

DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES

ADVISING FAIR

Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Port O' Call, Cartwright Center and

Breakout Sessions in 205, 208, and 307 Graff Main Hall

The following will be available to students during the entire Advising Fair, Port O'Call

- ❖ Refreshments
- ❖ Raffle/Door Prizes (to participate submit your name/ph. number/email address at the designated table)
- ❖ Cultural artifacts exhibit (faculty have assembled an exhibit of items from their travels associated with the languages and cultures taught through the department)
- ❖ General advising for students in French, German, Spanish classes by respective language faculty
- ❖ Study Abroad advising; complete the Study Abroad Academic Plan with specific language faculty
- ❖ Advising for Majors and Minors in French, German and Spanish by faculty
- ❖ Advising and information on study abroad from the staff of the Office of International Education
- ❖ Peer study abroad advising (students who have returned from study abroad will be available to chat with you individually about their experiences)
- ❖ Information on student scholarships
- ❖ Information on student clubs, honor societies and organizations sponsored by the department

Breakout Sessions on a variety of topics will be presented in reserved rooms in Graff Main Hall (see descriptions and room locations below)

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Tim Walls from the *College of Liberal Studies Dean's Office* will be available to evaluate transcripts and SNAP forms, advise students about to graduate, advise on declaring a major/minor in the College and to assist with other college-related advising

Other advising:

Russian: Prof. Poulton will advise, as needed; go to the French Advising Table

TESOL: Janis Hanson will have prepared a flyer/brochure which will be available at the registration table [TESOL program-related information available at: <http://www.uwlax.edu/tesol/TESOLAdvisingUWL.htm>]

Breakout sessions will be presented according to the following schedule (all are Graff Main Hall):

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Salka Blötz**, Amity Scholar from Germany/Department of Modern Languages, Room 205 GMH
Presentation topics: some stereotypes people have about Germans; German pop culture; hear the story of the "*Rattenfänger von Hameln*" ("*The Pied Piper of Hamelin*").
- 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Luis García**, Amity Scholar from Mexico/Department of Modern Languages, Room 208 GMH
Presentation topics: Xalapa, Veracruz (Mexico) and the surrounding locations; the exchange program between the Universidad Veracruzana and UW-L; Luis's experiences as an international student at UW-L.
- 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Jorge Pereira**, Amity Scholar from Colombia/Department of Modern Languages Room 307 GMH
Presentation topics: Colombian culture; the education system in Colombia; opportunities to study in South America
- 9:55-10:50 a.m. **Lindsay McClead, North American Coordinator for Global Awareness Through Experience (GATE):** *The GATE Program in Mexico*, Room 208 GMH
Lindsay will provide information about this cultural immersion experience in Mexico City and Chiapas that explores women's reality, the struggle for indigenous rights, and other issues

of social justice. Find out about the efforts of grassroots organizers who are fighting for human rights, sustainable economies / agriculture, and alternative models to neo-liberalism and corporate globalization.

- 9:55-10:50 a.m. Gabriela Dongo, Visiting International Instructor from Peru/Department of Modern Languages. Room 205 GMH
Presentation topic: Cultures and Current Events in Peru
- 9:55-10:50 a.m. Prof. Yu Qi, Visiting Chinese Scholar, Department of Modern Languages. Room 307 GMH
Yu Qi will provide an overview of the Chinese culture and language. Attendees will learn some Chinese phrases as well as the opportunities to study Chinese at UW-L and to study abroad in China.
- 11:00-11:55 a.m. **Karolyn Bald** (*Careers/Domestic Internships*), Room 307 GMH
Come learn about internships and jobs related to the world of languages. Special emphasis will be put on how to better emphasize your language skills and your international experiences.
- 11:00-11:55 a.m. **Sandy Sieber** (*International Internships*), Room 205 GMH
Interested in an international internship? Opportunities in Germany, Mexico, France and English-speaking countries will be made available at this presentation. Application procedures and timelines, credit options and financial aid issues will be addressed as well.
- 11:00-11:55 a.m. **Jean Hindson**, Modern Languages and **Joyce Shanks**, Education Studies (*Teacher Education*), Room 208 GMH
Interested in being certified to teach a world language (French, German, Spanish, Other)? Find out about the opportunities, challenges and requirements. [If you are a Modern Language Department major or minor and a teacher education candidate wishing to be certified to teach your language of study, and have not previously attended one of these sessions, you are required to attend. Students unable to attend this session due to a class conflict on Advising Day should schedule a meeting with Dr. Hindson.]
- 12:05-1:00 p.m. **Costa Rica/Nicaragua Study Program**), Room 208 GMH
Jeanne Whisler and Katie Fick, UW-L Students, will provide information about the exciting opportunity to study, live and travel in Costa Rica and Nicaragua during the fall of 2008. They will describe class field trips to various parts of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, living with a host family, and service learning projects.
- 12:05-1:00 p.m. **Julien Neola**, Department of Modern Languages, Amity Scholar from Guadeloupe (French West Indies), Room 205 GMH
Learn about: Culture in a Francophone country; the French West Indies; the relation between Creole and French.
- 12:05-1:00 p.m. **Omar Norambuena**, Amity Scholar from Chile/Department of Modern Languages, Room 307 GMH
Learn about: Culture and Current Events in Chile and Argentina.
- 1:10-2:00 p.m. **Connie Vanderhyden & student participants** (*Human Rights in Guatemala*), Room 208 GMH
We are hearing about human rights violations and crimes against humanity in many regions of the world these days. The Guatemalan Accompaniment Project was formed to respond to the request of the Guatemalan people who have suffered threats, harassment and violence for many years. Accompaniers are trained U.S. volunteers who live side-by-side with at-risk communities and organizations, providing a measure of security and creating space for the Guatemalans to organize and defend their rights. Come hear about accompaniment in Guatemala and about some ways to become involved in Human Rights Advocacy in Latin America. Given in English and appropriate for all students.

1:10-2:00 p.m.

Eulalia Martínez, Amity Scholar from Spain/Department of Modern Languages,
Room 205 GMH
Learn about: Culture and Current Events in Spain.

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Prof. Jean Hindson, Modern Languages and several UW-L students who have
participated in this unique and exciting Professional Development School program: Learn
about teaching a world language to elementary students at North Woods International
Elementary School (Onalaska). Room 307 GMH