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Opportunities from the
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Featured Programs

LECTURE: FROM ROCHESTER TO GANDHI
Tuesday, December 6, 4:30 p.m., Brennan Room, UR Interfaith Chapel
This free lecture will discuss the life of Dr. Howard Thurman and will explore the origins of African American non-violence. Dr. Peter Eisenstadt is the co-author and editor of several works on Howard Thurman, including *Visions of a Better World*, the first biography of Howard Thurman. *Visions* is a Top 10 book by Booklist in the 2011 Religion & Spirituality category. Co-sponsored by the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, the Frederick Douglas Institute for African and African American Studies, and the Office of Minority Student Affairs.

MINI-CONFERENCE: THE NEOLIBERAL DELUGE
Thursday, December 8, 6:00 p.m., Rush Rhees Library, Hawkins-Carlson Room

Screening of “Trouble The Water” (2008) directed by Carl Deal, Tia Lessin

“TROUBLE THE WATER” takes you inside Hurricane Katrina in a way never before seen on screen. It's a redemptive tale of two self-described street hustlers who become heroes-two unforgettable people who survive the storm and then seize a chance for a new beginning.”

Friday, December 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Hawkins-Carlson Room

An all-day round-table discussion by scholars from around the nation and the UR. The focus in the morning session will be discussing the book, *The Neoliberal Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, Late Capitalism, and the Remaking of New Orleans*. An afternoon session examines the ethical and personal responses to the disaster. The events are free and open to the public, and are held in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African-American Studies, and co-sponsored by the Departments of Political Science, History, Anthropology, and the Film & Media Studies Program.
ROC THE DAY
From midnight on Thursday, December 8, 2011 until 11:59 p.m. that night
Is your group looking to support community organizations here in the greater Rochester area? Then you should ROC the DAY on December 8th! ROC the DAY is a 24-hour online donation event that provides an opportunity for the generous people in greater Rochester’s nine counties to support their favorite nonprofits. The secure online giving platform at ROCtheDAY.org will accept online and mobile donations to any 501(c)(3) in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wyoming and Yates counties that registers for the event.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: INSPIRATION PROJECT
In conjunction with CP Rochester, this volunteer program matches UR writing students with mentally and physically disabled adults. Students meet once a week on a one-to-one basis with adults from CP Rochester. All ten meetings will be held on the UR campus from February through April, on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. During these meetings, students will conduct interviews with the guests, transcribe responses, and develop new questions to help give the narrative shape. Together, the CP guests and students will edit the interviews, with the goal of producing a finished story, a memoir, or a set of poems. Interested students should send a brief cover letter noting their relevant experience to Professor Joanna Scott at joanna.scott@rochester.edu.

UNITED WAY INTERNSHIP
The UR’s United Way office is looking for a volunteer student intern to assist with event planning and administrative tasks related to the United Way campaign at the University of Rochester. The United Way conducts workplace campaigns to raise money to support not-for-profit service agencies in our community. As the area’s largest employer, the campaign at the UR is essential to continuing to provide important human services during this time of economic downturn. Hours are flexible (4-8 hours/week), and students need transportation to and from the office at the Center for Community Health on Prince Street, near the Memorial Art Gallery. For more information, contact Janet Lurz: janet.lurz@rochester.edu.

NYS ASSEMBLY INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE
Two members of the New York State Assembly are looking for student interns to work in their Rochester offices during the spring 2012 semester: Assembly members Harry B. Bronson and Mark Johns. Intern responsibilities may include: keeping track of bills moving through the legislative process, assisting with constituent issues, attend and assist with various events throughout the district and help in the writing of congratulatory letters, as well as other routine administrative duties. Bill memo preparation and statistical analysis are also common assignments. Interns may frequently attend and report on constituent meetings, public events and Assembly Sessions. Time commitment is approximately 12 hours/week. Academic credit may be arranged, with the supervision of a full-time UR faculty member. For more information, please contact Glenn Cerosaletti in the RCCL: glenn.cerosaletti@rochester.edu.

Community Leadership Opportunities

ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWS PROGRAM
The Rochester Urban Fellows program is currently seeking applicants for summer 2012. The Urban Fellows Program emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and encourages a celebration and appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life. During this 10-week program (May 23-August 1), students receive free housing, as well as stipends of nearly $2,000 for their work with community-based
organizations in the Rochester community. In addition, fellows participate in seminars on various urban issues, community and cultural activities, and an end-of-summer symposium. For more information, and to apply, visit the RCCL website: http://www.rochester.edu/college/rccl/civic/urbanfellows/index.html

**CHICAGO TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS**
The Chicago Teaching Fellows application for the 2012 school year is now open. The focus of this program is to close the achievement gap in Chicago Public Schools by providing highly effective teachers to the students who need them the most. They are looking for qualified candidates to teach in the following subject areas: Bilingual Education – Spanish, High School Math, High School Science, and Special Education. To apply visit the website: http://chicagoteachingfellows.ttrack.org. A separate program, the Urban Prep Fellows Program, provides a one-year service opportunity for recent college graduates interested in working with urban youth at a nationally renowned all-boys charter public high school in Chicago. Fellows are recent graduates who work with students in small groups called “Prides” (from their mascot, the Lion) to mentor, tutor, and lead students in their development and progression toward college readiness. The fellow teaches, but not in the traditional sense; rather than controlling a classroom and multiple classes of students, a fellow is focused on the total academic achievement of just twenty students - his or her “Pride.” For more information, and to apply, visit the website: http://www.urbanprep.org/fellows.

**GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT STUDIES INSTITUTE**
June 15 – August 20, 2012
GESI provides a unique opportunity for undergraduates to make a positive impact on communities abroad, while earning course credit through Northwestern University. GESI has hosted and trained nearly 200 students from universities across the country over the past five years. GESI participants implement a community development project while working in small interdisciplinary teams abroad. All students receive academic training in theories and tools of community development, as well as team dynamics and leadership. Any undergraduate or recent graduate seeking hands-on development field experience paired with comprehensive academic preparation and reflection is eligible. Applicants must be full-time juniors or seniors to apply. To apply, or for more information, visit http://www.gesi.northwestern.edu/application-process/. Any questions regarding eligibility or special circumstances should be addressed to Chief of Staff Rich Turner at 585-223-9130 or by e-mail: johnsm@assembly.state.ny.us.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: C.A.S.H. PROGRAM**
C.A.S.H. (Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope) is a community coalition that helps working families get the money and assistance they earned - especially during tax season. Last year, with the help of 450+ volunteers the program helped over 13,000 households receive $25.2 million in tax refunds and credits, open 450+ bank accounts, save $43,000 with US Savings Bonds, and provided thousands of referrals to community programs and agencies. The program is about more than just preparing tax returns, so there is a volunteer opportunity for everyone. If you are looking for a short term volunteer opportunity (January – April) and the chance to work with and alongside a diverse group of people, please contact Berta Rivera at 585-295-5733 or brivera@empirejustice.org. No experience is required and training is provided for each volunteer role; more information can be found by visiting www.empirejustice.org/cash.

**SOJOURNER HOUSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**
The Sojourner House at PathStone provides shelter and education to homeless women and their children. They are currently seeking dedicated volunteers to participate in their Study Buddy program, a volunteer-based tutoring program where tutors assist students with homework and study skills. This is such a rewarding experience – and it only takes an hour a week! Please contact Erin Hogan at ehogan@pathstone.org or 436-7100 ext. 117 for more information.
2012 HUMANITY IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP
Application Deadline: January 9, 2012
Do you know any students ready to change the world? Humanity in Action invites applications from college students and recent graduates who are intellectually gifted, mature, independent and passionate about human rights. Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors and graduates from the classes of 2010 and 2011 are eligible to apply. If you have any further questions, please contact admissions@humanityinaction.org.

WILLIAM E. SIMON FELLOWSHIP FOR NOBLE PURPOSE
Application Deadline: January 16, 2012
The William E. Simon Fellowship recognizes graduating college seniors who are pursuing lives dedicated to and distinguished by honor, generosity, service, and respect. The Fellowship is an unrestricted cash grant awarded to those graduating college seniors who have demonstrated passion, dedication, a high capacity for self-direction, and originality in pursuit of a goal that will strengthen civil society. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of the mature conception of and passion for what they hope to accomplish as well as their academic records, extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendation. For further information, visit the website: http://www.isi.org/programs/fellowships/simon.html#appInfo

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
Deadline: January 18, 2012
The Samuel Huntington Public Service Award sponsor, National Grid, provides a $10,000 stipend to a graduating college senior to pursue one year of public service anywhere in the world. The award allows recipients to engage in a meaningful public service activity for one year before proceeding on to graduate school or a career. Students are encouraged to develop their own proposals for public service in this country or abroad. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good. It can be undertaken by the student alone or working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental or other public service organizations. All applicants must be graduating from a U.S. college or university. For more information, contact Amy Stacy at amy.stacy@us.ngrid.com.

THE CHARLES B. RANGEL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM
The Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program is now accepting applications for its 2012 graduate fellowships. The Rangel Program seeks applicants from under-represented minority groups who are interested in promoting positive change in the world as Foreign Service Officers for the U.S. Department of State. The fellowship is open to undergraduate seniors and graduates who want to begin two-year master’s programs in the fall of 2012. The program will select twenty Rangel Fellows who will receive up to $90,000 in benefits over two years to fund tuition, mandatory fees, and living expenses for completion of two-year master’s degrees. Additional information about the Rangel Program and specific application requirements are available at www.rangelprogram.org. For further information and questions, contact the Program Director, Patricia Scroggs, at pscroggs@howard.edu.

PERMACULTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS AMERICA BICYCLE TOUR
June 1 - August 31, 2012
Still haven’t made plans for summer 2012? Consider riding your bicycle with Common Circle Education across the country to learn about and promote sustainability and permaculture. This supported cross-country tour (support vehicle, meals and lodging included) will take you to farms and sustainability sites, and is integrated with the award-winning permaculture design and regenerative leadership certification. The program is designed for beginner and intermediate cyclists so it is perfect for anyone who wants to promote a sustainable future for America. The bike tour will begin in Eugene, Oregon and end in Washington, DC. For more information, visit http://commoncircle.com/cross-country-bicycle-tour.
**Leadership Tip of the Month**

**TAKING TIME TO RE-CENTER**

Leadership entails involvement in the community. Whether that’s the on-campus community, the Rochester community, your study-abroad host site, or some other community, you will often find yourself pulled in many—sometimes conflicting—directions at once. Keep in mind that effective leadership requires individual integrity, which means that you need to take time out to restore yourself, re-focus on your own identity, and renew your commitment to the community. Here are some ideas for how to accomplish this.

1. Establish a regular exercise schedule. Whether outdoors or in the fitness room at Goergen, physical activity can provide your mind and body with a useful opportunity to re-focus.
2. The Interfaith Chapel and its faith communities provide space and various opportunities for meditation, prayer, and quiet time.
3. The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Non-violence sponsors activities that can help provide context to help you make sense of your place in the community.
4. Listen to some of your favorite music. Better yet, if you have musical skills, play an instrument or sing in one of the music rehearsal rooms on campus.
5. Keep a journal. Writing for 10-15 minutes a day can provide vital time for reflection. The primary audience for your journal should be your future self. Blogging or Facebooking is not the same, as those media have an external audience.
6. Visit the top floor of the stacks in Rush Rhees and get some perspective on the UR and Rochester.
7. Take a walk along the beautiful Genesee River! The cadence of the human gait is a natural rhythm that can clear your mind and restore your soul.

**About the Rochester Center for Community Leadership**

*Better Yourself ~ Better Your Community!*

The [Rochester Center for Community Leadership](#) is a unit in the office of the Dean of Students at the University of Rochester. The Center educates students to become engaged citizens and leaders capable of creating positive social change in their communities. We envision a world in which all people collaborate to transform their communities.