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Professional Journal to Publish Two University of St. Thomas Students' Papers

HOUSTON (Aug. 30, 2006)—Two UST Center for International Studies students, Kate Dillon and Salomon Medina, recently learned that they were selected as co-winners for the best undergraduate papers presented at the Southwestern International Studies Association in San Antonio in April, 2006. Both papers will be published in the association's 2006 volume of the Southwestern Journal of International Studies. SISA is an affiliate of the Southwestern Social Science Association, the largest and oldest interdisciplinary association in the United States.

"This is great news," said Dr. Gustavo Wensjoe, director of the Center for International Studies. "Twenty-one students from UST presented their papers at SISA this year. Since the best undergraduate paper award was instituted, it has always been won by a UST student."

Dillon, a senior, wrote on "Trade Liberalization and Poverty Reduction: Exploring a Causal Connection." Dillon's thesis director was Dr. Hans Stockton, associate professor, Center for International Studies.

Medina, who graduated in May, wrote on "Sanctions Regime: The Next Steps." Medina's thesis director was Dr. Wensjoe.

Six professors from St. Thomas also presented at the conference – Drs. Pierre Canac, Ravi Srinivas, Gustavo Wensjoe, Hans Stockton, Linda Pett-Conklin and Mehdi Noorbaksh.

"Next year the conference will be held in Albuquerque, and we anticipate approximately 20 students will be accepted to present papers at this prestigious national conference," said Wensjoe.

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