

Second Annual Political Science Career Day Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Hosted by Dr. Ellen Cannon

INTRODUCTION

9:40am-10:00am SU 214

Professor Ellen Cannon, Political Science Department, and Lorn Coleman, Director, Office of Career Services, will frame issues of the conference and highlight trends.

STUDYING ABROAD AS A VEHICLE FOR CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT

10:00am-10:50am SU 214

Katy Guzder, Office of International Programs
Wojciech Wloch, Coordinator, International Partnerships
Ladan Affi, NEIU Political Science Instructor; UW-Madison Ph.D. student; and NEIU Political Science alum, will discuss her field research in the Horn of Africa.

STARTING THE SEARCH FOR EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

10:50am-12:10pm SU 214

Dr. Marshall Thompson, Political Science Department (African Studies)
Dr. Jeanine Ntahirageza, Teaching English as a Second Language/AFAM
Dr. Russell Benjamin, Political Science Department (Caribbean Studies)
Dr. Carla Knorowski, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, NEIU

ROUNDTABLE OF CONSULATE REPRESENTATIVES

12:10pm-1:30pm SU 214

Food and drinks to be served

Introduction by Dr. David Rutschman, Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Consulate of Canada, Colleen Duke, Academic and Cultural Affairs
Consulate of South Africa, Michael Van Niekerk, Academic and Cultural Affairs
Consulate of Mexico, Vice Consul Alfredo Perez de Tejada, Head of Administration

PROFESSIONS IN HUMAN RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY, IMMIGRATION ISSUES, AND NGOS

1:30pm-2:50pm SU 214

Session Chair: Dr. David Leaman, Political Science Department Chair
Marj Byler, Senior Director, International Mobilization, Amnesty International
Salvador Cicero, Attorney and advisor to international peacekeepers
Abel Nunez, Associate Director, Centro Romero
Diana Guespe, Former Adult Education and Policy Director, CAAELII;
Loyola University Ph.D. student; and NEIU Political Science alum

THE PEACE CORPS AS A PATH TO CAREER DEVELOPMENT

3:00pm-3:30pm

SU 003

Provost Lawrence Frank

Julia Capizzi, Regional Peace Corps Recruiter for Midwest

Keynote Address: CAREERS IN DIPLOMACY AND THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE

3:30pm-4:20pm

SU 003

Introduction of Speaker: Provost Lawrence Frank

**Keynote Speaker: Ambassador Brian Flora, Diplomat-in-Residence, UIC
Ambassador Flora will speak for 35 minutes followed by a Q&A period**

LOCAL TO GLOBAL: ADMINISTRATORS WORKING ON GLOBAL ISSUES AT LOCAL LEVEL

4:20pm-5:40pm

SU 003

Dr. Marva Williams, Senior Program Officer, Chicago Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Dr. Michael Kotzin, Senior Vice President, Jewish Federation of Metro Chicago

Amanda Woodall, Training and Enforcement Coordinator for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs at the Chicago Department of Transportation and NEIU Political Science alum

Matthew Berry, Infrastructure Analyst, Argonne National Lab and NEIU Political Science alum

HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE GROWING PROFESSIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT

5:40pm-7:00pm

SU 003

Dr. Ellen Cannon, Political Science Department

Cindy Hodges, NEIU M.A. student in Political Science and Certificate Student in Disaster Management Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Brian Quirk, Department of Energy and Argonne National Lab

Officer Whyte, Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection