

Department of Society & Environment

Update

September 11, 2009

PERSONAL STATEMENT WORKSHOP FOR GRAD SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Each fall, the Career Center hosts a personal statement writing workshop with Don Asher. Students who have attended this workshop in the past have found it very productive. Faculty are asked to nominate students for the hands-on workshop where they will get help writing a personal statement for grad school applications. This year, these sessions will be held on Tuesday, September 29th from 3:00 – 6:00 and Wednesday, September 30th from 2:30 – 5:30.

If you would like to be nominated, let me know! ajohnson@truman.edu

See the Career Center newsletter (attached) for more about Graduate School Week and other Career Center programs and resources).

WRITING CENTER ONLINE SCHEDULING

The Writing Center now has an online scheduling system. Go to <http://writingcenter.truman.edu> or drop by the Writing Center in McClain 303 for details. You can also direct questions to 660.785.4484 and write@truman.edu

LOOKING FOR A NEAT RESEARCH PROJECT?

We have an idea for a joint research project for Health & Exercise Science and Sociology students focused on lunchroom nutrition in the schools as related to socioeconomic status. If you're interested in partnering with a HES student to work on this project, contact Dr. Johnson ajohnson@truman.edu or Dr. Lantz clantz@truman.edu (HES)

SEEKING STUDENTS TO SHARE TRUMAN EXPERIENCE AT VISIT EVENTS

Each year the Admissions Office asks departments to find faculty and students to help recruit new students to Truman through a series of “Showcases”.

If you’d be willing to share your Truman experience with prospective students, please contact Dr. Johnson ajohnson@truman.edu . We have a PowerPoint as a starting point. This is about a 1 hr commitment about 5-6 Saturdays out of they year if you do every one of them – you can also do just one or two. There is even a free lunch option after the academic presentations.

Last year I believe **all** of our volunteers were Anthropology students – it would be nice to have a mix of students from Anthropology, Sociology – and Geography (we do get prospective students asking about Geography sometimes). It is also nice to have a mix of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors!

STILL SEEKING DEPARTMENT MEETING REPRESENTATIVES:

The department is seeking student representatives from Anthropology, Geography & Sociology for our regular department meetings Mondays 12:30-1:20. If you’re interested in representing the student perspective and learning more about the inner workings of the department, here’s a chance to volunteer and make a difference in the department!

Tyler Retherford is representing anthropology students

We still need sociology and geography students to volunteer! This is a good way to learn what’s going on in the department and the university.

AREN’T THERE ANY SOCIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

To volunteer – email Dr. Johnson ajohnson@truman.edu

CLUBS ARE DOING THINGS!

Anthropology Club is well-organized this year and off to a quick start:

I got their email wrong in last week's announcements – if you'd like to be on their email list send a message to: tsu.anthropologyclub@gmail.com

In addition to going to International Films and Global Issues lectures together, the club meets bi-monthly around 8 on Thursday evenings.

Students for Social Change is also getting organized. The first meeting was Tuesday, September 8th at 7pm in the SUB Down Under. For more information, contact President Katherine Olsen Flaate ko5144@truman.edu.

ACROSS CAMPUS:

On **Saturday, September 12th** Truman is having the first **Faculty Research Conference** from 9:45-4:45 pm in the **Alumni Room of the SUB**. Faculty from across campus will be sharing with each other why they are fascinated by whatever stuff they study. Interested students are welcome to attend.

International Film Festival: Sin Nombre (Without Name) – Mexico

Date : Wednesday, 16 September 2009 **From :** 6:45pm

Location : Downtown Cinema 8

Free to members of the Truman Community Truman sponsors include The Office of the Provost, The School of Business, Pickler Memorial Library, The School of Health Sciences and Education, The School of Arts and Letters, The School of Social and Cultural Studies, and New Student Programs.

Email : martye@truman.edu

More info : <http://rcp.truman.edu/internationalfilm.htm>

STUDY ABROAD IN GREECE

Date : Tuesday, 15 September 2009 **From :** 6:00pm **To :** 7:00pm

and Wednesday, 16 September 2009 **From :** 5:00pm **To :** 6:00pm
(pick one)

Location : SUB Spanish Room

Informational meeting for Sacred Sites in Greece, a 6-credit-hour Summer 2010 study abroad class, will be held on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00 pm in SUB 3203. See photos from previous Greece trips, go over the itinerary for our next class, planned for May 12-June 5, 2010, and discuss ways to finance the program. This year's trip includes a week on Mykonos with a visit to the Sacred Island of Delos. For more information, contact Dr. Steven Reschly, sdr@truman.edu , x4648. sponsor: Dept of History name: Steven Reschly phone: 785-4648

WORKSHOP Beginner Resumes and Cover Letters

Wednesday September 16th 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Location : Career Center

* Do I have to include every job I've ever had? * How long should my resume be? * What should I include in my cover letter? People don't get a great job just because they have a great resume but many individuals have missed out on great opportunities because they presented a weak resumes. You will learn basic resume and cover letter "do's" and "don'ts," as well as how to highlight your education, work experience, and accomplishments. Target Audience: Student's who haven't begun the resume writing process sponsor: PDI- Career Center name: Elizabeth Bauer phone: 4353

WORKSHOP Major and Career Decisions

Date : Thursday, 17 September 2009 **From :** 4:00pm **To :** 5:00pm

Location : Career Center

Are you tired of people asking you what you are majoring in and what you want to be when you grow up? This introductory program can help you move closer to deciding on a major, identifying what you can do with that major, and developing steps to begin exploring careers and majors. Learn how to interest, personality, and values play a role in the decisions you make, and the procedures for taking the personality (Myers-Briggs Type Indicator) and interest (Strong Interest Inventory) instruments. Target Audience: Students who are unsure about their major, what they can do with their major, or what other majors might fit their interests, skills, personality, and values. sponsor: PDI- Career Center name: Elizabeth Bauer phone: 4353

[Global Issues](#) starts off a new season featuring **University of Missouri Law School professor Margaret McGuinness** on **Constitution Day**, September 17. She will speak on “**Transnationalism and the Constitution: The Globalization of Rights**” addressing how globalization is leading to a convergence among legal systems. She will examine the current debate over whether and to what extent U.S. courts should look to developments in foreign and international law to resolve legal conflicts in the United States. 7:00 pm in MG 2001.

The next Global Issues session follows right away and features our Baldwin speaker. ***In The Beginning: Peace Corps***. Alan Guskin was among the University of Michigan graduate students who helped to found the Peace Corps, and served in Thailand in 1961. In addition to hearing about those early days, we will also hear about the Peace Corps experiences of Truman faculty & others who have served: Mark Campbell (Agricultural Science); Karen Keck (Kirksville public school teacher); Bob Matthews (Math and Computer Science); John Quinn (Political Science); and Mary Shapiro (English & Linguistics). [The Career Center will present information on applying to the Peace Corps](#). Note the unusual date: **Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm MG 2001**.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK

From **September 21 to 25**, the Women's Resource Center will host a variety of activities for SAAW. September 21-25: The Clothesline Project, 9 AM to 5 PM on the Mall A visual testament to the experiences and hopes of those who have been sexually ...assaulted
September 22: You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers: A Panel Discussion about Sexual Assault and the Conduct Code, 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM in BH Little Theatre A panel including members of Victim's Support Services and University Counseling Services will discuss the recent changes to the conduct code.
September 23: Stalking Awareness and the Small School Effect, 7 PM in BH 303 Learn about stalking on college campuses and what you can do to protect yourself.
September 24: Take Back the Night, 8 PM by the fountain on the Mall A candle light vigil that mourns loss by sexual assault and celebrates survivors

AROUND TOWN:

In a couple of weeks on **Saturday September 19th** is **Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival** downtown (that's Family Weekend, too).

On **Saturday October 3rd**, the **Missouri Archaeological Society** is having its **Fall Symposium on Paleoindians** at Thousand Hills State Park from 9 a.m.–3 p.m at Thousand Hills State Park in Kirksville, Missouri (660-665-7119). The Symposium is free and open to the public. Light

refreshments will be provided, but those attending will be responsible for their own lunch and/or dinner. Please let Dr. Johnson know if you're planning to attend! ajohnson@truman.edu

Did you do something interesting this summer?

Let us know on [face book](#)

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!