how Italians try to coop with their changing world.

**2:30 – 3:45pm****Turrell Boardroom, Bey Hall*****Unite for Site*****Alix DeTullio****(Classroom Colloquium)**

This discussion looks at Unite for Site, a non-profit organization whose mission is to “empower communities worldwide to improve eye health and eliminate preventable blindness” ([www.uniteforsite.org](http://www.uniteforsite.org)). Join the discussion to learn more about this important organization and how you can get involved or volunteer.

**2:30 – 3:45 pm****CETL Classroom in the****MU Library*****Photography and Development*****Tim Ryan****(Classroom Colloquium/Workshop)**

Come hear photographer, Tim Ryan, talk about his photographs from around the world and his work with Water for People, a non-profit organization that helps people in developing countries to develop locally sustainable drinking water resources and hygiene education programs. This event is sponsored by the Sociology Club, the MU Library, and the Urban Coast Institute, and is part of AR 184.

**4:30 – 5:45 pm****Wilson Auditorium*****NJPIRG Energy Service Corps Workshop:  
Solving Global Warming Locally*****Dr. Patrick Hossay Richard Stockton College of NJ  
(Workshop)**

Energy Service Corps is a student-run group at MU that works to make our local communities energy efficient. This workshop will address the importance of energy/ environmental awareness and what students and residents can do to improve their communities. It will include tips on home energy assessments/weatherization.

**4:30 – 6:00 pm****MU Library 102 -104*****An Exhibit of Jacob Landau Holocaust Suite*****Susan Douglas, Scott Knouer, and David Herrstrom  
(Exhibit)**

The Holocaust Suite by the internationally known painter and printmaker Jacob Landau is a beautiful and disturbing set of seven lithographic prints. After WW II Mr. Landau met with a group of Buchenwald survivors, which profoundly affected him. He concluded that "The Holocaust is the ultimate test of our humanity, and we flunked the test. Not just what Hitler did but what the rest of the world didn't do." Landau viewed his art as a way to fight social injustice in the world. His art portrays the horrors of genocide during the Holocaust and inspires the viewer to stand up against injustice whenever it occurs. This exhibit is part of the Monmouth University Jacob Landau collection.





**FRIDAY**

**April 9**

**1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**In front of Wilson Hall**

***5K to Benefit Haiti***

**Joe Patten and Kevin Dooley**

**(Race/Fundraiser)**

Register between noon and 1:00 pm, and meet in front of Wilson Hall at 1:00 pm to join the Monmouth University community in a 5K run/walk to raise awareness and money for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Suggested donation of \$10. Proceeds will benefit **Lamp for Haiti** ([www.lampforhaiti.org](http://www.lampforhaiti.org)), an organization that provides health care in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. This event is organized and co-sponsored by the Political Science Club, Sociology Club, and Global Services Club.



**SATURDAY**

**April 10**

**7:00 pm – midnight**

**Anacon Hall**

***International Festival***

**International Students Club**

Join our global campus community for this annual festival and enjoy the buffet dinner, show, and dance party.



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