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## **Making a World of Difference: Local-Global Connections**

**Fourth Annual Convention  
of the  
Global Understanding Project  
at Monmouth University**

**Program of Events for  
April 11 — 16, 2005**

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## Monday, April 11, 2005

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<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>President Paul G. Gaffney II</b>	<b>Wilson Auditorium</b>
<b>Humanitarian Relief: Saving Lives, Changing Lives</b>	<b>10:00 am - 11:30 am</b>
<b>Gillian Sorensen</b> Senior Advisor and National Advocate at the United Nations Foundation	<b>Wilson Auditorium</b> Keynote

Gillian Sorensen is Senior Advisor and National Advocate at the United Nations Foundation. She has had a long career working with and for the UN. Since 1993, she served as Special Advisor on Public Policy for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, then as Assistant Secretary General, head of the Office of External Relations for Secretary General Kofi Annan. She was responsible for outreach to civil society, including NGO's, and worked closely with diplomats, academics, parliamentarians, religious leaders, and others committed to peace, justice, development, and human rights. She is an experienced public speaker and has often represented the World Health Organization in this country and abroad.

Ms. Sorensen earlier served for over 12 years as New York City Commissioner for the United Nations, head of the City's liaison office with the world's largest diplomatic community, on appointment by Mayor Edward I. Koch. Her responsibilities related to diplomatic security and immunity, housing and education, and other cultural and business contacts between the Host City and over 30,000 diplomats.

Gillian Sorensen is a graduate of Smith College and studied at the Sorbonne. She has been a Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government (Institute of Politics) at Harvard University. Ms. Sorensen is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Women's Foreign Policy Group.

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## Monday, April 11, 2005

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<b>The AIDS Crisis in Kasana-Luweero, Uganda</b>	<b>10:00 am - 11:15 am</b>
<b>Laura Kelly</b>	<b>Edison 115</b> Classroom Colloquium

Fr. Brian Butch, MSW from CRS-Global Solidarity Project, will conduct a discussion about the AIDS crisis in 11 villages in a small district of Uganda. Although statistics indicate a decrease in AIDS infections in Uganda, Fr. Brian will present evidence to the contrary. He will discuss his visits and the work his group is doing to improve the living conditions for people of these villages. (PR422-01)

<b>Genocide in the Darfur - Tracking the Crisis Online</b>	<b>10:00 am - 11:15 am</b>
<b>Eleanor Novek</b>	<b>Plangere 234</b> Classroom Colloquium

Students in the Online Journalism class will present their research on genocide in the Darfur region. They will track how the conflict has been covered in online media and identify the role of human rights organizations in bringing this human tragedy to light. (CO 333-01)



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## Monday, April 11, 2005

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### **Electronic Computational Chemistry Conference      All Week**

**Robert Q. Topper**

The 10th Electronic Computational Chemistry Conference, an international conference of scientists working in the area of computational molecular modeling, will be held entirely on the Internet during the month of April 2005. This conference is completely free and is open to everyone. It is the longest-running online conference in the natural sciences. ECCC generally has unusually high participation from many scientists in developing countries compared to other scientific conferences. During the Global Understanding Convention, the ECCC will hold its "Interactive Week," which is when most of the active conference discussion will take place online. (CE475)

### **Security, Peace, and Democracy in the Middle East      2:30 pm**

**Paul G. Gaffney II, Jeffrey Laurenti, Saliba Sarsar, Mustafa Aksakal      Anacon A**  
Panel Discussion

The Middle East is undergoing major changes, internally motivated and/or externally induced. The Iraq War, the Palestinian and Iraqi elections, and the march of freedom in Lebanon, Egypt, and elsewhere around the region, are prime examples. How is security addressed? What is its connection to democracy and peace? Is democracy healthy, limping along, or nonexistent? Is there hope for peace in this conflict-ridden region? What is the nature of the United States' involvement and what will its role be in the next decade? The panel will examine the interrelationships of security, democracy, and peace in the Middle East from multiple perspectives (e.g., history, national security, political science, and peace).

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## Monday, April 11, 2005

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### **Words of My Perfect Teacher (2002)      4:30 pm - 6:45 pm**

**Pasquale Simonelli      Anacon B**  
Film

From the World Cup to the mythical mountain kingdom of Bhutan, Words of My Perfect Teacher follows three students on a quest they hope will lead to wisdom. The catch is the teacher. Soccer obsessed, charismatic filmmaker, and citizen of the world, Dzongsar Khyentse Norbu, may be one of the world's most eminent Buddhist teachers, but it's a job description he slyly rejects at every turn. The film's point of view is inspired by Buddhist philosophy - which says that we can't really change human behaviour until we learn to deal with our mind. The mind is the starting point of all suffering, closed hearts, entrenched views, and prejudice. To study the mind, you need a teacher.

### **Global Water Issues and the United Nations      6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Kevin Dooley      Edison 115**  
Classroom Colloquium

1.1 billion people do not have access to safe drinking water. 2.4 billion people do not have adequate sanitation. This session will focus on the United Nations and water. Issues will include water as a common good, the inadequate distribution of water, the water crisis and poverty, water and women, and the conflict over the privatization of water.

### **Public Diplomacy as Symbolic Interactionist Process      7:25 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Juyan Zhang      Plangere 134**  
Classroom Colloquium

Using the international relief efforts given in response to the Asian tsunami as a case, the research examines public diplomacy from a symbolic interactionist perspective.

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## Monday, April 11, 2005

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**Prisoner of the Mountains (2003)** 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Thomas Pearson**

**Anacon B**  
Film

Set high in the imposing, isolated Caucasus mountains, where the 20th century meets ancient lifestyles, Sergei Bodrov's drama of the Chechyn war finds two opposing cultures locked in conflict for so long that the reasons seem moot. Young Russian grunt Vanya and his jaded veteran Sergeant survive an ambush by Chechyn guerrillas and wind up as hostages of a village elder, a war-weary widower who has lost almost everything to fighting and wants merely to swap them for his POW son. Bodrov's humanism is directed with empathy and stirred with harsh realism -- he takes no sides and offers no fantasies of happy endings, only small miracles of kindness that refuse to be swallowed in the destruction and mistrust. -- Sean Axmaker

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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**Telling Stories: Literacy Through  
Personal Story Telling and the Book Arts** 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

**Nancy Nicolescu**  
**Pat Cresson, Liz Mitchell**

**Art Studio 801**  
Lecture and Workshop  
Capacity: 15 (Workshop)

This hands-on Book Arts Workshop demonstrates that personal stories encourage literacy by communicating unique ideas, traditions, cultures, and personal visions through creative performance. It is a forum to discuss culture and ideology, i.e., What is it that makes us who we are? Accomplished Book Artist Liz Mitchell presents the structure of book art projects and ideas for stimulating story telling. Stories of daily life, fairy tales, and universal knowledge inspire and refine writing, illustration, and editing skills in the process of creating original, aesthetic work. This session engenders a broader understanding of human diversity. (Content relevant to Education, Art, English, Anthropology, History, Sociology and other disciplines.)

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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**Understanding Global Poverty**

11:30 am - 12:45 pm

**Robert H. Scott**

**BH Young Auditorium**  
Classroom Colloquium

Over 1.2 billion people world wide live at or below the poverty line. Understanding poverty requires a new way of thinking about what being poor really means. This presentation will enlighten people as to the problems faced both locally and globally regarding issues related to poverty, and how best to combat it.

**Cultural Differentiation in Entrepreneurial  
Ventures** 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

**John S. Buzza**

**BH 230**  
Classroom Colloquium  
Visitor Capacity: 13

With the "entrepreneurial spirit" becoming a significant option for graduating students and an increasing number of recent graduates, it raises the question as to why certain cultures aspire to particular vocations in entrepreneurial ventures. (BM 498-01)

**Global Understanding Artifact Exhibit**

**All Week**

**Bonnie B. Mullinix**

**Display case,**  
**Plangere Center Lobby**  
Gallery/Exhibit  
Visitor Capacity: 200

Artifacts from across the globe will be on display for the week of the Global Understanding Convention. Drawn from MU community members' private collections gathered overseas during international travel and work, artifacts include musical instruments, art, crafts, and other items that give insight into other cultures.

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**Tuesday, April 12, 2005**

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**Advocating for Immigrant Women  
Facing Domestic Violence**

**1:00 - 2:15 pm**

**Johanna Foster**

**Bey Hall 128**

Classroom Colloquium

Sherizaan Minwalla, Esq. from the Heartland Alliance Project for Immigrant Human Rights will discuss her advocacy work using the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to help immigrant women fleeing domestic violence self-petition for U.S. citizenship. (GS 225-01)

**Mr. Klein (1975)**

**1:00 pm - 2:15 pm**

**Jewish Culture Program and  
Dept. of Foreign Language Studies**

**Wilson Auditorium**

Film

**Robert Youdin**

Alain Delon stars as the eponymous protagonist in Joseph Losey's first French film, MR. KLEIN. Living a fast life amid the chaos and turmoil of Nazi-occupied Paris, Mr. Klein makes his living buying art at cutthroat rates from desperate Jews fleeing the country. When a Jewish newspaper is mistakenly addressed to him, Klein learns of the existence of another, Jewish Mr. Klein. The secret societies and poisoned atmosphere of Vichy France come to life as Mr. Klein's Kafkaesque nightmare leads him unwittingly into a startled appreciation of the plight of the persecuted. Losey's restrained direction matched with Delon's emotive presence combine to create a powerful psychological and moral thriller.

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**Tuesday, April 12, 2005**

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**Cup Final (1992)**

**2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Jewish Culture Program, Department  
of Foreign Language Studies, and  
Field Practice in Social Work**

**Robert Youdin**

**McAllan Hall 324**

Film

Cohen, a soldier in the Israeli army, is thrilled to have tickets to soccer's greatest event - the World Cup Final - but when Israel invades Lebanon, he's forced to stay on military duty in the desert. If that's not bad enough, some Palestine Liberation Organization soldiers on their way back to Beirut take him prisoner. Then, the PLO leader turns out to be a fan of Cohen's favorite team! Ironically, the two enemies are stuck in the middle of a war in the Middle East, when they'd both rather be at the championship supporting the same players.

**The Great Debate:**

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

**Monmouth University's Political  
Science Club vs. St. Peter's College  
Debate Team**

**Wilson Auditorium**

**Joseph N. Patten**

Performance

Visitor Capacity: 100

Monmouth University's Political Science Club will debate St. Peter's College (Jersey City) debate team on Tuesday, April 12th at 2:30pm in Wilson Auditorium. The debate resolution is: Resolved: That the US Government is not required to abide by the Geneva Convention when interrogating Al Qaeda members. St. Peter's will affirm the Resolution and Monmouth will argue against the Resolution. Monmouth and St. Peter's will switch positions in a debate at St. Peter's on April 27th.

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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**Student Panel: Tourism, Tsunami and Terrorism** 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm

**Karen Schmelzkopf**

**HH 522**

Panel Discussion

Visitor Capacity: 10

Tourism is one of the world's major industries and often considered to be a means of economic and sustainable development. However, a community dependent on tourism is vulnerable to such factors as changing trends, natural disasters, and terrorism. This panel will present case studies of areas that have suffered from natural disasters and terrorism.

**Children Underground (2001)** 4:30 pm - 7:15 pm  
**A film by Edet Belzberg**

**Rekha Datta**

**Marilyn Rocky**

**Anacon Hall A**

Film

Visitor Capacity: 85

Five children, age 8-16, boys and girls, living in a Bucharest subway station, are filmed for more than a year. They are but few of the more than 20,000 Romanian street children, the human cost of the Ceausescu regime (1965-1989), which banned abortion and even contraceptive devices in order to increase the country's work force. Unwanted, unloved, they live like a feral pack, foraging for food and water, begging, fighting, playing, and fantasizing. The drug of choice is Aurolac, a highly toxic paint derivative whose fumes they inhale, sold over the counter. Like homeless children the world over, they are an undeniable black eye on the face of humanity, captured here with searing honesty. (PS 401)

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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**The Aftermath of Disaster: Helping Children and Families Cope** 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm

**Jane M. Webber**

**MH 125**

Classroom Colloquium

Disasters occurring worldwide create enormous trauma and suffering in children and their families as they struggle to cope and go on with their lives. Violence at Columbine and Beslan, September 11th, and natural disasters in Florida and Indonesia underscore the important role our global community plays in helping others recover. This class will provide an understanding of the impact of disasters and trauma on children and their families and how counselors worldwide can respond. (EDL 542)

**Non-Standard Englishes Around the World** 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm

**Heide Estes**

**Wilson Hall,  
Room 309**

Classroom Colloquium

Visitor Capacity: 10

Used by native speakers and others, the English language reaches three billion people around the globe. People tend to think of the language as a single entity, a "network standard" spoken by news commentators, against which variations are construed as deviant and disruptive. In fact, however, English is spoken around the world in numerous varieties, each with an individual history accounting for differences in sounds, vocabulary, word endings, and other aspects from "Standard English" as used in the US and Britain. This classroom colloquium will consider some principles of language development varieties of English around the world. (EN 466)

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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**Teaching Science for Diversity** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Marlene M. Hurley**

**MH 120**  
Classroom Colloquium  
Visitor Capacity: 30

Future teachers will create interactive and culturally diverse science centers for visitors' enjoyment and education. Visitors will come and go according to their schedules throughout the two hours.

**Tsunami in Indonesia** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Speaker - Pamela Ferdinand**

Director of Monmouth County  
Division of Social Services

**Anacon B**  
Roundtable Dialogue  
Visitor Capacity: 150

Ms. Pamela Ferdinand will be speaking about her visit to Indonesia shortly after the Tsunami occurred. Through a PowerPoint presentation on the effects of the Tsunami, she will engage participants with her observations and reflections.

**Poetry Slam and Reading Night** 7:00 pm

**Michael G. Patterson**  
**Monmouth Review**

**Student Center**  
**Café**  
Performance  
Visitor Capacity: 75

This will be a combined reading from the Monmouth Review publication (readings will be read by authors) and an open-poetry reading night for students/faculty/staff to share their stories.

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2005

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**The Case of Poland 1980-81: A Revolt, a Dream, a Farewell to Youth** 7:30 pm

**Andrew Kolisz**

**Wilson Auditorium**  
Other  
Visitor Capacity: 20

Photo essay from beginnings of the Polish Revolution of 1980-81. Unique photo collection will be shown of street demonstrations, underground documents, martial law, refugee camp in Italy, and so forth. Presentation with comments of graduate student of MU Master of Social Work program (2005) who took part in the events. He was a refugee himself. (SW 669-51)

**The Challenges of Diversity Management** 8:00 pm

**Don R. Swanson**

**Club 107-108**  
Classroom Colloquium

Guest Speaker Alex Desamour, Director of Staffing and Affirmative Action for the NY Times, will discuss contemporary issues of diversity in the workplace. Alex is formerly Diversity Director for Merrill Lynch and has worked with a broad range of programs to inspire diversity initiatives. (CO 500)

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## Wednesday, April 13, 2005

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**Western Political Thought in Local and Global Societies** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Rekha Datta** Hall way in front of  
**Wilson Auditorium**  
Poster Session

This is a poster display completed by students on ideas they learned in Western Political Thought class . They applied these ideas in contemporary local and global political contexts. (PS 221)

**Gender and Sexual Identities Around the World** 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Nancy J. Mezey** Lobby of Bey Hall  
Poster Session

This is a poster session examining different sexual and gender identities around the world. (SO/SW 398)

**LGBT Day of Silence Celebration** All Day

**Michael G. Patterson** SC Pit Area  
**All Lifestyles Included**

MU's LGBT group (All Lifestyles Included) is coordinating a Day of Silence program to silently speak out. People who are silent today believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientation to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression, and prejudice.

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## Wednesday, April 13, 2005

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**Native American Health and Healing** 10:00 am - 11:15 am

**Kathy Smith-Wenning** BH 127  
Classroom Colloquium  
Visitor Capacity: 5

Many local immigrants have transnational ties to their indigenous roots in Mexico and the Caribbean. This presentation will not only look at Native American Health and Healing in general, but also at local indigenous healing practices.

**From Plato to Summers: Are Women Innately Different than Men in Local and Global Contexts?** 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

**Rekha Datta** Magill 108 - 109  
Panel Discussion

Harvard President, Lawrence Summers, recently said that one explanation of why fewer women succeed in math and science careers is the innate genetic difference between the sexes. Taking cue from this suggestion, this panel will discuss if there are innate differences between men and women, not only in math and science, but in other attributes and whether they affect their professional and daily lives. Possible talking points for the following invited panelists will be: 1. Plato and 'Guardian' Women -- Eric Oldham, Student of PS 221 class 2. Will Condoleeza Rice make a good Secretary of State? Why was she not picked as defense secretary? Women & Military -- President Paul Gaffney 3. When Carly Fiorina resigned from HP, did it cast a shadow on women in leadership positions in business? What is it like for women in top decision-making positions in organizations? -- Patti Swannack 4. Women as leaders and followers in the Muslim World- - Farheen Haider, student of PS 221 class 5. Rice & Hillary for 2008? With male running VP mates? - Keriann Rotonda, student from PS 221 class.



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## Wednesday, April 13, 2005

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**Gender and Race in World Media**                      **11:30 am - 12:45 pm**

**Eleanor Novek**    **Plangere 138**  
Classroom Colloquium  
Visitor Capacity: 4

Students of the Gender, Race & Media class will present posters and make presentations on five different issues that relate to media coverage of gender and race around the world, including conversations about child sex trafficking in Thailand, the rights of women in the Mideast, and gender selection of offspring in China. (CO 383-01)

**Voices From Outside the Margins:**                      **1:00 pm**  
**African Women, Activism, and**  
**Writing at the Grass Root**

**Oty Agbajoh-Laoye**    **Wilson Auditorium**  
**Bonnie Mullinix**    Panel Discussion

This panel brings together contemporary African women activists writing fiction, poetry, and children's literature from the grassroots of the continent. The women will read excerpts from their work and talk about some of the pressing issues, the problems of publication, and the struggle for attention in a continent where the looming concerns of the next meal, the urgent need for unreachable essential commodities and the failure of governments to meet the needs of whole populations, especially at the grassroots. Panelists: Regina Amollo, With a Lamp in Her Hands: Writing and Nursing (Uganda), Mariama Khan, In the Absence of Mentors: New Writings from the Gambia (Gambia), Virginia Phiri.

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## Wednesday, April 13, 2005

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**Depleted Uranium: A Secret War?**                      **1:00 pm - 2:15 pm**

**Robert Youdin**    **Turrell Board Room**  
Workshop

Depleted uranium, a product of nuclear waste, is used in many applications today. DU is found in military armaments, as counterbalancing weights in airplanes, as armor for military vehicles, and other applications. The Department of Defense indicates that the amount of radiation exposure to the population and environment is minimal, posing no hazard. Many concerned scientists feel that DU is hazardous and that continued exposure to DU is leading to a catastrophic health crisis for the world. This session will explore the arguments on both sides with the intention of initiating further debate and investigation of this potentially dangerous trend in the utilization of nuclear waste.

**Tsunami Relief Fundraising Effort**                      **2:00-4:00 pm**

**Global Community Practice Class**                      **SC Pit Area**  
Other

The Global Community Practice class (SW 518) will sponsor an educational/fundraising event in the "pit" outside the Student Center. Displays and hand-outs of educational material will be provided, while a DJ will be playing. Raffles and give-aways will also take place.

**Think Globally, Act Locally**    **2:30 pm**

**John Tiedemann**    **Whale Pond Brook**  
(outdoors)  
Other

Whale Pond Brook stream cleanup. Whale Pond Brook is the small stream that runs through the southern boundary of the campus. Stream cleanups are an excellent way to contribute to environmental quality of the campus and local communities.

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## Wednesday, April 13, 2005

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**Roundtable Dialogue: Global Access  
to Technology and the Knights of the  
Digital Divide**      **4:30 pm**

**Maureen S. Paparella**  
**Eugene S. Simko**

**Bey Hall 229**  
Roundtable Dialogue

A technology guru from the MIT Media Laboratory recently attended the World Economic Forum "holding the holy grail for crossing the digital divide": a mock-up of a \$100 laptop computer. He and others advocate the use of digital technology to improve the quality of life and erase economic barriers. The South Korean government promised to expand the broadband infrastructure to reach every household in the country by the end of this year. An ambitious, nearly \$11 billion program, appears to be working, DSL and cable are provided to the average citizen at a rate much less expensive than in the United States. Our roundtable discussion will explore technology strategy in the global marketplace. Is it the role of the government to provide initiatives to eliminate the digital divide as has been done in South Korea? Is Bill Gates' argument that it is more important to address basic life necessities - health and food, for example, before connecting the world's poorest citizens to the Internet, a sound platform?

**Responding to Genocide: Options and  
Possibilities**      **4:30 pm - 7:15 pm**

**Mary E. Swigonski**

**MH 227**  
Classroom Colloquium  
Visitor Capacity: 10

After WW II, a chorus of voices proclaimed, "never again!" Never again would genocide be tolerated. Since then, genocides have been perpetrated in Africa, Europe, and the American continents. This session will examine two questions: What is genocide? (an analysis of definitions and stages), and what can the average American do? (an examination of knowledge, values, and skill that can be brought to bear in responding to genocide). (SW 224-01)

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## Wednesday, April 13, 2005

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**Women's Voices and World Visions**      **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Amy K. Schiava**

**Anacon B**  
Classroom Colloquium  
Visitor Capacity: 22

Women's Voices and World Visions: Students will present a woman's voice that helped shape their own global perspective. Each student will share a story, a poem, showing a short film, bringing in a guest speaker to tell their story and how it changed their global vision. Each reading will hopefully spur an enlightening classroom dialogue. Anyone outside of my class who wants to present something can e-mail me in advance. (PS 377)

**The Long Branch Concordance**      **6:00 pm - 8:45 pm**

**Dana Silverman**

**Anacon A**  
Panel Discussion

The grassroots initiative, the Long Branch concordance, has been working to bring the community together so that families and individuals of all ages and ethnicities in the Long Branch area can access the services and opportunities that will pave the path for an improved quality of life. You will leave this event with an understanding of the concepts behind collaboratives, where someone can go or offer help, and get to share ideas for your community...making the Long Branch Concordance truly your community organization.

**LGBT Night of Noise**      **7:00 pm**

**Michael G. Patterson**  
**All Lifestyles Included**

**RSSC Coffeehouse**  
Performance  
Visitor Capacity: 100

MU's LGBT group (All Lifestyles Included) is coordinating a Night of Noise vigil/event to break the silence from the Day of Silence activities. Stories, poems, and self expression will be used to educate the campus community about LGBT issues.

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## Thursday, April 14, 2005

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### **The Uganda Egg Project**

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Barbara Paskewich**

**Anacon Hall**

**Laura Kelly**

Poster Session

The Monmouth University Professional Nurses Association and several School of Nursing and Health Studies classes will join to design a series of visual displays at the Health Fair. The goal is to create an awareness of problems that are occurring in Kasana-Luweero, Uganda. AIDS has had a devastating effect on the people in this village. We are calling this the Uganda Egg Project, because in addition to creating awareness, we will also be raising funds to help an orphanage start a chicken farm. (HE 375, PR 422, HE 330)

### **What is Courage?**

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

**Stuart Dalton**

**Bey Hall 126**

Classroom Colloquium

Visitor Capacity: 10

What counts as bravery and what counts as stupidity in a military setting? As the world continues to engage in military conflicts and as the settings, situations, and rules of engagement continue to change, it becomes important to understand the nature and the role of courage. This discussion will draw from philosophers such as Plato to explore the enduring nature of courage. (PL 101-01)

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## Thursday, April 14, 2005

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### **Global Impact of Infectious Diseases**

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

**Dottie Hutter**

**Edison 215**

Classroom Colloquium

Outbreaks of infectious diseases around the world have been able to spread rapidly in modern times due to the ease of world travel. Localized outbreaks of infectious disease have devastating effects on the lives of local residents and the economy of the affected countries, and have the potential to cause global health problems. Presentations will be given by BY 101 students on topics ranging from health problems stemming from the tsunami, Ebola virus, cholera, yellow fever, and other infectious diseases. The causative agents, symptoms, and treatments of these diseases, and the world's response to these outbreaks will be reviewed. (BY 101)

### **Ukraine: the Cultural, Political, and Business Environment**

**10:00 am**

**Gary Lantz**

**Kevin Dooley**

**Magill 107, 108**

Panel Discussion

Ukraine has recently embarked upon a new era of democracy with successful elections in December 2004. The prospects for the future include renewed economic development, the possibility of political integration with Europe, and reconciliation among people with varied national identities living within the country. This panel session will include a slide presentation of cultural and business characteristics prevalent in Ukraine today, a discussion of the political conditions, including Ukraine and the European Union, and the recent election, and nationalities of Ukraine and the former Soviet Union.

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## Thursday, April 14, 2005

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**Through the Eyes of Children:  
The Rwanda Project**                      **10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Nancy J. Mezey  
Joanne McKinney, Director**

**Wilson Auditorium**  
Classroom Colloquium  
Visitor Capacity: 5

A presentation of the motivation behind and the resulting work of an on-going photographic project with child survivors of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide. The presentation will aim to ask the most provocative questions -- How could nearly 1 million people die at the hands of their neighbors in just 100 days? How could the U.S. and the U.N. stand by? What caused one American man to act? What is the perspective of the children who suffered the most? (SO 101 and GO 101)

**Seeing The Holocaust Through  
The Eyes of Holocaust Survivor  
Fanya G. Heller**                      **11:30 am - 12:45 pm**

**Susan Douglass**

**BH Young Auditorium**  
Panel Discussion  
Visitor Capacity: 85

Fanya G. Heller, Holocaust Survivor, will be introduced by Professor Susan Douglass. Ms. Heller is the author of the book "Strange & Unexpected Love - Teenage Girl's Holocaust Memoirs". (HS 102-H3 and HS 102-I5)

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## Thursday, April 14, 2005

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**Poster Exhibit**

**Susan Douglass**

**All Day**

**Lobby of Bey Hall**

Poster Session

Visitor Capacity: 90

This poster exhibit will be available for viewing on April 13 and April 14 as background preparation for the speaking presentation of Holocaust Survivor, Fanya G. Heller, who is speaking on April 14, from 11:30am to 12:45pm. (HS 102-H3 and HS 102-I5)

**International Food Bazaar**

**Archana Gune  
Subrina Mahmood  
Janeth Merkle**

**12:00 noon - 2:00 pm**

**Student Cafeteria**  
Other

Different ethnic foods will be served.

**Vietnam and China: Culture,  
Economics and Business Conditions**

**Garold Lantz & Min Lu**

**1:00 pm - 2:15 pm**

**BH Young Auditorium**  
Panel Discussion

China has the most dynamic economy in the world. Years of economic reforms have brought many changes in China, many of these occurring in people's lives in the city as well as in the countryside. This presentation will focus on the impact of China's economic reforms on people's lives.

Vietnam is a former enemy of the United States but is now an emerging trade partner. Vietnam has undergone dramatic changes that will affect the United States and the world in the years to come. The session will include slide presentations covering topics such as, attitudes toward Americans, residual aspects of the "American War" showing North/South divisions, and economic and cultural characteristics.

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## Thursday, April 14, 2005

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**Transnational Communities:  
Japanese and Korean Expatriate  
Managers in the UK**                      **1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Diana Sharpe**    **Magill 107, 108**  
Presentation

This presentation focuses on the research findings looking at the creation and development of transnational communities among Japanese and Korean expatriate managers in the UK.

**Monmouth-Latvia Educational  
Partnership**    **1:00 pm - 2:15 pm**  
**Golam M. Mathbor**    **MH 227**  
Other

This presentation will focus upon the initiative of Monmouth University's Department of Social Work and Higher School of Social Work and Social Pedagogics "ATTISTIBA" Latvia to establish a new Social Work program on Global Community and International Social Work. The partnership project has generated interest and curiosity among social work faculty and practitioners in both countries to see the reasons for social problems not solely originating from the country itself but from the regional and global connections too. It is in these global and local premises that the new Master's Program in Global Community and International Social Work is initiated.

**Measles in Africa: How We Can Help**                      **1:00 pm**  
**Stefanie Bird**    **SC 202 B**  
Other

I will be presenting a lecture on the Measles epidemic in Africa as part of my graduate research project. Along with discussing this epidemic, I will discuss the role that the American Red Cross plays in the vaccination of children in Africa. I will also discuss ways that we as local social workers can help with this problem.

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## Thursday, April 14, 2005

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**Worker Voice in a Global Economy**                      **2:00 pm**  
**Patrick L. O'Halloran**    **Wilson Auditorium**  
**Robert Scott**    Panel Discussion

This would include such issues as unionization, worker representation, effects of globalization on the work force, the shifting balance of power between employers and employees, and possible policy implications pertinent to these issues. (BE 201-02)

**Journey to the Sun ( 2001)**    **2:30 pm - 3:45 pm**  
**Comparative Politics of the Middle East**  
**Saliba Sarsar**    **Bey Hall 222**  
Film

Set among the urban grime of working class Istanbul, Journey to the Sun focuses on two Turkish men on opposite sides of the political fence who become friends while escaping a flood of drunken, angry football hooligans. Young Mehmet (Newroz Sahon) is generally conservative, while Berzan (Nazmi Qirix) seems invested in the hunger strikes and Kurdish rebellion in the east. During a routine roadblock, Mehmet is mistakenly arrested for gun possession, and his dark skin makes him look like a Kurdish rebel to his interrogators. After days of questions and beatings, he wanders home dazed and broken through the industrial underbelly of the city. Arriving in his smoky, cramped flat, Mehmet discovers the police have marked his door with a red X, and he is kicked out of his apartment. Berzan comes to help, constantly skipping him around to new jobs and new beds to avoid the rebel's scarlet letter.

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## Thursday, April 14, 2005

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**Battle of Algiers** 4:15 pm - 7:15 pm  
**(Urbanization Around the World) 1967**

**Noah Lipman** **Wilson Auditorium**  
**Christopher DeRosa** Film

Director Gillo Pontecorvo's 1966 movie, The Battle of Algiers, concerns the violent struggle in the late 1950s for Algerian independence from France, where the film was banned on its release for fear of creating civil disturbances. Certainly, the heady, insurrectionary mood of the film... makes for an emotionally high temperature throughout.

**Bringing Immigrants Out of** 4:30 pm - 7:15pm  
**the Shadows**

**Kathleen Smith-Wenning** **BH Young Auditorium**  
**Amy Gottlieb (Speaker)** Keynote Event

This is a two-part session on Immigrants' Rights and Push-Pull Factors of Local Immigration. Speakers are from the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization, which includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Amy Gottlieb, key speaker of the event, is the Director of the Immigrants Rights Program located in the Newark office of the AFSC.

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## Friday, April 15, 2005

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**Day Trip to the United Nations** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**Rekha Datta** **Bus leaves Student**  
**Michael Patterson** **Center at 8 a.m.**

Bus trip to the UN organized by GUP, Political Science, and Student Activities Board. Sign up info will be available at a later date. The bus trip is sponsored by GUP and Student Government Association.

**The Gift of Eyesight, the Local-Global** 10:00 am - 11:15 am  
**Connection**

**Peter Deller, Jr.** **Wilson Auditorium**  
**Kathy Smith-Wenning** Classroom Colloquium

The role of the Lions Club with the gift of eyesight program through conducting of local eyeglass collections. (AN 103 and BL 201)



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## Friday, April 15, 2005

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### Achieving Global Awareness Through Media Literacy

12 noon - 4:00 pm

**Nancy Nicolescu**

**Alliance for a Media Literate America  
and Tri-Media NY, NJ, and CT,**

**Duana Neil, Chad Dell, Jim Horn**

**Wilson Auditorium**

Panel Discussion and Multi-  
media Presentation

Visitor Capacity: 75

Across the globe, world citizens take their messages from American media. It is imperative that we understand and take responsibility for our media messages by educating ourselves about how media messages are constructed, by engaging in production activities that contribute to understanding, and by empowering essential voices via the media environment. This forum addresses multi-faceted matters of Media Literacy through multi-media presentations and interactive dialogue. Enriching the program are dynamic, thought-provoking illustrations of national and international work in Media Literacy by students, educators, and artists.



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## Saturday, April 16, 2005

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### International Festival

7:30 pm - 1:00 am

**Barbara Nitzberg**

**Wilson Great Hall**

Performance/Other

The International Festival, sponsored by the International Club at Monmouth University, will be held in Wilson Hall on Saturday, April 16, 7:30 pm - 1:00 am. The price of tickets is \$3.00 for Monmouth University students and \$5.00 for all others. Tickets can be purchased at the International Student Services Office or at the Info Booth - both located in the Student Center. It is recommended that you purchase tickets in advance. The evening consists of an international buffet that includes Indian, South American, and Asian foods; an international show, including Asian and Middle Eastern dances, and a blend of Brazilian and African music. There is a dance party afterwards.

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## Global Understanding Convention Film Series

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### Monday, April 11

**Words of My Perfect Teacher** 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Sponsored by Two River Film Festival Anacon B  
Moderator: Pasquale Simonelli

**Prisoner of the Mountains** 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Moderator: Thomas Pearson Anacon B

### Tuesday, April 12

**Mr. Klein** 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm  
Jewish Culture Program (JCP) and Department of Foreign Language Studies Wilson Auditorium  
Moderator: Robert Youdin

**Cup Final** 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
Jewish Culture Program, Department of Foreign Language Studies, and Field Practice in Social Work McAllan Hall 324  
Moderator: Robert Youdin

**Children Underground** 4:30 - 7:15 pm  
Moderators: Rekha Datta and Marilyn Rocky Anacon A

### Thursday, April 14

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**(Comparative Politics of the Middle East)** Bey Hall 222  
Moderator: Saliba Sarsar

**Battle of Algiers (Urbanization Around the World)** 4:15 pm - 7:15 pm  
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