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Exchanging Stories Abroad

UST maintains exchange relationships with 16 universities in the Americas, Europe and Asia, and up to 15 exchange students visit the University each year, for one or two semesters.

“These students add their unique backgrounds and personalities to the campus community and classroom and are welcomed additions to UST,” said Dr. Hans Stockton, director of the UST Study Abroad Program.

This semester, UST is hosting six exchange students. Pictured seated from left to right: Yasushi Hashioka, Chuo University, Japan, studying philosophy and theology; Marc Perello, Abat Oliba

University, Spain, studying journalism and public relations; middle-row standing: Lorena Olazar Patiño, Abat Oliba University, Spain, studying public relations and advertising; Joanne Simpson, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland, studying business; and back-row standing: Patricia Morris, St. Thomas University, Canada, studying interdisciplinary studies; and Yu-Hsuan Chuang, National Cheng Chi University, Taiwan, studying business administration.

UST students interested in exchange programs should contact Diana Garcia, Study Abroad coordinator, at 713-525-3530.

Travel to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008

Put Sydney, Australia, on your list of upcoming places to visit when you sign up to attend World Youth Day 2008. This year, UST participants will join the parish of St. Rose of Lima on this pilgrimage from July 12 to 21. WYD 2008 activities, which Pope Benedict XVI will attend, run July 15-20.

WYD is the Catholic Church’s week of events for youth and with youth that gathers thousands of young people from around the world to celebrate and learn about the Catholic faith and to build bridges of

friendship and hope between continents, peoples and cultures.

The WYD 2008 theme comes from Acts 1:8—“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.”

Campus Ministry coordinates the trip.

Registration deadline is Thursday, Sept. 27. Interested parties should contact UST students John Simons at 918-313-4788 or simonsj@stthom.edu, or Megan Silva at 713-705-7230.



Matthew Field

Helping Hands Nonprofit Job and Volunteer Fair

Representatives from more than 30 nonprofit agencies will be on campus from 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, on the Crooker Center Patio. UST students will have an opportunity to talk with them about jobs, volunteer

opportunities and internships. Some of the attending agencies will be the Ronald McDonald House, The Health Museum, Interfaith Ministries, Bo's Place, Casa de Esperanza and End Hunger Network. The fair is sponsored by Career Services, Office of Volunteer Opportunities and the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. This annual fair will be held in conjunction with the Student Affairs' Club Fair and the Wellness Fair hosted by Health Promotion and Wellness.



Call of the Wild: Fall Wilderness Retreat

Campus Ministry invites students from all classes to enjoy a weekend away from studying, stress and the daily college life on Oct. 12-15 at Cooper Lake State Park. The 3,026-acre park is approximately five hours north of Houston and features a beautiful 19,300-acre lake surrounded by towering oak trees, wildlife, hiking trails, camp grounds and many recreational opportunities. This weekend gives students the chance to experience the outdoors, reflect on their lives, directions and purposes, set aside time for personal reflection and prayer and connect with other UST students.

Sign up in Campus Ministry, second floor, Crooker Center. Deadline is Oct. 7.



I Madonnari Sidewalk Art Contest Winner



Houston area high school students and UST students competed at the *I Madonnari* sidewalk art contest on Sept. 8. Sixteen high school students competed for a \$300 cash prize, UST scholarship money and a chance for the grand prize of \$500, given at the Italian Cultural and Community Center's *Festa Italiana*, Oct. 13-14.

Eleven UST students competed. UST junior Claudia Garcia took home first place and \$300.

SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate Constitution Day



Join the Office of Student Activities for Constitution Day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17. Student Affairs professionals will be available to review club organization constitutions. Copies of the U.S. Constitution will be distributed.

Volleyball Game & Pep Rally



Come to the Lady Celts first volleyball home game of the season at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21. The Lady Celts will take on the University of Texas-Brownsville. A pep rally will precede the game at 6 p.m. Come out and show your UST Celt spirit!

Salsa Dance Contest



Join SOL, HBSA, BESO and Student Activities for the third annual Salsa Contest at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, on the Crooker Center Patio. Learn how to make salsa and show off your dance moves. Rain location will be the Old Bookstore in Crooker Center.

Celtic Balladeer Performs



The Center for Irish Studies and The Irish Society present an "Evening of Story and Song with Danny O'Flaherty," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, in Jones Hall. Suggested donation is \$10. No RSVP or advance tickets sold.



Irish Economy Lecture

A seasoned scholar in knowledge management from the University of Limerick in Ireland will discuss the ever-changing nature of the Irish economy and present a perspective on the rapid social changes taking place in his country in a lecture at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, in Cullen Hall.

Dr. Fergal McGrath, chair of the Management and Marketing Department in the Kemmy School of Business at the University of Limerick, and visiting Fulbright scholar, will outline the increasing challenges that Ireland faces as it progresses from an economy based on the agriculture and manufacturing industries to an economy based on knowledge.

The lecture, "Challenges for Ireland as a Knowledge-Based Economy: Phase II of the Celtic Tiger or Is it the Celtic Cub?" will address the success of his country's economy over the last decade, which has drastically altered the Irish landscape, social norms and practices. These changes have also affected the employment base and created new issues of social assimilation.

For more information, contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592.

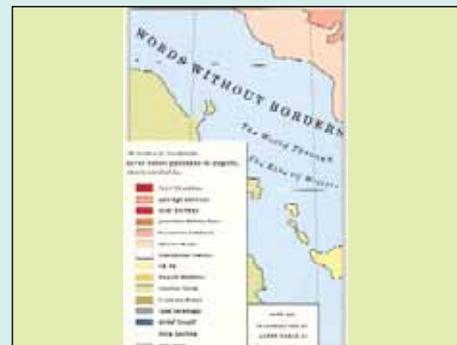


Plaza Dedication

University President Robert Ivany, along with Mrs. Raye G. White, will join UST supporters to dedicate the Edward P. White Memorial Plaza at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, in front of the Link Lee Mansion. RSVP to the event by calling 713-942-5906.

The aesthetic landmark of the Memorial Plaza, named in memory of one of the University's most dedicated benefactors, is one of the last creative designs of world-renowned architect Philip Johnson. During the 1950s, Johnson laid out a master plan for the Academic Mall, which was completed in 2001 with the opening of Malloy Hall. The first buildings on the Mall, Jones Hall and a portion of Strake Hall, were completed in 1958. Jones Hall's small auditorium/lecture hall, as well as the exhibition gallery, became the heart of the cultural and artistic activities on campus.

Johnson came out of retirement in the mid-1990s to design the Chapel of St. Basil, dedicated in 1997. Located at the north end of the Mall, the Chapel faces the Doherty Library at the south end, an architectural arrangement that represents the dialogue between faith and reason.



Words without Borders

Board a plane to Tehran, explore the highlands of Chiapas and discover a mystical moonscape village in China at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in Cullen Hall.

Zara Houshmand, Bapsi Sidhwa and Liu Hongbin will read from the book, "Words Without Borders," which the Miami Sun Post heralds as "a collection of tales from the whole wild world, perhaps the very next best thing to being there." The reading will be followed by a book discussion and a reception in Doherty Library. The event is free and open to the public.

Houshmand is an Iranian-American writer who has translated several contemporary Iranian plays as well as modern and classical Persian poetry. Sidhwa is a distinguished novelist and playwright from Pakistan. Her novels "An American Brat," "Cracking India," "The Bride," "The Crow Eaters" and "Water" have been published in several languages. Hongbin is the author of three collections of poems "Dove of the East," "An Iron Circle" and "A Day Within Days."

The event will be narrated by Samantha Schnee, founding editor of Words Without Borders online literary magazine.

Fernandez Awarded for Volunteerism

UST Assistant Professor of Accounting Ramon Fernandez has been selected by the Points of Light Foundation as the Daily Point of Light for Oct. 1, 2007, for his work with the Volunteer Income Tax Association (VITA) program. The Points of Light Foundation, a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting volunteerism, awards Daily Points of Light each weekday to individuals or organizations that are making a difference in their communities through service work.

Fernandez has taught at UST for 25 years



and has volunteered for VITA for more than 24 years. He has also incorporated the program into the service-learning curriculum at UST. He has specifically worked with non-English speakers and with undocumented workers who are often hesitant to file income tax returns. Fernandez has

helped these communities build a connection with the Internal Revenue Service.

To be considered for a Daily Point of Light award, a nominee's volunteer work must address a community need, build connections with those who may be isolated from the larger community and result in a lasting positive impact.

Explore Modern Mystics Lecture Series

Explore the modern history of Christian mysticism with the Roots of Christian Mysticism Series on nine Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 8 and running through May 10. Presented by theologians and scholars,

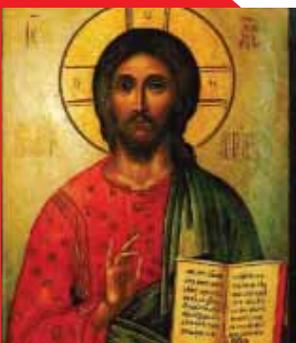
including professors from the University of St.

Thomas and St. Mary's Seminary, the series

will cover a wide variety of topics from 17th century mystics (St. Francis de Sales, St. Jeanne de Chantal, etc.) to modern contemplatives

such as Thomas Merton.

Fr. Charles J.T. Talar, STD, professor of systematic theology, and Dr. Brooke Deely, adjunct professor for the Honors Program, will lecture on the French Mystics of the 17th century and French philosopher Jacques Maritain, respectively.



The series is an ongoing initiative of The World Community for Christian Meditation, whose director is Father Laurence Freeman, OSB. Meditation will be an integral part of the series, with each lecture preceded by a silent meditation. Previous meditation experience is not necessary.

The lectures will be held at the Dominican Sisters Meeting Room, 6501 Alameda Road. Tuition is \$225. Need-based scholarships are available. No prior preparation is required.

For a detailed schedule, biographies of the presenters and registration forms, go to www.wcmtexas.org or contact Claudia Morgan at 713-668-1209 or email her at claudiamorgan@comcast.net.

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