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**Sociology Undergraduate Newsletter
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1. **Fall Comprehensive Exam for Sociology.** Are you planning to take the Comprehensive Exam this fall? It will be held on Friday, **November 14th** at 5pm, in College 8, room 301. Please sign up to take the exam at the Sociology department office, at College 8, room 226.

2. **New Intensive Sociology Major and GISES Minor.** This is a great opportunity if you are interested in non-profit management and/or a career involving social advocacy. The new Intensive Sociology major and GISES minor involve a three-quarter series of GIIP (Global Information Internship Program) classes, along with the requirements needed for the Sociology major/minor, to enter the major or minor. These classes teach students the vital skills to implement projects, including theories and methods of information activism, grant writing, and submitting grants. The practical skills students learn from the class series enhance the skills needed for the GISES project. The GISES project involves a student's topic of interest, related to social equality, (examples include women's rights, sustainability, youth, and voter's rights). Once the project is chosen, students take four upper-division GISES elective courses (approved list at sociology.ucsc.edu) that enhance their project. **If you are interested or want more information, do any of these three things:** 1. Visit the Sociology web site at sociology.ucsc.edu 2. Contact the GISES student representative Leah Lampa at <mailto:llampa@ucsc.edu>llampa@ucsc.edu 3. Attend the first session of Sociology 30B, offered in winter, as part of the three quarter GIIP series.

3. **Excellence in Teaching Awards.** Each year the Academic Senate recognizes a group of UCSC faculty for teaching that is exemplary and inspiring. Only students can submit nominations. To submit your nomination online, go to <http://ic.ucsc.edu/CTE.nominate.html>http://ic.ucsc.edu/CTE.nominate.html. The deadline to submit is **March 6th**. Note that faculty may not have received the award in the last five years.

4. **Research Project on Response to Barack Obama's Election.** As part of a national project to record the response of African-American church congregations to Barack Obama's historic election, we are seeking volunteers for a project to be conducted this **Sunday, November 8th**. Participants will be asked to attend an African American congregation in their area and take notes on the content of the sermon delivered by the minister/pastor with her/his permission. Any additional ethnographic field notes of congregant reactions, etc., will also be helpful, but not necessary. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to help record a transformative event in the lives of many African-Americans. I hope you will join us in this effort. Interested volunteers must contact me, Luke Peterson, via email at <mailto:lep@mail.utexas.edu>lep@mail.utexas.edu by no later than 1 pm (ET) Friday, **November 7th** with their name and location (be as specific as possible), and how far they are willing to travel to a congregation. Those with a congregation in mind should be specific.

5. **Donald A. Strauss Scholarship.** The Donald A. Strauss Foundation scholarship provides support to carry out a public service project. The \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded to full time students who:
- ... Have one-year remaining until graduation
 - ... Are in the top 1/3 of his/her class
 - ... Have demonstrated an interest in public service
 - ... Have outstanding leadership potential
 - ... Have developed and can demonstrate effective communication skills
 - ... Wish to make a difference in local, regional, national or international communities.
- For more information, please visit the website
<<http://www.straussfoundation.org/>><http://www.straussfoundation.org/>. The deadline to apply is **January 29th**.
6. **Center for Biomolecular Science and Engineering Research Mentoring Institute Undergraduate Scholarships.** Students can receive up to \$1500 per quarter (3 quarter max.) to explore a cutting edge topic with a faculty member. Applications for winter 09 are due on **January 7th** and for spring 09 on **March 31st**. More information at
<http://www.cbse.ucsc.edu/outreach/outreach_program_divawards.shtml>http://www.cbse.ucsc.edu/outreach/outreach_program_divawards.shtml. Contact Zia Isola at <<mailto:isola@ucsc.edu>>isola@ucsc.edu or 459-1702 for additional information.
7. **Careers in Student Affairs Conference.** This event will be held on **November 14th** from 9-3 in Stevenson Event Center. If you are interested in a career in student affairs, please attend this event to get helpful information about your career options. Go to
<<http://www2.ucsc.edu/cisac/>><http://www2.ucsc.edu/cisac/> for more information.
8. **Careers in Business Workshop.** Come hear professionals in business talk and answer questions about their careers on Thursday, **November 6th** from 6-7:30 pm in the Cervantes & Velasquez Room (D) at the Bay Tree Building, 3rd floor. Open to all interested students.
9. **Digital Arts and New Media MFA Program at UCSC.** This two year graduate program includes collaborative research project groups, where students work with professors on artistic, technological and theoretical research in one of four focused areas: Participatory Culture, Performative Technologies, Mechatronics and Playable Media. Application deadline for fall 2009 is **February 15th**. An open house will be held on **November 6th** from 2-5:30pm at Porter College. Call 459-1554 or email
<<mailto:danm@ucsc.edu>>danm@ucsc.edu for more information.
10. **Representatives from Comerica Bank, ABF Freight and Symantec will be on campus to recruit in November.** Log on to SlugQuest at
<<http://www2.ucsc.edu/careers/jobs/slugquest.html>><http://www2.ucsc.edu/careers/jobs/slugquest.html> to submit your resume and sign up for an interview. Email Jan Carmichael at
<<mailto:jmcarmic@ucsc.edu>>jmcarmic@ucsc.edu if you have any questions.
11. **AfterCollege Monthly Digest – Jobs.** Jobs for UCSC Sociology Students are listed at
<<http://www.aftercollege.com>><http://www.aftercollege.com>.

If you would like to submit information for the newsletter, please send it to
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