



# L.T. Jordan Institute

for International Awareness

Spring 2010 Newsletter



*Explore the World*



# State of the Organization

Letter from the Chair  
Spring 2010

Howdy Jordanites!

My name is Kristin Krenz, I am the current Chair of the L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness. As you all know, the L.T. Jordan Institute was founded over 20 years ago with the mission of providing Texas A&M University and the surrounding community with international exposure through programming and travel abroad opportunities. The students and staff within 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. The most recent additions include the Greece Leadership Program for sophomore business and engineering majors and an undergraduate International Service Program to Guatemala.

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: Under Pressure – Population Growth in the 21st Century, International Perceptions of Homosexuality, and Water Wars. Co-programs include a screening of the Russian film, “The Revolution that Wasn’t,” along with a Salsa Dance Night. 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](http://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,

*Kristin Krenz*  
2009-2010 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** will be traveling to the region of Rio Negro, Argentina to focus on the impact of dog-associated zoonoses in a developing region.

**Ryan Collett** will be traveling to Mekelle, Ethiopia to research the dry-land agricultural practices and its impact on communities who have to cope under these conditions.

**Larkin Kennedy** will be traveling 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** will be traveling to Beijing, China to conduct a population survey of the golden sub-nosed monkey in four nature reserves where population density figures do not exist.

**Adam Naito** will be traveling 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 an all expense paid, service-oriented program that allows Aggie students to live in one of several countries for ten weeks over the summer and participate in intensive community-based health projects for the people and environment of these countries. The MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness established this program in collaboration with the Texas A&M University College of Medicine and School of Rural and Public Health.

College of Medicine and School of Rural and Public Health  
students traveling this summer:

## **Dominican Republic International Service Program 2010**

- **Giulia Ippalito**
- **Stacey Mathew**
- **Nikhil Seval**
- **Sherry Spacek**

## **Honduras International Service Program 2010**

- **Patricia Bilingley**
- **Kristi Johnson**
- **Priyanka Patel**





“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

## **Born in the USSR: 21 and Up**

Featuring lecture, film and discussion with filmmaker  
Sergey Miroshnichenko

## **Under Pressure:**

The challenges of population growth in the 21st century



## **Dwindling Water Resources:**

A New Era of Global Conflicts and Challenges



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