LAS Happenings

- We all had some much needed time off during the Fall Break from October 8th to October 11th. We hope that everyone is well-rested and ready to tackle the remainder of the semester!

- On October 11th, Latin American Studies was one of many departments and programs in the College of Arts and Sciences that were represented at an open house for interested UM undergraduate applicants. We hope to see many of the best and the brightest apply to our LAS program this year!

- On October 20th, plenty of our students attended the UM Department of International Studies’ two-day energy conference, bringing together policy-makers, professors and business leaders to discuss a myriad of topics, including the energy sector and oil in Latin America.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities at UM

- FULBRIGHT Scholarship Information Session
  - NOVEMBER 12, 2015
  - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
  - Hecht Residential College - Faculty Master's Apartment
  - Room 122

  The Fulbright Program awards approximately 1,000 new grants annually to support an individually designed research project, or teaching assistantship that will take place during one academic year in a country outside the U.S.

  The info session will cover program basics, the ins and outs of the application process, and will help students begin to organize their proposals.

  Basics, department chairs, faculty members, directors of undergraduate studies, and fellows are also wanted to help answer questions from interested and curious UM students about the application process and the Fulbright experience for themselves.

  Presented by:
  - Jennifer Connor, Fulbright US Student Program
  - Outreach Program Officer for the Institute of International Education (IIE)
  - April Dobbins, Director of the Office of Prestigious Awards and Fellowships

  All undergraduate and graduate students interested in learning more about the Fulbright Program are welcome to attend. The event is free and open to the public.

- The Jamaican 1960s: A Symposium, will take place on Thursday October 29th from 9:30 PM and Friday, October 20 from 9-2 PM in the Executive Conference Room of the UM Newman Alumni Center. Speakers will include a diverse range of professors from the US, the Caribbean and Europe. RSVP by following this link.

- On Friday, November 6th, 2015, the Center for Hemispheric Policy will be hosting the Distinguished Leaders Symposium, featuring H.E. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, former President and current Senator of the Republic of Colombia, who will speak from 8:00-9:30 a.m., at the UM Newman Alumni Center. Uribe has received international recognition for his national security efforts against the FARC during his presidency. Registration for the event is $40, but current UM students can attend free of charge. Tickets can be acquired by following this link.

- We strongly encourage all LAS students to attend the Fulbright Scholarship information session on November 12th, 2015 in the Hecht Residential College (see flyer above for more information). One FILAS alumna, Mackenzie Sheldon, will be serving as an English Teaching Assistant in Argentina for the 2016-2017 academic year. Contact April Dobbins, Director of the Office of Prestigious Awards and Fellowships for more information.
Announcements:
- Advising for the spring semester is almost here! Dr. Fuller will be available to meet with students at the following times: FILAS students on Monday Nov. 2 from 1-5 pm; LAS Majors on Wednesday Nov. 4 from 9-11 am; MA students on Thursday Nov. 5 from 9-12 pm; and LAS minors on Friday, Nov. 6 from 9-12 pm. If you are unable to make any of the above times, please email Dr. Fuller and you can request an alternative time.

- Interested in applying to the Fellows in Latin American Studies (FILAS) Program? Act fast, the application deadline for this academic year has been extended to December 1st! Contact Dr. Fuller or graduate assistant Grace Slawski for more information.

- The UM Office of Undergraduate Research would like to remind students to utilize their office if interested in finding a research mentor. Follow this link to learn more about how to apply.

Jobs, Internships, & Other Opportunities for Students
- Oklahoma State University is offering a study abroad program from March 12-19, 2016. The program is ideal for Spanish language majors or minors and students interested in social sciences, history, sustainability or environmental issues. Contact Dr. Dale Lightfoot (d.lightfoot@okstate.edu) or Dr. Jon Comer (jon.comer@okstate.edu) OSU Department of Geography for more info.

- Dr. Heidbrink (PI) seeks two bilingual (Spanish/English) students to serve as research assistants on a National Science Foundation-funded study entitled “The Deportation of Migrant Children” which investigates the impacts of deportation of migrant children and to examine processes of social reintegration in communities of return. The primary tasks of the research assistants are to assist in developing and administering a community-level survey in Guatemala. This position runs from January of 2016 until August of 2017. Please submit a CV, cover letter (3pgs max), unofficial transcripts, and the contact information of 3 professional references to lheidbrink@nl.edu in a single email by December 1, 2015. For more information, please refer to the following posting.