

Department of Society & Environment
Update
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Thanks! to Bonnie Mitchell, Julie Flowerday, Aaron Fine, and all of the students & faculty who made the Roundtable on Race on Tuesday such a good discussion.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS NEXT WEEK:

- **Tuesday November 3rd, 7pm Georgian Room C in the SUB** Truman students who traveled to Cape Town, South Africa last summer will share their **experiences from the Study Abroad program, "Democracy and Human Rights in South Africa"** (refreshments)
- **The Students for Social Change**
 - **Tuesdays at 8pm in Baldwin Hall 312** regular meetings
 - **Thursday November 5th, 8 pm in VH 1000** showing "**Born into Brothels**"
- **Thursday November 5th, 5-6 pm in Barnett Hall 2224** information session for **Kindness Ranch Internships** (help rehabilitate animals used in research; explore role of animals in society)
 - Available any interim, semester, or summer session
 - http://societyandenvironment.truman.edu/Internships/kindness_ranch/kindness_ranch_09.asp
- **Thursday November 5th 6-7 pm in Barnett Hall 2224 Graduate School Information Session**
 - Come if you have specific questions about applying to graduate school in an area related to programs in our department OR
 - Come if you're interested in learning about who should apply/ what questions to consider when applying/ how to fund grad school/ how grad school admissions are changing

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY –

HELP DR. MCDUFF WITH STUDENT INTERVIEW PROJECT:

As the new Chair of the Student Interview Project at Truman, I am beginning the process of recruiting student research team members who are interested in gaining valuable research experience, earning one hour of SOAN research credit, and fulfilling their scholarship hours for Spring 2010 in the process. This year's project addresses students' quality of life. We will interview approximately 100 undergraduates early in the spring semester (over 12 sessions) to learn how attending the University influences students' quality of life in areas such as academics, social relationships, housing, and health. We intend to conclude interviews by midterm break and to publish the findings for the entire University community – team members will be acknowledged in the publication. Team members will be primarily responsible for contacting student participants and making interview appointments, participating in as many of the interviews as possible as student interviewers, and helping to enter data. Student team leaders will also be responsible for coding open-ended interview data. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity for involvement in research and contributing to student life and learning at Truman.

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REGISTRATION NOTES:

To get clearance to register for spring 2010 courses, you **must** visit with your primary academic advisor. *If you don't know who that is*, Deb Engen in the Department Office (BT 2210 or 785-4667) can help you find out.

REGISTERING FOR JINS: "juniors" (60-90 credit hours) will have access to JINS courses beginning the evening (5 p.m.) of Thursday, Nov 5.

You can find the new major program description in the online catalog through these links for the [B.A. SOAN major](#) and for [B.S. SOAN major](#) . Course descriptions are available at <http://catalog.truman.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=187>

WHEN DO YOU REGISTER?

Currently enrolled, degree-seeking students may register for Spring 2010 courses beginning with the following times. Students may register *at or after* the times shown, but not before.

	First Available Registration Date	First Available Registration Time
Undergraduate Students (80+ hours can register any time now)		
70.0-79.9 hours earned	Monday, November 2, 2009	5:00 p.m.
60.0-69.9 hours earned	Tuesday, November 3, 2009	5:00 p.m.
50.0-59.9 hours earned	Wednesday, November 4 2009	5:00 p.m.
40.0-49.9 hours earned	Thursday, November 5, 2009	5:00 p.m.
30.0-39.9 hours earned	Monday, November 9, 2009	5:00 p.m.
20.0-29.9 hours earned	Tuesday, November 10, 2009	5:00 p.m.
10.0-19.9 hours earned	Wednesday, November 11, 2009	5:00 p.m.
0.0-9.9 hours earned	Thursday, November 12, 2009	5:00 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS NEXT WEEK:

SLEEP AND YOU(TUBE) LECTURE

Wednesday November 4th in the Activities room in the SUB at 7pm. Bryan Krylowicz (Counseling Center) will be giving the presentation and hope to educate and entertain on the topic of sleep. Come out and be more educated and proactive about your sleep!

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Andean Action Research - Winter Session

December 28th 2009 – January 15th 2010

The **Center for Social Well Being** will celebrate our 9th year offering our 3 week training program with courses in ethnographic field methods and languages (Spanish and Quechua) in the Peruvian Andes. Students will be housed at the center's rural base, an adobe lodge on an ecological ranch in the Cordillera Blanca mountain range of the Callejón de Huaylas, 7 hours northeast of Lima. Coursework provides in-depth orientation to theory and practice in anthropological investigation that emphasizes methods in **Participatory Action Research** and **Andean Ethnography** centered on themes of **Health, Ecology, Biodiversity** and **Community Organization**. Students will have the opportunity to actively engage in ongoing investigations in local agricultural communities to develop effective field research techniques, and to acquire language skills. In addition, the program provides excursions to museums, archaeological sites, glacial lakes and hot springs; optional recreational activities include hiking, mountain biking, rafting, kayaking, rock climbing and trekking.

Total cost is \$3,000 US dollars. This includes all in-country travel, food and accommodations at the rural center, and course materials. The program is under the direction of Applied Medical Anthropologist, Patricia J. Hammer, Ph.D., and Ecologist, Flor de María Barreto Tosi.

Program dates: December 28th 2009 through January 15th 2010

For an application contact: phammer@wayna.rcp.net.pe

Or click on: <http://www.socialwellbeing.org/FieldSchool2003-3.htm>

Further information available at www.socialwellbeing.org

Career Center has available **mock interview** time slots on Friday, November 6th with the professionals from **SCORE** (Service Corps of Retired Executives). This is a great opportunity to gain interviewing experience and advice from highly successful individuals from diverse professional fields who are volunteering to travel to Kirksville to work with Truman students. Bring your resume and sign up at the career center—slots fill quickly.

The Division of Youth Services is seeking a part-time employee in the Kirksville area. The position pays \$10.57/hour. The employee will assist in working with youth supervised by DYS. Duties may include transporting to your school, job, etc.; spending time to develop constructive relationship with youth; tutoring; and facilitating contacts with school, employers, or community resources. The position could potentially be combined with an internship for academic credit. See [Dr. McDuff](#) for details.

Truman in Africa is a relatively new organization on campus with a focus on conflict in Africa and those affected by it. It aims to raise awareness around campus as well as aid non-violent efforts to end the conflict and promote peace. The first big event this year will be a screening by Invisible Children. This film is a compilation of personal stories that speak of the unseen war in Northern Uganda. In addition to showing the film, they will also have Invisible Children Roadies (interns), who

will speak about the current situation of the conflict as well as Invisible Children's efforts to end the war. T.I.A. wants to invite you to attend the screening. The event will be on November 9th from 8 to 11 pm in the SUB Georgian Rooms A and B. Speak to your Sociology, Geography, and Anthropology professors for earning extra credit in your courses by attending this event. Please email trumanin africa@gmail.com for Jennifer Herr President if you are interested or have questions. [Dr. McDuff](#) is also the advisor if you have questions about the organization.

The Anthropology Song <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHv6rw6wxJY> was created by Donetta Cooper, a May 2009 Anthropology graduate from The University of British Columbia who also spoke at graduation and announced the gifts to the university. Even though not correctly stated in some parts, the anthropology song gives a good, overall view of anthropology hitting the main fields.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

**Tomorrow is the last Farmer's Market until May!
There are lots of fresh, local pumpkins at the market.**