

GRADFACts
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2010

THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

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NEWS AND EVENTS

NSSR Events

President's Forum: an Evening with John B Judis

Wednesday, September 22nd 2010, 6:00 -7:30 pm

New School President Bob Kerrey engages in a one-on-one discussion with John B. Judis, senior editor of the [New Republic](#), whose articles and blogs offer insights into today's top issues, trends, and political figures.

Judis has written for the *New Republic* since 1984 and has been a senior editor since 1994. He has also been a contributing editor of *GQ* (where his attire was a constant source of amusement), a columnist for the *American Prospect*, and a founding editor, and for many years the Washington correspondent, of *In These Times*.

Years before that, he was a managing editor of *Socialist Revolution* (which, after the dust of New Left rebellion cleared, changed its name to *Socialist Review*) and the editor of *East Bay Voice*, a Bay Area alternative newspaper.

Judis is the author of five books: *William F. Buckley, Jr.: Patron Saint of the Conservatives*; *Grand Illusion: Critics and Champions of the American Century*; *The Paradox of American Democracy: Elites, Special Interests, and the Betrayal of Public Trust*; *The Emerging Democratic Majority* (with Ray Teixeira); and *The Folly of Empire*.

Admission: Admission is free but space is limited.

[Click here to register.](#)

Location: Theresa Lang Student Center, 55 W 13th
Street, 2nd Floor

President's Forum: an Evening with Mexican Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan

Tuesday, September 28th 2010, 6:00 -7:30 pm

New School President Bob Kerrey engages in an informal discussion with Arturo Sarukhan, Mexican ambassador to the United States. They will explore U.S.-Mexican relations, U.S. policy toward Latin America, and other domestic and international issues of interest to both countries.

Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan is a career diplomat. He served as deputy assistant secretary for inter-American affairs and in 1993 was posted to the Mexican Embassy in the United States, where he served first as chief of staff to the ambassador and then as head of the counternarcotics office. He became chief of policy planning at the Foreign Ministry in 2000 and was appointed Mexican consul general to New York City by the president in 2003. In 2006, he resigned his post and took a leave of absence from the Foreign Service to serve as foreign policy advisor and international spokesperson on Felipe Calderón's presidential campaign. After Mr. Calderón's victory, Ambassador Surakhan became coordinator for foreign affairs in the transition team. In November 2006, he received the rank of ambassador, and in February 2007, he was appointed Mexican ambassador to the United States.

Before joining the Foreign Service, Ambassador Sarukhan served as executive director of the nongovernmental Bilateral Commission on the Future of United States-Mexican Relations.

Ambassador Sarukhan is active in a number of organizations, including the Mexican Council on Foreign Affairs, the Foreign Policy Association, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. He is a board member of the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas and sits on the Ambassadors Advisory Board of the Executive Council on Diplomacy. He has taught at the university level and published articles on foreign policy issues in various journals and magazines. He has been decorated by the governments of Spain and Sweden.

Admission: Admission is free but space is limited.

[Click here to register.](#)

Location: Theresa Lang Student Center, 55 W 13th Street, 2nd Floor

**Arts in Mind Conversation Series:
Elegies for our Lost Asylums**

Wednesday, September 29th 2010, 6:00 -7:30 pm

Arts in Mind is a series of conversations with leading figures in the literary, visual, multimedia, and performing arts whose work touches on mental health issues. The first event, Elegies for Our Lost Asylums, features Christopher Payne and Anna Schuleit.

Christopher Payne is a New York City-based photographer who specializes in documenting America's vanishing

architecture and industrial landscape. *Asylum: Inside the Closed World of State Mental Hospitals*, which includes an essay by bestselling author Oliver Sacks, is the result of a seven-year exploration of America's vast and largely abandoned state mental institutions.

Anna Schuleit is a visual artist who has created two large installation projects in abandoned psychiatric institutions: *Habeas Corpus* (2000) at Northampton State Hospital, and *Bloom* (2003) at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center.

This event is sponsored by the Erikson Institute for Education and Research of the [Austen Riggs Center](#) and the Sandor Ferenczi Center at The New School for Social Research.

Admission: Free; no tickets and reservations required
Location: Theresa Lang Student Center, 55 W 13th Street, 2nd Floor

Anthropology Public Lecture: Eric Santner

Wednesday, September 29th 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

On September 29th Eric Santner, Philip and Ida Romberg Professor in Modern Germanic Studies at the University of Chicago, will deliver a lecture as part of the NSSR Anthropology Public Lecture Series.

Admission: Free; no tickets and reservations required
Location: 80 5th Avenue, 5th Floor Conference Room

Marx and Latin America Revisited

Thursday September 30th 2010, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

The Janey Program in Latin American studies and the Philosophy and Historical Studies departments of the NSSR present the fall 2010 lecture, Bruno Bosteels speaking on “Marx and Latin America Revisited.”

Bruno Bosteels is Professor of Romance Studies at Cornell University and editor of the Journal *Diacritics*. He authored dozens of articles on modern Latin American literature and culture and on contemporary European philosophy and political theory. Bosteels’ research interests further include the crossovers between art, literature, theory, and cartography; the radical movements of the 1960s and 1970s; the communist hypothesis; cultural studies and critical theory; and the reception of Marx and Freud in Latin America.

Professor Bosteels is the author of *Badiou o el recomienzo del materialismo dialectic* (2007), *Badiou and Politics* (2009) and *Marx and Freud in Latin America* (expected 2010).

Admission: Free; no tickets and reservations required
Location: 80 5th Avenue, 5th Floor Conference Room

The Janey Program Annual Workshop Series

The Janey Program at the NSSR supports fellowships for students from Latin America and the Caribbean who are pursuing graduate studies at the school, summer fellowships for fieldwork and research in Latin America

and the Caribbean, an annual conference, lectures, and occasional visits to The New School by scholars from Latin America. The program's ongoing Latin America: History, Economy, and Culture workshop provides an interdisciplinary space for students and faculty from the Inter-University Doctoral Consortium, as well as visiting scholars, to present and discuss their ongoing research. The workshop meets every month at The New School for Social Research.

This fall, you can attend Janey Program Workshops with summer fellowship awardees reporting on their research on the following dates:

Oct. 8th
Nov. 5th
Dec. 3rd
Feb. 11th
Mar. 4th
Apr. 8th
May 6th

All sessions of the Janey Workshop will take place from 12:00 – 2:00 in the conference room on the 5th floor of 80 5th Ave.

**From Impunity to Accountability:
Africa's Development in the 21st Century**

Thursday and Friday, November 18th – 19th 2010

The Center for Public Scholarship presents the 22nd Social Research conference. Join for a two day event where distinguished experts discuss the challenges of African

development as countries work to combat poverty, improve the protection of human rights, increase government accountability and transparency, improve electoral systems, and manage foreign aid. Kofi Annan has been invited to deliver the keynote address.

Sponsors include the Graduate Program in International Affairs, the global studies program at Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts, and the Ford Foundation.

Admission: free for students, alumni, and faculty, but space is limited. Visit <http://www.socres.org/africa> to reserve.

Location: Tishman Auditorium, 66 West 12th Street

Student News

Placements of Political Science Ph.D. Students and Recent Ph.D. Graduates for 2010-2011

This list includes full-time academic positions and full-time professional positions closely related to students' academic work. Permanent academic positions start as of fall 2010.

Aharony, Michal (Ph.D. 2010) - postdoctoral fellowships at the Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center at the Hebrew University and at the International Institute for Holocaust Research at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, 2010-2011

Alahmad, Nida (Ph.D. 2010) - Qatar Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Georgetown University, 2010-2011

Al-Hajeri, Hanan (ABD), Assistant Professor of Political Science, Kuwait University (tenure-track)

Clement, Paul (ABD) - Assistant Chair (with tenure), Social Sciences Department, Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY

Daniel, Evan (ABD) – Assistant Professor, History, Queens College CUNY (tenure-track)

Figueroa, Carlos (Ph.D. 2010) – Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Brownsville (tenure-track)

Gomez, Maria (Ph.D.) – Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology, St. Mary's University, Halifax Nova Scotia, 2010-2011.

Gonzalez, Eddie (Ph.D. 2009) – postdoctoral fellowship, Democracy Fellow with USAID's Office of Democracy and Governance (2010-2012)

Gritter, Matt (Ph.D. 2010) – Visiting Assistant Professor (one-year position), Oberlin College, 2010-2011

Liczek, Irina (Ph.D. 2007) – Postdoctoral Fellow, Harriman Institute, Columbia University (2011)

Mirescu, Alexander (ABD) – Assistant Professor of Political Science, St. Peter's College, New Jersey

Rialas, Christos (ABD) - Medical Director of Ygia Polyclinic (a large hospital), Limassol, Cyprus

Smith, Michael (Ph.D. 2008) - Senior Researcher, Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic; Principal Investigator 2010-2012 for the project, "Environmental Values, Beliefs and Behavior in the Czech

Republic in Historical and Cross-National Perspective," funded by the Czech Science Foundation.

Soler, Marcos (ABD) – Director of Statistics, Research and Strategic Initiatives, Civilian Complaint Review Board of the City of New York

Steinhilber, Silke (ABD)- Research & Policy, UNICEF

Zebadua-Yanez, Veronica (ABD) - Expert National Consultant on Human Rights, UN High Commission for Human Rights (OHCHR), Mexico City.

Economics Graduate Students Win New School Intramural Soccer Championship



Dynamo Economics – a team comprised of MS and PhD students from the NSSR Department of Economics – claimed the New School Intramural Sports soccer championship title for the spring 2010 season. Congratulations economists!

Economics Student Ali Naqvi publishes with UNU-EHS



Economics PhD student **Syed Ali Asjad Naqvi** is unraveling humanitarian crises. His main research interest focuses on the regional economic effect of natural disasters using agent based modeling. More specifically, he attempts to understand, simulate, and identify critical thresholds beyond which a regional economic system becomes unstable and requires interventionist policy for stabilization.

Ali submitted a paper at the [United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security](#) which subsequently appeared in the issue of the UNU-EHS publication series [SOURCE](#) on “Tipping Points in Humanitarian Crisis” during June 2010.

Ali currently works on collecting information on the 18 million Pakistanis afflicted by the flood, using an [online portal](#) to collect information like those used in Haiti, Chile, and the United States.

Faculty News

Critchley Throws the First Stone: Moderates Times' New Philosophy Blog

Simon Critchley, chair of Philosophy at The New School for Social Research, began the *New York Times'* philosophy blog, "The Stone," in May 2010. The series features a rotating group of prominent philosophers. Critchley, who will serve as moderator, started from square one in his inauguration essay, asking "What is a Philosopher?" and looking to Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle for answers.

While allowing that the philosophical pursuit leaves many to conclude that a philosopher is merely "the one who is silly," Critchley writes that the philosopher is also "the one who takes time." He adds that the philosopher's ability to critique society, to be in it but not of it, has always represented a threat: "There is something dreadfully uncanny about the philosopher, something either monstrous or god-like or indeed both at once." The debate continued in the comments following the piece, which enjoyed most-read status on the *Times'* website for two days straight.

Tough Decisions: Lisa Rubin Investigates Genetic Screening Implications

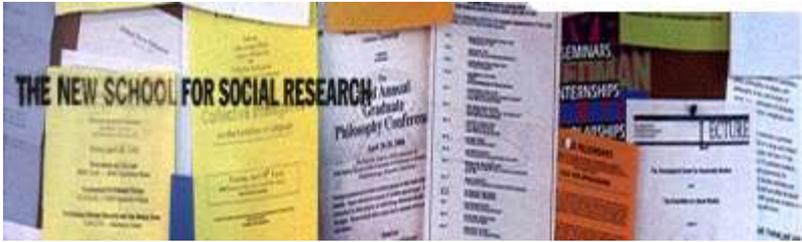
For many aspiring parents concerned about inherited developmental diseases like Down syndrome and Tay-Sachs, getting pre-natal and pre-implantation genetic testing is by now a foregone conclusion—as are the attendant ethical questions. But the advent of fetal and

embryonic testing for BRCA genes, which predispose individuals to breast and ovarian cancer, has raised a new set of questions. What is an aspiring parents' responsibility to test for adult-onset diseases—for potentially treatable diseases that do not affect development? Is the presence of the BRCA gene reason enough to discard an otherwise-viable embryo? And who should have access to these expensive tests?

These questions drive New School for Social Research Assistant Professor of Psychology **Lisa Rubin's** recent research. Drawing from her previous work in psycho-oncology, Rubin received a \$150,000 grant from the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications division of the Human Genome Project to study attitudes regarding the use of prenatal and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis for inherited breast and ovarian cancer risk. Rubin led a team of researchers at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital who interviewed male and female BRCA carriers about their perspectives on the personal, social, and ethical implications of prenatal and pre-implantation genetic testing.

Rubin's team recently completed the interviews that form the core of the study. She begins her sabbatical this fall, when she will analyze data gathered from the interviews and begin writing a series of articles that detail her findings.

"There's a great deal of interest in this topic," says Rubin. "It's not only from patients, but from physicians and mental health practitioners working with patients who are currently facing these complex decisions. We're eager to be able to bring our findings to the field to inform our clinical practice."



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEADLINES

Student Handbooks available in the Office of Academic Affairs

The 2010-11 student handbooks contain a list of resources and policies, a campus directory, the academic calendar, and a daily planner for coordinating schedules September through May. The books are available to all New School students free of charge in the Office of Academic Affairs, room D1007. Please stop by and pick one up.

University Refund Schedule

When Course is Dropped	Percentage Refunded
Before semester begins	100%
Through 1st week of classes	90%
Through 2nd week of classes	80%
Through 3rd week of classes	70%
Through 4th week of classes	60%
After 4th week of classes	none

Please bear in mind that when you register for a class you take a financial responsibility for paying the tuition. If you drop a course, this will result in the financial penalties assessed according to the refund schedule shown above.

Please note that refund calculations are not based on the number of classes held or attended.

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### **NSSR Incompletes Policy**

(\* For students first matriculating in fall 2008 or later)

A grade of I is a temporary grade and indicates that assigned work has not been completed.

The time allowed for the removal of an incomplete is one year after the end of the semester in which the course was offered. **After the first year has elapsed the grade is changed to a permanent incomplete N and cannot be overturned.**

Students who attend a class to complete an incomplete grade will be expected to register and pay for the class as an audit. In these cases, students must obtain the instructor's approval to attend a class

Grades of GM will be converted to N if a grade is not entered within the year.

In some circumstances, PhD students (**only**) are eligible to request a 6 month extension for the incomplete. This will require the signature of the instructor, department chair and assistant dean of academic affairs. Following that, the PhD student may request one additional, final 6 month extension with documentation regarding the extenuating

circumstances necessitating the request. This too must be approved by the instructor, department chair, and assistant dean of academic affairs. Petitions for extensions of incomplete grades for PhD students are available in the NSSR Office of Student Academic Affairs. **In no case will an incomplete be extended for a PhD student for more than two years.**

*\* Students who began matriculation prior to fall 2008 will be held to the previous policy which allows for two, six-month extensions at the masters and PhD levels, as noted in prior bulletins.*

### **Reminder for Students Completing Study this Semester Petition to Graduate Online**

Students expecting to complete their studies in December 2010 must file a Graduation Petition with the University Registrar's Office at the lower level of 72 Fifth Ave. The university cannot confer degrees or certificates for students who do not file a petition. Filing should be done as soon as possible; no fee will be charged to students who file by October 1. Forms are available at the Registrar's Office and online at <http://my.newschoo.edu>. Please note, the commencement ceremony for fall graduates is held in May.

**New in fall 2010 – Online Graduation Petition**  
**From August 30 until October 1, 2010, students will be able to petition to graduate online for the fall 2010 semester.** Login to <http://my.newschoo.edu> to submit a petition online. Within the Graduation Petition box,

click on "Click here to submit your graduation petition online" and follow the instructions provided. **The online graduation petition is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**Avoid the late fee and petition before October 1.**



## **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

**GRADUATE WRITING CENTER**  
80 5th Avenue, room 520

Are you new to graduate work?  
Is English not your first language?  
Do you need help completing a paper?

The NSSR Writing Center offers 40-minute individual tutoring sessions in which students at the New School for Social Research, MA program in Media Studies, and International Affairs MA program can discuss grammar, style, use of quotations, references, and other scholarly issues.

We also run workshops on graduate writing, revising, using outlines, and other techniques that apply to dissertations, theses, articles, grant applications and class papers.

The writing counselors are NSSR PhD students who understand the stresses and rewards of academic writing. They are trained and supervised by a NSSR faculty member.

**To schedule an appointment see the “How to Make an Appointment” instructions.**

For additional questions contact Keith Whitmoyer at:  
[GraduateWritingCenter@newschool.edu](mailto:GraduateWritingCenter@newschool.edu)

### **Graduate Writing Center How to Make an Appointment**

Appointments are made via email. To make an appointment at the Graduate Writing Center you must have a New School Webmail email account. Before making your first appointment, you must log into the Graduate Writing Center calendar by proxy. Logging into the calendar by proxy will give you access to the Graduate Writing Center calendar, schedule, and open appointments. To view our schedule to find an open appointment, follow Step A.

#### **Step A) How to Log into the Graduate Writing Center Calendar by Proxy:**

1. Click “Proxy” in your New School email account. A new window should open.
2. Type: “GraduateWritingCenter” in Login box.

3. Click “Login.” The GraduateWritingCenter account should open in the new window.
4. In this window click the “Calendar” tab to view the GraduateWritingCenter calendar.

Now that you have logged into the Graduate Writing Center by proxy, whenever you open the proxy window, you will see Graduate Writing Center as an option. By clicking on GraduateWritingCenter in the proxy window, you will be able to view the Writing Center’s calendar and the available appointments.

**Step B) How to Sign Up for an Appointment:**

1. Click on Proxy in your email account. This opens a new window. (Note: If you have not signed up to view the calendar by proxy, then you will not have access to the calendar and will not be able to view the open appointments. Complete Step A above.)
2. Click on GraduateWritingCenter in the new window (Opens Graduate Writing Center Account).
3. Click on Calendar Tab to view Graduate Writing Center calendar.
4. Suggested: View Calendar by Month (on the right-hand side of the page) to find an open appointment. You will see the name of each tutor and the times they are scheduled in the Writing Center, e.g. Keith (Tutor) 2-4 or Thomas (Tutor) 4-7.
5. Check for an open time slot on the schedule. For example:

FRIDAY

11:00 AM *Keith (Tutor) 11-4*  
1:00 PM *Daniel Deronda (Liberal Studies)*

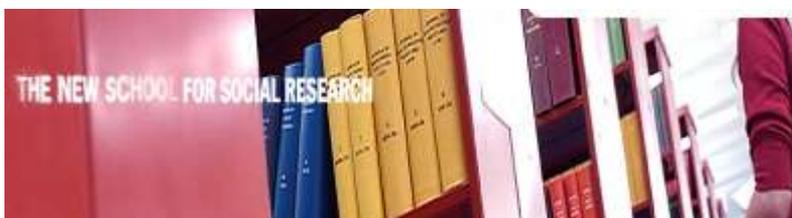
Keith is available on Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Daniel has an appointment at 1:00 p.m. An appointment can be scheduled for 11:00, 12:00, 2:00, or 3:00.

6. **To schedule an appointment**, email [GraduateWritingCenter@newschool.edu](mailto:GraduateWritingCenter@newschool.edu). Please include your **name, your department (if NSSR) or your New School division (Philosophy, Economics, GPIA, Media Studies etc.), the day of your appointment and the time of your appointment** in your email. If you wish, you may also include the project or writing problem which you wish to discuss. **Make sure to double-check the proxy calendar to be sure your appointment has been scheduled.** If your appointment does not appear on the calendar or there is a problem, please email [GraduateWritingCenter@newschool.edu](mailto:GraduateWritingCenter@newschool.edu) as soon as possible.

*Walk-in appointments are welcome!*

### **How to Cancel an Appointment**

Send an email to [GraduateWritingCenter@newschool.edu](mailto:GraduateWritingCenter@newschool.edu) letting us know the date and time of the appointment you would like to cancel.



## **EXTERNAL FUNDING AND CAREER SERVICES**

### **External Funding Opportunities**

#### **Columbia University Fellowship Competition**

Deadline: October 4<sup>th</sup> 2010

The Columbia University Society of Fellows in the Humanities is pleased to announce the commencement of its thirty-sixth annual Fellowship Competition.

The Columbia Society of Fellows in the Humanities, with grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the William R. Kenan Trust, will appoint a number of post-doctoral fellows in the humanities for the academic year 2011-2012. We invite applications from qualified candidates who have received the Ph.D. between 1 January 2007 and 1 July 2011. Fellows are appointed as Lecturers in appropriate departments at Columbia University and as postdoctoral research fellows. The fellowship is renewable for a second and third year. In the first year, Fellows teach one course per semester: at least one of these courses will be in the undergraduate general education program of the University. In years two and three, Fellows teach one

course per year. In addition to teaching and research, the duties of Fellows include attendance at the Society's lectures and events as well as active participation in the intellectual life of the Society and of the department with which the Fellow is affiliated. The annual stipend will be \$59,000. Each Fellow will also receive a research allowance of \$5,000 per annum.

Our online application form can be accessed at [www.columbia.edu/cu/societyoffellows](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/societyoffellows).

### **Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowships for Research Related to Education**

Deadline: October 27<sup>th</sup> 2010

Through its dissertation fellowships the Spencer Foundation seeks to encourage a new generation of scholars from a variety of fields to undertake research relevant to the improvement of education.

Applicants must be candidates for the doctoral degree in any field of study. Dissertation topics must concern education and all pre-doctoral requirements must be complete by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.

Approximately 20 dissertation fellowships of \$25,000 will be announced in April 2011.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.spencer.org](http://www.spencer.org).

## **The Charlotte W Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**

Deadline: November 15<sup>th</sup> 2010

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships support significant study of religious or ethical values across all fields in the humanities and social sciences. Eligible proposals have religious or ethical values as a central concern and are relevant to the solution of contemporary religious, cultural, or human rights questions.

At least 20 fellowships of \$25,000 will be awarded. PhD candidates in the final year of dissertation writing may apply.

Applications accepted online, see [www.woodrow.org/newcombe](http://www.woodrow.org/newcombe) for details or email [billmaier@woodrow.org](mailto:billmaier@woodrow.org).

## **William R Waters Research Grant, Association for Social Economics**

Deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

The Association for Social Economics offers a research grant in the amount of up to \$5000 to promote research in social economics and the social economy. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: the role of social values in economic life, economic policy and social wellbeing, social capital, social norms, social networks, human capabilities, workplace policies, and social justice, corporate social

responsibility, socially responsible investment, microfinance, ethics and economics, poverty, inequality, and policies related to health, education, and welfare.

Applicants must be PhD students who have not yet completed their dissertation, or faculty members below the rank of Associate Professor.

More information is available on the ASE website, [www.socialeconomics.org](http://www.socialeconomics.org).

## **Career Services**

The Office of Academic Affairs provides external funding and scholarships information and career guidance to New School for Social Research students. Services include: (1) providing students with scholarships and funding information; (2) assisting NSSR students with CV, cover letter and resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search strategies; (3) workshops and information sessions on various topics including: CV workshops (every month), SPIN database tutorial (twice a semester), Grant Writing workshop, Fulbright workshop, and information sessions on Academic and Non-Academic Careers in Social Sciences.

### **Career Services Office Hours**

Individual appointments can be made Monday through Friday by appointment.

Send an email to [kraemberb@newschool.edu](mailto:kraemberb@newschool.edu), or call 212.229.3790.

### **Contact Career Services**

Beatrice Kraemer  
NSSR Office of Career Services  
Room 1007C  
79 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10003  
Phone: (212) 229-3790  
Fax: (646) 486-0755  
Email: [NSSRcareerservices@newschool.edu](mailto:NSSRcareerservices@newschool.edu)

### **Chronicle of Higher Education**

The Chronicle of Higher Education, a great source of news, information, and job postings for college and university faculty members and administrators, is available for review and reading in the Office of Academic Affairs.

### **SPIN Database**

SPIN is a computer database with detailed and up-to-date information about thousands of federal, non-federal, and international opportunities. SPIN contains information from more than 1,200 different sponsoring agencies, and lists over 11,000 separate funding opportunities.

How to access SPIN?

- Log on <http://www.infoed.org>
- Click Access InfoOffice
- Click SPIN

Now you can search the SPIN search page. You are strongly encouraged to set you search criteria and run an advanced search tailored to your needs. One major advantage of SPIN is that you may check for upcoming deadlines for the current week, the current month and the next month. Please refer to the instructions and search tips

provided behind the HELP button. You may also pick up a brochure on how to use this database in the NSSR office. NOTE: you can only access SPIN via an on-campus computer.

Also visit the following link:

[http://www.newschool.edu/gf/students/finaid\\_external-funding.htm](http://www.newschool.edu/gf/students/finaid_external-funding.htm)

## **Workshops**

### **Workshops for Students Pursuing Academic Careers**

#### **CV Writing**

Learn how to write a CV and practice on the spot.

When: Thursday, September 16, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: 6 East 16th Street, 10th floor, room 1005

#### **Cover Letter Writing for Academic Jobs**

Learn how to write a cover letter that someone actually wants to read. See what needs to be included, what you can and have to leave out, and what will really sell your skills and get you the job interview. Bring a job description that interests you and practice on the spot.

When: Thursday, September 23, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: 6 East 16th Street, 10th floor, room 1005

#### **Job Interview and Job Talk skills for Academic Jobs**

Learn what to expect in an academic job interview and a job talk. Find out how to present your teaching and research ability and your match with the department. Bring

a job ad or identify a university you would like to teach at and practice in a mock interview.

When: Thursday, September 30, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: 6 East 16th Street, 10th floor, room 1005

## **News at the Career Services Office**

Please make extensive use of our ONLINE SERVICES! There are considerable changes, additions, and updates on the NSSR Career Services web site, which are of tremendous support to you.

### **1) Job Search Tools and Strategies**

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=9288>

This site contains 12 chapters reflecting Career Services workshops. While this material certainly does not substitute attendance of those workshops, it does support them. Also, students living outside NYC may use those references and guidelines to prepare their material.

### **2) Jobs and Internships Websites**

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=9314>

This page offers web sites sorted by majors and various topics, which you may use to search for jobs and internships. There are also sites about professional organizations and those providing general information related to the respective topic.

### **3) Listing of Career Services Workshops for the Current Semester**

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=9286>

NSSR Career Services offers a cycle of workshops for students pursuing academic as well as non-academic careers. Workshop include topics such as resume and CV writing, cover letter writing (academic, non-academic), job interview and job talk skills, how to negotiate a package, academic publishing, public speaking skills and job search etiquette as well as how to operate SPIN, the largest external funding data base. Workshop dates, times and location are listed at this link.

#### **4) Job Board for Students**

<http://www.collegecentral.com/nssr/>

College Central contains jobs and internship opportunities from employers that specifically target NSSR students. This site reduces the number of postings sent individually. If you're looking for work opportunities make sure to visit this site regularly.

#### **5) Excel Database listing Nonprofit Organizations in NY**

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=51723>

This database contains 801 nonprofit organizations within NY. Those organizations are geared toward the interests of NSSR students. NOTE: PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DATABASE BEFORE USING IT!!

#### **6) Excel Database listing Teaching Institutions within the Tri-State Area**

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=44678>

This database contains 430 teaching institutions in the tri-state area that have social sciences and/or humanities departments. NOTE: PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DATABASE BEFORE USING IT!!

**7) Excel Database listing External Funding Opportunities**

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=44676>

This database includes fellowships, post-docs, and other external funding opportunities, 306 in total. NOTE: PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DATABASE BEFORE USING IT!!

**8) Special Events for NSSR Students**

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=9326>

Throughout the academic year 2010-11, there will be career fairs for NSSR students including Business Career Fair, International Career Fair, Internship Fair, Policy, Public Service and Health Career Fair. Dates, times and locations will be listed on this link as they become available.

**9) Dossier Service for NSSR PhD Students**

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=9324>

The Office of Academic Affairs administers a Dossier Service, which keeps letters of recommendations for PhD students on file. This file is especially useful in applying for teaching positions and other professional employment. Establishing a dossier file ensures the confidentiality of letters of recommendation and the prompt distribution of credentials at a low cost. The service also makes it easy to send reference letters to multiple institutions and potential employers. Only New School for Social Research doctoral students are eligible to use the Dossier Service.

Now Dossier forms are available on-line under the NSSR Academic Affairs link and can be downloaded from the site:

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/subpage.aspx?id=9324lf>

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