Dear Christina,

We would like to welcome you back for another great quarter here at UC San Diego. We hope that you had a restful break, and that you are rejuvenated and ready to take advantage of all of the great events planned for the Spring 2015 quarter!

**Tip of the Quarter**

Networking. The word itself can often be intimidating, but it is one of the most effective career development tools that you can carry with you your entire professional life.

What is networking, and why is it so important to develop and maintain your network?

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Information Adapted from: http://bit.ly/18XZUBz

Networking gives you the opportunity to explore career opportunities, learn more about a company or industry, interact with people outside of your current professional circle, and gather advice from various perspectives.

Developing this network is a continuous process that
takes time, effort, and follow through. This continuous effort can pay off greatly in the long run and can ultimately help you achieve your professional goals.

UCSD and the International Studies Program have great resources to help you begin your networking process!

ISSA will be launching its Mentorship Program with a Networking Event to bring together current students with ISP alums who can provide valuable insight to post-graduation opportunities.

Also make sure to check out the programmatic events hosted by Career Services Center to help you improve your networking skills.

Rebranding of the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies

The School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) will soon become the School of Global Policy and Strategy (GPS). Officially launching on May 8, 2015, the School's new name reflects its emerging position as an institution shaping better solutions for our 21st century. GPS is committed to preparing a new generation of scholars and professionals who will sculpt the right questions, and relentlessly pursue solutions to the world's most pressing issues.

GPS will remain firmly grounded in the Pacific while broadening its scope to include a wider global focus. There is no immediate curricular difference with the introduction of the new name, however GPS will now award a Master of International Affairs (MIA) instead of a Master of Pacific and International Affairs (MPIA). This change was enacted because the Pacific is not always a central theme for all students and MIA is more easily recognizable outside UC San Diego. In the near future the School hopes to offer a new Master of Public Policy, giving students an opportunity to understand the larger global context in which national policy arises.
Want to learn more? Check out these FAQs: [http://irps.ucsd.edu/alumni/faq.htm](http://irps.ucsd.edu/alumni/faq.htm)

**International Studies Course Offerings 2014-15**

**Summer 2015 - Session One**

**INTL 190. Capstone Seminar in International Studies**

**How to Steal an Election**
Clark Gibson, Political Science, Director of ISP

This course seeks to explain how and why leaders in authoritarian states hold elections.

**Apply to attend the 8th Annual APRU Undergraduate Summer Program**

Peter Cowhey, Dean of the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, has committed to sponsor one International Studies student to attend the 8th APRU Undergraduate Student Program in Malaysia. APRU will be held from August 2nd through August 12th, 2015. His sponsorship will cover round-trip transportation to/from the University of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur and the conference registration fee. All transportation arrangements will be made through IR/PS.

Stay tuned for the application & requirements!

**Get Involved with ISP!**

**Join the International Studies Triton 5k Team!**

The ISP Community will once again have its own team for the annual Triton 5K. Current ISP students, faculty, and staff are welcome to join Team ISP Track. To join, please register at [www.5k.ucsd.edu](http://www.5k.ucsd.edu) and use this link to go directly to Team ISP Track!

Following the race, all current students are invited to attend a brunch hosted by ISSA.

**International Studies Student Association**
ISSA is rolling out a new mentorship program designed to connect the UC San Diego International Studies alumni community with current undergraduate students.

Given the diversity of interests held by members of the International Studies community, the program offers students the opportunity to learn from alumni who share both their experiences, and career and professional goals. Members will have the opportunity to foster the development of a collaborative network of professionals that is rich in knowledge and expertise.

Mentorship Program eligibility requirements:

- Active member of ISSA. This requires:
  - Attendance of at least 2 General Body Meetings
  - Attendance of at least 1 social or professional development event per quarter
  - Attendance of 2 mandatory Mentorship Program events per quarter
- Mentor/Mentee pairs are encouraged to meet casually on a regular basis throughout the year.

A timeline of Alumni Mentorship Program events will be announced by the end of the 2014-2015 academic year.

Undergraduate students will be able to apply for the program at the beginning of Fall 2015, so keep an eye out!

If you are interested in more information on the Alumni Mentorship Program, please consider attending our first Networking Night at Home Plate Sports Cafe (see event below) or contact Christina Knerr.

Join ISSA’s Executive Board!

ISSA is conducting a search for new Executive Board Members for the 2015-2016 school year! Applicants must be a current undergraduate student that will be in residence at UC San Diego for the 2015-2016 academic year and have experience in at least one other student organization. A major in International Studies is NOT required, but knowledge of the major or minor is preferred. Please stay tuned for the application by liking
Academic Internship Programs (AIP)
Explore career options by interning! Opportunities are available to intern locally in San Diego or at the national or state capital (UCDC & UCCS, respectively) all while earning academic credit.

TMC/CREATE School Partnership
Volunteer with Marshall College's Partnership Program to help low-income college bound youths achieve their dreams of higher education.

Rising Leaders Program
Internship program designed to bring together top employers with bright undergraduate students.

Events
Visioning a Transit City: Transit Planning & Citizen Participation in Quito, Ecuador
04/02, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Institute of Americas, Deutz Room

City Year Info Session
04/02, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Career Services Center Round Room

UC DC/UC Center Sacramento Information Session
04/06 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Student Center, Dolores Huerta Room

Schwarzman Scholars Information Session
04/06 12:00PM - 1:00 PM
International Center Lounge

ISSA April General Body Meeting
04/07 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Our Facebook page. If you have any questions regarding executive board applications or about what it is like being a board member, please contact ISSA at issa-exec@ucsd.edu.

Event Highlights

ISSA Mentorship Program Networking Night
Interested in receiving professional, one-on-one mentorship from an alumnus of the ISP community? Join the International Studies Student Association (ISSA) at UC San Diego as we launch our new Mentorship Program at Home Plate Sports Cafe in the RIMAC Annex!

This event is a great way to get to know local alumni, and will introduce a program that will offer opportunities for students to be matched with alumni on the basis of shared interests, as well as career and professional goals. Members will have the opportunity to foster the development of a network of current and future professionals that is rich in knowledge, expertise, and collaboration.

Alumni/IRPS students are encouraged to bring business cards; current students are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes.

Hors d’oeuvres and light refreshments will be served. RSVP via Eventbrite here: http://bit.ly/1Nd3Iil

ISP & IR/PS Around the World

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015
**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Location:** Ross Elementary School, 7470 Bagdad St., San Diego  
**Open to:** ISP and IR/PS students, alumni, faculty, staff and their guests  
**Registration Required:** Register [Here](#)!

Do you want to put smiles on the faces of 350 elementary school students?

Join [Around the World in a Day](#) as ISP and IR/PS alumni, students, faculty, and staff help Ross Elementary School with several projects: designing the second part of their community garden and painting motivational quotes throughout campus.

**Not currently in San Diego? You can still join in this day of service!**

The inaugural Around the World in a Day sponsored by the International Studies Program and IR/PS is a day for students and alumni to give their time, talent, or treasure all at one time. Large or small groups, individuals and supporters are invited from around the globe to coordinate and volunteer in their own communities for any amount of time.

Send in your photos and descriptions from your service activity that day via social media. Tag ISP on Facebook and IR/PS on Twitter and Instagram, and don't forget to #WorldServiceDay.

**Directions** to Ross Elementary School. For questions, please contact [Mary Jo Ball](#).

Sponsored by UC San Diego's Volunteer 50.

**Congratulations to our 2015 ISP Honors Students**

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### Careers with Languages:
*What to do with the foreign languages you’re learning*
- **05/22 3:00 PM - 4:00PM**
  - Career Services Center Horizon Room

### Cross-Cultural Center 20th Anniversary Banquet
- **05/23 5:00PM - 9:00PM**
  - Price Center Ball Room
  - **Registration Required**

### ISSA June General Body Meeting
- **06/02 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**
  - Location TBA

### Triton 5K
- **06/06 9:00 AM**
  - Ridge Walk in front of Home Plate, next to RIMAC Arena.
  - **Registration Required**

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**Interested in applying to the IS Honors Program? Click [here](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?age...)**

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**Student Spotlight**

**Hitomi Sasaki, International Studies - Economics '16, Shares her experience surviving the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami**

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"BEYOND Tomorrow hosts an annual Tohoku Future Leaders Summit, which is aimed at young people who seek to overcome adversity, maintain a global outlook, and contribute to society both in Japan and around the world. Most of these students experienced the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami of 2011 firsthand, and because of this are able to become leaders with a strong sense of compassion and serve a larger society." **BEYOND Tomorrow**
My experience with BEYOND Tomorrow started 7 months after my family and I lost our house, friends, beautiful city and normal everyday lives to the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami of 2011. Following the disaster, I was devastated and I did not want to talk about the disaster or my future. Through BEYOND Tomorrow’s program, I was given the opportunity to share my firsthand experience of this tragedy with peers who had experienced the same sorrow and who also dreamed of rebuilding our home.

At BEYOND Tomorrow, we were given the opportunity to strategize and form proposals about the recovery and future of the region. Since finding BEYOND Tomorrow, I have been able to reflect and share my experience with this disaster and how to take my ideas and convert them into plans to reduce the impact of future disasters on this region. This program allowed me and my student group to converse with global leaders, visit and volunteer in typhoon affected areas in the Philippines, and present our proposal at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

In the Philippines, I witnessed many youths who were eager to rebuild their own community, despite their struggle with poverty and unstable politics. These experiences greatly inspired me and made me think of what role I can assume to reduce tragic experiences resulting from natural disasters. After meeting some Filipino college students who survived the Typhoon through BEYOND Tomorrow, we discussed and drafted a proposal outlining what we, as Asian youths who have experienced tragedy, can do to lead world disaster risk reductions. Our proposal was then advocated at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held from March 14th through 18th, 2015 in Sendai, Japan. Through these experiences, I gained a new perspective on the importance of international cooperation in disaster risk reduction. With this new understanding, I hope to inspire others to take action and work together to make our world a better place.

Alumni Spotlight

**Louis Lau, International Studies - Economics ’12, Specialized Tax Services Associate at BDO International**

Growing up in an ever-globalizing society inspired my interest in learning about the effect that an interconnected society has
on multinational corporations. This interest led me to pursue a degree in International Studies - Economics, along with minors in Accounting and Business at UC San Diego. The International Studies Program (ISP) gave me a better understanding of global issues and development. This further sparked my appreciation for cultural diversity and inspired me to improve my foreign language fluency in Mandarin and Cantonese. The knowledge and experiences that I gained by majoring in International Studies helped me to pursue a career in corporate finance at a multinational firm after graduating from UCSD.

In the spirit of giving back to the ISP community, I have volunteered to serve as the Co-Chair of the International Studies Alumni Executive Committee. Our goal is to create and develop an ISP community that has a strong identity and presence within the greater UC San Diego community. We also want to provide support for our current ISP students in various ways, by providing professional mentorship in addition to career and networking opportunities. Due to the diverse interests of those in the International Studies community, we are challenged with connecting our alumni since most are scattered across the globe and are working to make an impact wherever their career has taken them. That is why the committee is focusing on outreaching and spreading the word about our growing ISP alumni community. Thus, I highly encourage all current ISP students to take every opportunity to network and learn from ISP alumni, as we all have a natural connection and can give you an insiders' perspective on classes, jobs, grad school, and transitioning from college.

**Faculty Spotlight**

**Professor Vidya Nadkami - Political Science, USD**

Contested Borders in International Politics— the senior capstone course I am teaching this quarter and in the fall quarter developed organically from my research on the ongoing and still unresolved Sino-Indian border conflict. As I began to examine this question, I felt I had to reach farther and farther back into the history of the peoples of India and China. How did the peoples who inhabited ancient India and China view their land and their rulers?
Was kingship territorially based or centered on a relationship with the people? One could ask this about European history as well—when did the King of the French become the King of France?

This line of thought, in turn, led me to ask how and why the tight connection between territoriality and sovereignty developed in Europe gradually over the course of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. I delved deeply into the rich contemporary literature on borders and borderlands and the varied ways in which states and individuals perceive borders. Borders can be sites of contestation and division but also of interaction and hybridity. Borders do not stop the flow of ideas, trade and commerce, diseases, pollution, crime and terrorism. But borders do pose a barrier for refugees and asylum seekers, among others. What are the complex sets of reasons—historical, political, economic, cultural, and strategic—that have shaped our world of states? Out of such rumination came the inspiration for this course.

Here, we will embark together on what I hope will be an exciting journey of discovery as we examine the role that borders play in our lives. “Curiosity,” Samuel Johnson said, “is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect.” I look forward to the intellectual curiosity that my students and I will bring to this seminar and hope that they will learn as much from me as I know I will learn from them.