

# Getting Political — Going International

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## Fulbright Fellowships- Great Opportunity

A B-W campus workshop for students interested in Fulbright Fellowships for Study/Teaching Abroad will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 in 110 Malicky Center.

Are you a current sophomore or junior with an interest in studying, researching or pursuing a project in the creative or performing arts in a foreign country after graduation? Or are you interested in teaching English abroad? Dr. Judy Krutky, Campus Fulbright Program Advisor, will discuss the requirements for applicants and the application process with interested students at the campus workshop.

.Applications for fellowships for study for the academic year

2011-12 will be accepted in fall 2010 from well-qualified seniors in most fields of study. Factors that increase a student's likelihood of winning a Fulbright grant are good grades (at least a 3.00 GPA), ability to communicate in the language of the country the student chooses for an application (the English-speaking countries are the most competitive), and a well-founded reason to go abroad for study or research. Fulbright will not fund activities which could be carried out just as well in the U.S. Particularly attractive are applications to research some phenomenon that only occurs in the country chosen or to study with a scholar/artist who lives there. Fulbright Fellowships will provide round-trip international transportation,

tuition (when applicable), health and accident insurance, and maintenance for one academic year in a foreign country.

There are also additional opportunities for graduating seniors to teach English abroad for the 2011-12 academic year. Several governments use the Fulbright application process to select English instructors to teach in their countries. This possibility will also be discussed at the meeting. (Students do not need to be EDU majors.)

If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Dr. Krutky at Ext. 2458 or [jkrutky@bw.edu](mailto:jkrutky@bw.edu).

## Mock Trial Team

"The B-W Mock Trial team has been hosting practice twice a week since its establishment in October (3 hours each day) to not only prepare itself for the invitational they attended at Ohio Northern in January, but for an upcoming Regional tournament hosted in Cincinnati, Ohio in February. Thanks to the work of both captains, coach, and members, the B-W Mock Trial Team has become an official member of the American Mock Trial Association, allowing the team to study

the case of *Jackie Owens vs. the State of Midlands*. The program has obtained the spectacular services of an award-winning coach, Will Eadie, who has contributed greatly to not only the success of the team and the program, but for the team's upcoming tournaments. The team not only began competing against other schools across the nation starting January 16 and 17th, but also developing a reputation for sportsmanship, talent, and accountability. The Mock Trial Team would like to

thank the Political Science Department for all of its support and assistance throughout the year!" -Scott Rosenau

Mock Trial Coach: Will Eadie  
Captains: Scott Rosenau and Andrew Goss  
Members: Brooke Hamilton, Morsheda Akhter, Kris Smeage, Jennifer Ostrowski, Astrid Tres, Samantha Mucha, and Khush Baig



## Greetings from Hong Kong!

"Hong Kong is amazing! I have been here for a little over a month now and am loving every day of it. I have been very active in finding my way around the city and going to new places. The MTR (subway) is so wonderful and makes traveling to most places so simple. Classes are going well and seem like they will not be any harder



than BW classes. I am really enjoying my Government and Politics of Hong Kong class. Yesterday I went to Monkey Mountain which was an interesting experience, seeing as it was the first time I interacted with wild monkeys. I have also been visiting the islands on the weekends. This Thursday I will be going to Macau for the night and then flying out in the morning to go to Vietnam. I am quite excited I am going with two other international students and we are traveling from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), to Hanoi in 11 days. Part of the trip we will be riding motorcycles along the coast for 3 days. I am very excited and cannot wait to leave.



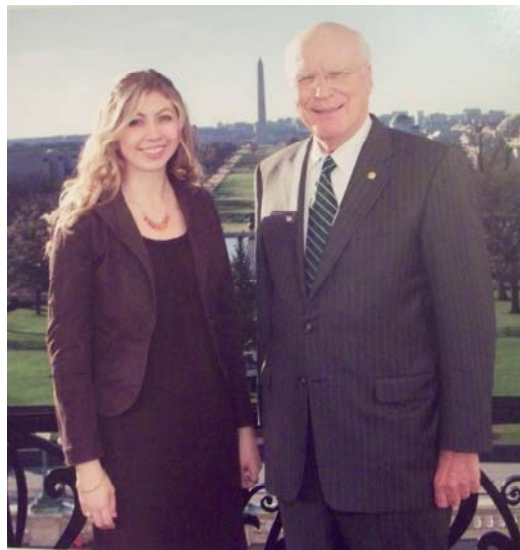
Everyday here is so interesting interacting with the local students, Professors and other international students. This is such a wonderful opportunity that I wish more students would experience."

**-Josh Leonard**

## Semester in Washington, by Sarah Friedmann

"Life in DC for the past few months has been wonderfully crazy. I am attending American University through their Washington Semester Program while also living and working on the Hill. All of these endeavors have kept me very busy as well as provided me with some incredible experiences. I am an intern for Senator Patrick Leahy, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, on his Judiciary Committee staff. At work, I prepare for and staff Judiciary Committee hearings and business meetings as well as assist the Chairman, Committee members, Committee staff, and witnesses in a variety of ways, including researching, writing letters, delivering legislation and mail, and conducting various administrative tasks, among other things. This opportunity has allowed me to meet many Senators and administration officials as well as learn a great deal about how the legislative process veritably works. Learning how Washington works from a behind-the-scenes perspective has been incredibly valuable and endowed me with a great respect for everyone who helps

contribute to the successful functioning of the government. I feel very lucky to be able to contribute in some small way through my work with the Senate Judiciary Committee.



**Sarah Friedman with Senator Leahy**

Outside of work, I have some amazing experiences as well. Last week I met Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with my class and even asked her a question! Our class is very field-based and has taken us all over D.C., from the Pentagon to the Speaker's Office to renowned think tanks and much more. We have had

probably over 40 guest lecturers from all aspects of the American governmental/political scene and I have learned so much from each one of them.

In addition my work with the Senate and class, I have kept myself very busy through working on my honors thesis, doing volunteer work, and of course trying to visit as many places as possible in D.C. Overall, my experience in D.C. has been amazing and full of surprises. I have met people and garnered insights that will impact me for the rest of my life. I am looking forward to enjoying the rest of my semester here as well as to coming back to B-W in the Spring and sharing my experiences."

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located on the  
2nd floor  
of the  
Union!

**Interested in  
studying abroad?**

## Hearing from an Alum: Kristin Tarajack

**My educational background:** I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from B-W in 2006; I majored in political science and minored in psychology and international studies. Upon graduating, I attended Cleveland State University and received my Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in Economic Development from CSU's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs.

**My B-W career path:** I started attending B-W in 2002 after graduating from Poland Seminary High School in Youngstown, Ohio. I initially entered as a psych major and also had an interest in pre-law but I really wasn't sure what direction my studies were going to take me in terms of a career. After taking an introductory political science course and becoming more aware of the career opportunities available to political science majors ranging from work in the public, private and nonprofit sectors, I switched my major to political science. As I pursued my poli sci major I became especially interested in the courses dealing with international topics and chose to also complete an international studies minor. During my time at B-W, I had numerous opportunities to become involved working in the poli sci office as a tutor for Prof. Burke's introductory poli sci course, as a research assistant and later a course assistant for Dr. Mattern, and as a general office assistant.

**What I do:** CPAC is a nonprofit arts and culture service agency dedicated to helping Greater Cleveland succeed by working to preserve and advance its arts and culture sector. CPAC demonstrates to policy makers, funders and the general public the contributions the arts and culture sector makes to our economy, education and quality of life. CPAC helps the arts and culture sector prosper by fostering best practices in business development, sound cultural public policy and in-depth research. As the research manager, I am primarily responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating CPAC's research programs and services. I draft research reports, analyze data and report on the findings both to local and national audiences. However, since we are a small nonprofit, I have had the opportunity to also help implement many of CPAC's programs including an artist business skills training workshop (Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute), a national conference on artist-based community development (From Rust Belt to Artist Belt II), a collaborative marketing project among arts organizations (Collaborative Marketing Database) and an individual artist grant program (Creative Workforce Fellowship).

**How my major has helped professionally:** My political science major: expanded my world view; exposed me to a very diverse group of individuals in terms of peers and faculty; gave me skills in public speaking, debate and critical writing, especially the ability to see and argue for both sides of an issue; opened the door for my future studies; and more than adequately prepared me for the rigors of graduate study. B-W's liberal arts emphasis in general has been a major source of professional strength as I am able to draw on knowledge from a wide array of fields and their various research models when developing reports and advocacy pieces.

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**Classes I found extremely useful:** In poli sci dept-introduction to political theory, introduction to political analysis, public interest research, civil liberties in the united states, American national government; Outside of dept- courses in: economics (microeconomics, elements of statistics), intl studies (intro to intl studies), communication (public speaking, group communication and leadership), and honors (problem solving).

**General comments:** I know this is stressed all the time, but I cannot express how much getting involved on campus and especially in the political science dept helped me grow professionally. Don't be afraid to approach any professor to simply ask a question after class, to ask them about opportunities to become involved in the dept, or to carry out an independent study project.

**Do you like being actively involved in exciting discussions in which you are also learning about the world?  
Then, Model U.N. may be for you!**

**What is Model U.N.?** Model United Nations is a series of simulations run as conferences where participating teams of students from different universities learn about the inner workings of various IGOs such as the United Nations. Students gather in groups of 15 to over 1000 to represent different member states' foreign policies and tackle various current issues through negotiation and debate.

**What is the Value of Being a Member of B-W's Model UN Team?** Model UN offers a unique *hands-on* opportunity to learn about the processes of international diplomacy and the way problems are solved on a global level. Learning to function as part of a team is also an excellent pre-professional experience for students who work mostly on papers and tests in college but need to function as team members in a work force. The communication, negotiation, and public speaking aspects of Model UN additionally make it very relevant for students of all majors. Indeed, Model UN is not a program limited to only International Studies or Political Science students. The broad nature of the skills learned cut across nearly all majors and the experience is valuable for any major if the student has an interest in the functions of international negotiation and poli-

cymaking. Finally, Model UN also offers students the opportunity to meet and interact with others with similar interests from across the globe, as many of the conferences are international in nature and attract students from dozens of countries each year.

**Course Requirements for Participating in B-W Model UN?** To participate in B-W's Model UN team, students must take the prerequisite course POL 215 (a two credit course offered during minimester A in fall 2010) one time. Students must then take POL 216 (a 1 or 2 credit course offered during minimester B in fall 2010 and spring 2011) if they wish to participate in any conferences that semester (i.e. students who desire to participate in the fall conference would take POL 216 in the fall along with POL 215; students who desire to participate in the spring 2011 conferences would take POL 215 in the fall and POL 216 in the spring. Participation in all conferences is a possibility if students take POL 216 throughout the year).

**Want to know more about the Model UN? Experience?** Please contact Dr. Krutky at [jkrutky@bw.edu](mailto:jkrutky@bw.edu) or Dr. Morales at [jmorales@bw.edu](mailto:jmorales@bw.edu).

**Look for it in upcoming**

**issues!!** More Alum updates: find out who's working where, how they got there, and what they did in college to prepare themselves. Unique way to familiarize yourself with the career options that are out there and get advice from people who were just like you!

Have something you want included in the next newsletter? Contact Samantha Robinson at [smrobins@mail.bw.edu](mailto:smrobins@mail.bw.edu).

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