



L.T. Jordan Institute

for International Awareness

Fall 2010 Newsletter



Explore the World



State of the Organization

Letter from the Chair
Fall 2010

Howdy Jordanites!

My name is Mario Garza and I am the chair of the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness for 2010-2011. As you well know, the L.T. Jordan Institute was founded over 20 years ago, charged with a mission of providing Texas A&M University and its surrounding community with international exposure through programming and travel abroad opportunities. The students and staff of the Jordan Institute work diligently throughout the year to send over 70 students abroad through a wide variety of travel programs. This year, the Jordan Institute is working to expand the scope of its travel abroad opportunities. We are working with the Dept. of Geography to provide opportunities for students interested in ecological conservation in a new International Service Program to Belize.

The Jordan Institute also strives to create quality programs that bring the world to the Texas A&M campus and the Brazos Valley. This semester, program topics include: Islamic Contributions to a World Society, Innovations Fighting Global Poverty, and Encountering the International Job Market. Co-programs include a screening of the Russian documentary, "Virginity," along with a Salsa Dance Competition. The International Education Outreach Program is also reaching out to local schools, bringing cultural performance groups from Texas A&M to younger students in Bryan and College Station.

As a diverse and dynamic committee, we are continually seeking to expand and improve upon established programs. We especially welcome input and support from former members interested in promoting our cause of international awareness. Please let us know how you are doing, visit the website at ltjordan.tamu.edu, or stop by the temporary Jordan Office in Koldus 233. We have downsized in space, but continue to expand in our international endeavors! Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,
Mario Garza
2010-2011 L.T. Jordan Chair



“The L.T. Institute of International Awareness has been a great contribution to my extracurricular activities. It is a club that focuses on international affairs that occur today, and it’s a great way to stay up to date with current events. I enjoy the open discussions the most, because as a member, you get to hear the different perspective of other fellow members. Hearing the different opinions on certain issues is yet another way that Jordan can broaden your horizon.”

Alexandra Anzaldua
2009-2010 Social Director



Jordan Fellows

Jordan Fellows 2009-2010

The L.T. Jordan Fellows Program provides highly qualified students personal enrichment and educational opportunities through an international cultural experience. This is achieved by designing a specific independent international study or research project in another country that will enhance the participant's educational or career goals. Fellows will receive grant monies (up to \$2000) to assist with travel expenses. This fellowship is designed for individual study or research and is not designed to fund a Study/Internship Abroad program.

Glenda Bingham travelled to the region of Rio Negro, Argentina to focus on the impact of dog-associated zoonoses in a developing region.

Ryan Collett travelled to Mekelle, Ethiopia to research the dryland agricultural practices and its impact on communities who have to cope under these conditions.

Larkin Kennedy travelled to Corinth, Greece to test archaeological models of ethnicity and population movement during the Slavic invasion in late antique Greece (AD 300-700)

Alicia Krzton travelled to Beijing, China to conduct a population survey of the golden snub-nosed monkey in four nature reserves where population density figures do not exist.

Adam Naito travelled to Sweden to research focuses on quantifying and modeling the expansion of shrubs in the Alaskan Arctic that has occurred in recent decades.

International Service Program

The International Service Program is a service-oriented program that allows Aggie medical students to live in either the Dominican Republic or Honduras for four to eight weeks over the summer and participate in intensive community-based health projects and clinical experiences for the health of the people and environment of these countries.

Last summer we also started a short-term service program in Guatemala for undergraduate students at Texas A&M University. Students selected for this program traveled to Chimaltenango, Guatemala during the summer of 2010 for 3 weeks to participate in the Borlaug Institute's Food for Progress Program.



“I loved that we got to go out to rural villages as well as teach at the Scheel Center ! Also, Antigua was a really fun town for us to hangout in and meet locals and other volunteers”~Trip Participant

Internship Living Abroad Program

MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness Internship and Living Abroad Programs (ILAP) provides an opportunity for Texas A&M University students to actively participate in another culture by living and working for five weeks in a foreign country. We currently have Internships and Living Abroad Programs in Singapore, the Dominican Republic, China, Spain, and England.

“ILAP was one of the best experiences of my life. I learned a lot about a different culture and I gained valuable work experience that will help me in the professional world.” ~Pritesh Desai, ILAP Singapore

“Living with the host family and getting fully involved in the Dominican culture was the best experience ever.” ~ Melby Philip, ILAP Dominican Republic

“Experiencing the culture through interaction with the host family, university volunteers, and my coworkers is something I will never forget.” ~John Neukomm, ILAP China

“ILAP was definitely a satisfying experience for me. Even though some things were frustrating, they were all part of the adventure. I loved my job, host family, and the friends I made on this trip.” ~Kelsey Krenz, ILAP Spain

“The benefits I received from this internship program were twofold. First of all, I was given the opportunity to see if this was a field that I really wanted to get into. Second, I obtained valuable work experience which looks very good on any resume.” ~ ILAP England Participant



“L.T. Jordan has provided me with an exciting and engaging format for discussing international issues and learning about different cultures and global events. Further, I have been able to make great friends in the process. Finally and perhaps most importantly, I have had the privilege of watching the L.T. Jordan provide students with the chance to go abroad and broaden their horizons.”

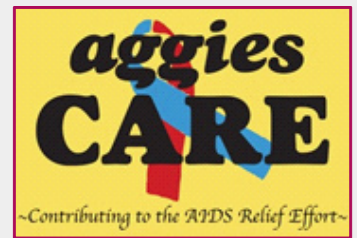
Tom Mehaffy
2009-2010 On-Campus Programs Director



On-Campus Programming

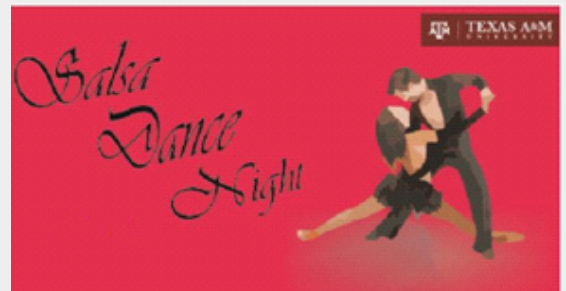
Aggies Care:

To bring awareness to the Texas A&M campus about the effects of AIDS on a global and local scale through dance, music, and inspirational speakers, and to ultimately give financial support to UNICEF's AIDS relief fund.



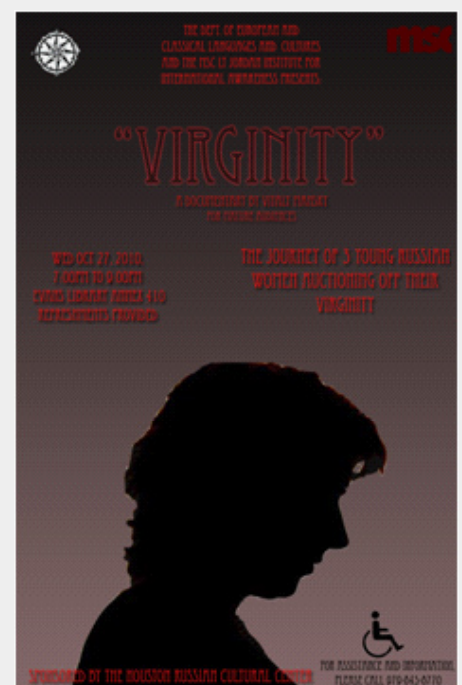
Salsa Dance Night:

An event designed for students to share their knowledge and skills about one of the most beautiful arts in the Latino culture, dance. Students who are not competing have the opportunity to learn and enjoy this fine art through salsa dance lessons and a live Latin band. This annual program is in done in partnership with MSC CAMAC and Aggie Nights.



Russian Film Festival: "Virginity"

Featuring lecture, film and discussion with filmmaker Vitaly Mansky



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