



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

April 19, 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 20th, 2012, 1:30-3:30pm – Optional Practical Training (OPT) in the Student Diversity Center *(See below for details)*

April 23rd, 2012, 3:30-5:00pm – Optional Practical Training (OPT) in the Student Diversity Center *(See below for details)*

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

Student Spotlight

by Cindy Fernandez

Hassan Almuallem is an international student from Saudi Arabia and the UAE. He is majoring in Geophysics. Hassan decided to come to Boise State because he is a big fan of the Broncos! His favorite things about Boise are the diversity and football. His hobbies are playing sports in general and more specifically soccer and ping pong. What Hassan misses the most from his country are his family, friends and his car. Something that happened to Hassan the first time that he came to the US was that he had to sleep in a hotel for the first night because his new roommate had locked him out. Hassan speaks Arabic, English and Spanish. He has visited Poland, Canada and Mexico. Something interesting about Hassan is that he likes to sky dive, so much so that he is a licensed sky diver.



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/>

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**

cbabcoc@boisestate.edu or merrilouburris@boisestate.edu to sign up for a workshop. **Be sure to indicate which session you wish to attend.**

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.

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.

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.

Free Consultations with an Immigration Attorney

ASBSU has contracted Angela Levesque, a local immigration attorney, to offer you a free 30 minute consultation. If you wish to meet with the attorney, you will need a referral from ISS. Make an appointment with Christy Babcock to discuss your immigration concern. If the concern is beyond Christy's scope of immigration knowledge, she will give you a referral to meet with the attorney.

Staff Spotlight

by Cindy Fernandez



Steve Dunne leads International Students, Inc (ISI) in Boise, which helps international students connect with Americans and American culture. He also leads the American Family Friend Program, Talk Time (food and discussion groups), English Conversation Partners (helping IEP students practice English), and he co-leads the monthly International Students Dinners. Steve is a family man. He loves his wife Lia and his two sons Joel and Caleb. Steve has visited many countries around the world like Scotland, China, Italy, Albania, Kosovo, Mauritania and Canada. He has also been to 47 states in the US and is hoping to get to Alaska, Hawaii and North Dakota in the coming years. In the future, Steve would love to re-visit Italy because his mother's family is Italian; also England, Ireland, France, Switzerland, and Antarctica. Steve would also love to visit international student friends when they return home, so he says that India, Nepal and Saudi Arabia all sound very nice too!

Steve decided to start helping international students when he moved to Santa Barbara, California to ask his wife to marry him. Steve believes that in some ways he has always been connected to the world. His best friend growing up was from India and his first college friend was Korean. Steve's favorite thing about international students is getting to know them and their cultures. In his spare time, he enjoys walking with his wife, reading books, playing volleyball and playing strategy games. He says that he could play The Settlers of Catan forever and not get tired of it. Steve loves to lead the American Family Friend Program: this program helps international students get to know American families in Boise and it is a great way for both international students and Americans to understand each other and their cultures! He would like to invite all international students that are interested to sign up for the American Family Friend Program at the ISS office. Also, he is always at Coffee and Conversation on Wednesdays, so if there is anything that he can help you with, please ask: he would love to! You can also contact him at steve@isiboise.org.

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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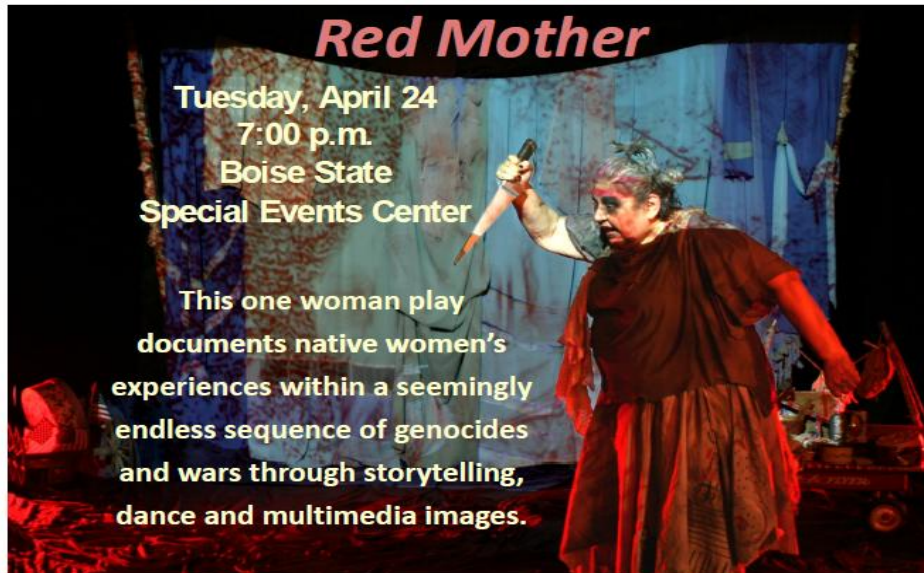


This lecture explores the increasing visibility of Southernness in many Italian films produced after the fall of the Berlin Wall. The new geopolitical reality of Europe after 1989 forced Europeans to deal with new models of Movement and with different conceptions of Space. Italians, in particular, began 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

Spiderwoman Theater presents:



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!

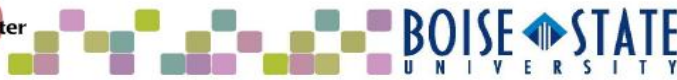
Seating is limited, tickets required.

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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