



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

April 12, 2012

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

Every Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm – Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center. Free refreshments!

Every Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00pm - T.E.A. Time (Thursday English Afternoons). Join us in the Writing Center (LA200) to practice your English skills.

Every Friday, noon to 1:00pm - Wisdom Café in the Student Diversity Center. *(See below for details)*

April 14th, 5:00 to 8:00pm – ISA Bowling Night *(See p.4 for details)*

April 15th, 2012 – Deadline for Continuing International Student Scholarship waiver *(See below for details)*

April 25th, 2012 – Deadline for Trang Doan Memorial Scholarship *(See below for details)*

Student Spotlight

by Christy Babcock

Thank you and Congratulations to Adil Bentahar!

Adil Bentahar, as many of you know, is an actively involved international student from Casablanca, Morocco. Adil is an honor student graduating this May with a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction (Education). We want to congratulate him on his graduation and thank him for the many contributions he has made to ISS over the past two years. Adil is completing his second year as the President of the International Student Association (ISA). Adil and his team of ISA officers have done a great job of bringing people from different backgrounds and nationalities together on a regular basis for fun and intercultural exchange. Under Adil's leadership, ISA has thrived, becoming more active on campus and very successful.

Adil came to Boise in 2009 as a leadership program assistant. After visiting four cities (Boise, Sun Valley, McCall, and Miami), he liked Boise best, so he decided to return as a student. His favorite things about Boise are the nature and the people. Reading, watching movies, and biking by the green belt are Adil's favorite hobbies. Two things he misses from home are his family and playing soccer by the beach. Adil's vision is to be a university professor, which is why he is starting a doctoral program this August. Adil is very ambitious and always positive.

ISS is grateful for the impact Adil has had on this campus and our office. Thank you, Adil, for sharing yourself with us these past two years. We will miss you, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Continued success awaits you!



IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!!!! Continuing International Student Scholarships

Continuing International Student Scholarships waive the entire non-resident portion of tuition and fees for continuing international students for up to one academic year. To be considered you must meet the following qualifications:

- You must have successfully completed (by the end of the current semester) one year (two semesters and a minimum of 24 credits) of full-time coursework at Boise State University. Courses that are repeated within the same academic year do not count towards meeting the credit completion requirement.
- You must be on an F-1 student visa.
- You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher.
- You must be making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree at Boise State.
- Recipients cannot major in over enrolled programs; these currently include nursing, pre-nursing, radiologic sciences or pre-radiologic sciences. Programs are subject to change.
- Self-supported online programs are also closed to nonresident tuition waiver eligibility.
- You must not have already been awarded a tuition fee waiver for the 2012-13 academic year.

Deadline to submit the [Continuing International Student Tuition Waiver Scholarship Application](#) is **April 15th, 2012**.

(Ctrl + click to follow the link)

**Position Description for International Student Assistant
International Admissions Office**

Hours: Thirty (30) hours per week for summer (early May – August 24, 2012)

Pay: \$7.50 per hour

Reports to: International Admissions Counselor

Responsibilities:

Respond to inquiries from prospective international students, via email and phone
Prepare outgoing communications, including information on missing application requirements
Answer prospective international student e-mail

Review and process online international student applications

Enter paper applications into PeopleSoft database

Assist in overall support of the International Admissions function at Boise State University

Communicate effectively with prospective students; convey policies and procedures accurately; follow up on inquiries and respond with appropriate information

Project a positive image for Boise State University and the Admissions Office

Miscellaneous office duties (filing, answering phones, greeting and assisting walk-in traffic, office coverage)

Qualifications: Applicants must be a student in good standing at Boise State University, have at least sophomore standing and a minimum 2.75 GPA, excellent written and verbal communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, computer skills, close attention to detail, ability to work in a flexible team-oriented environment, and knowledge of Boise State University. Fluency in another language and personal experience of the international admissions process preferred.

Application: To apply for the position please send:

A letter explaining your interest in the position

Resume

Contact details (phone and email) of two references

Deadline: Submit all applications through BroncoJobs by Friday, April 20 by 5pm. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

Graduation Sashes!

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation from Boise State!! Since you have studied abroad, you may wear a special sash during the graduation ceremony representing the country from which you studied abroad. If you were an NSE student, you can purchase the United States sash if you participated in NSE within the US. There are sashes for Puerto Rico and Canada as well. Sashes are \$29 and you can order them in the International Learning Opportunities office.

We are located in room 114 of the Academic and Career Services Building. A sign-up sheet is available at the front desk.

We can only accept checks, money orders or EXACT cash. The deadline for orders is Friday, April 13, 2012. You can also order directly through Vision Wear, however, there will be an additional \$9 fee. Options are also available for multiple countries; please contact us for prices and more information.

If you would like to see what most of the sashes look like, check out

Visionwear's website:

<http://www.visionwear.us/cart/index.php/sashes.html>

Feel free to contact us with any further questions. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Halleh M. McCullough

Administrative Assistant

Passport Program Manager



Another Scholarship Opportunity

**Trang Doan Memorial Scholarship for International Student Involvement at
Boise State**

Scholarships ranging from \$300 – \$600 will be awarded for Fall 2012 to selected international students who display commitment to involvement in campus life at Boise State University. We are looking for candidates who participate in campus events and activities, volunteer on campus or in the community, take on leadership positions, and/or participate in student organizations. For more information on how to apply visit: <http://iss.boisestate.edu/scholarships-finances/>

Staff Spotlight

by Cindy Chiu



Christy Babcock, Associate Director of International Student Services (ISS)

How would Christy describe her personality? Curious, extroverted, spiritual, resourceful and friendly. Christy also would say that she likes to be in charge and plan things out. She likes to have a schedule. She also enjoys having a good time with her friends and family. She has been actively working at Boise State for more than 15 years, and this is her 11th year in her current position. She loves to teach others, explore the world and nature, help people, write, and be involved in physical activities such as bike riding, swimming, and walking. Christy also enjoys doing yoga and meditation. She started practicing this on a regular basis a few years ago because it has been an important part of her self-care. A few years ago, Christy lived in a small village in Costa Rica for two years. She did not speak the language or know very much about the culture. This was challenging for her. She says "Living in a different country was an exciting and often fun adventure, but it was also sometimes lonely and frustrating. I learned so much about myself during that period in my life." Surviving the painful loss of her mother a few years ago has been the biggest challenge of her life. Her mother passed away in a car accident, so her death was completely unexpected. Her father was also in the accident and almost died. He has been physically and emotionally healing, and Christy has been his primary caretaker. Christy says "I was 40 years old when my mom passed away. This experience has made me feel more like an adult than I ever had before." Her role as a student advisor at ISS has changed and grown over the years. Now she is in a position to help make decisions about the policies and procedures around how to serve international students on campus. She is very happy in this role. Christy has a beloved family consisting of her husband and her daughter who often participate in ISS events. They like to travel, both within Idaho and outside of Idaho. In the summer they like to go camping. She loves to spend time outdoors as much as possible. She looks forward to earning her Masters degree in 2 more years. She states she is not planning to look for a new position after she receives that degree. Christy says "the Counseling degree enhances the work I am doing with students here at Boise State. ISS has recently become more visible and connected on our campus. I look forward to continuing to enhance the services we provide to international students."

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a one-year work permit that allows international students to work in their field of study after graduation. If you are graduating this Summer and are interested in applying for OPT, you **must** attend an OPT Workshop.

April 20, 1:30 to 3:30pm, in the Student Diversity Center

April 23, 3:30 to 5:00pm, in the Student Diversity Center

When attending the workshop, you must bring your I-20, visa, passport and I-94 card, plus 2 passport-size photos (head positioned directly facing the camera) and a Money Order for \$380.00 payable to CIS. **Please email**

Christy or Merrilou to sign up for a workshop. Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.

Festival 2012 Follow-up Session

After the Festival 2012 ended, we have received many interesting feedback. Due to the diverse nature of such comments, ISA will have an open discussion to evaluate the Festival on Friday 4/20, at 3:00 P.M. in the Student Diversity Center. Snacks will be provided by Christy and ISS office.

CONTINUING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE is this weekend!

The office will be closed over the weekend. If you need to submit your scholarship over the weekend, be sure to email or fax it to us by the end of the day Sunday, the 15th. Applications will not be accepted on Monday.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Idaho Council on Economic Education is having an International Economic Summit at Taco Bell Arena on April 24. This is a day of competition for high school students who have been studying international economics. They compete in teams of 5, each representing a different country, and they even come in costume!

They need a group of volunteers to help them with the student lunch from approx. 10:30 to 12:30. They need at least 4, but preferably 8 students. Please contact by email at LindaGault@boisestate.edu if you can help.



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
International Student Association (ISA)

Come Join Us!

Free Pizza & Beverages Provided

Another Unforgettable
Bowling Night with ISA

Saturday, April 14, 2012 5:00~8:00 p.m.
@ Games Center, Student Union Building (SUB)

made by Yu-Wen, Chen



The Student Diversity Center's



~Wisdom Café~

When: noon to one pm...Fridays. **Where:** The Student Diversity Center.

What: Exploring wisdom passages and spiritual identity development from multiple world views.

Why: A chance to open the self to the spiritual frontier...

This Friday: That Red-Hot Rocket on your refrigerator door.



**BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY - Organized by Department of Bilingual
Education Sponsored by Department of Literacy**

Film Lecture: Global Immigration Series



Italy, the Mediterranean and Beyond

a lecture by:

Dr. Fulvio Orsitto

APRIL 20th, 2012

5p.m-7p.m

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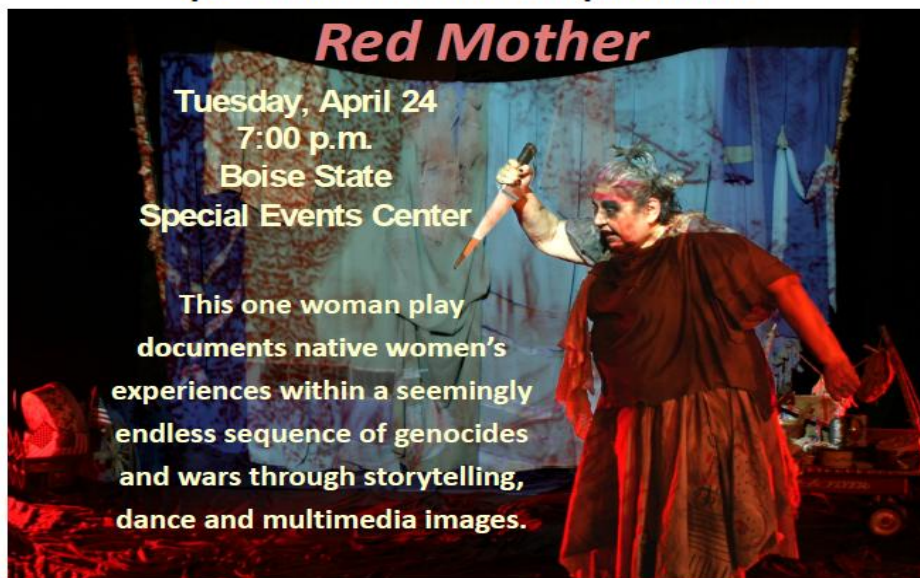
This lecture explores the increasing visibility of Southernness in many Italian films produced after the fall of the Berlin Wall. The new geopolitical reality of Europe after 1989 forced Europeans to deal with new models of Movement and with different conceptions of Space. Italians, in particular, began to face their own 'colonial unconscious' with respect to the external Other (i.e. extracomunitari, immigrants from outside the EU) but also to the Italian internal Other (the South, the Mezzogiorno). The inevitable 'multiculturalisation' of Italian society led, in the field of cinema, to the proliferation of characters open to the Other and the Elsewhere, ultimately engaging in a process of re-negotiation of the Italian identity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

**Claudia Peralta, Bilingual Education Department Chair/Professor at 208-426-4438 or
email claudiaperalta@boisestate.edu**

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
WOMEN'S CENTER

Spiderwoman Theater presents:



Red Mother

**Tuesday, April 24
7:00 p.m.
Boise State
Special Events Center**

**This one woman play
documents native women's
experiences within a seemingly
endless sequence of genocides
and wars through storytelling,
dance and multimedia images.**

FREE!

Seating is limited, tickets required.

Order tickets through Select-a-Seat by phone, online, or at the SUB Info Desk.

Event of Interest: Seven Arrows Powwow
April 21 & 22, Jordan Ballroom, SUB Please visit mss.boisestate.edu for details.



For more information and accommodations, please contact the
Women's Center at 208.426.4259 or womenscenter.boisestate.edu



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