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Students News

Mike Carlo completed an internship with Congressman Chris Murphy in the summer of 2007. Working at Congressman Murphy's Capitol Hill office in Washington, D.C., Mike was primarily involved with various aspects of constituent service. Mike wrote and edited letters and press releases on behalf of the Congressman, conducted research on various legislative issues, attended congressional hearings and briefings, and led constituents on tours of the United States Capitol building. Mike is continuing his internship with Congressman Murphy at his district office in New Britain, CT.

Mercedes DeMasi participated in an archaeological dig in Cyprus through Davidson College in North Carolina. The National Science Foundation funded the dig where she excavated parts of Athienou-Malloura, a Hellenistic Sanctuary where she helped preserve rotary statutes and other artifacts. She also visited Kourian, a Roman settlement destroyed by an earthquake.

Sean Swanson traveled to Vietnam for the Red River Project. The focus of the project was water resources in the Red River/Hanoi area. He specifically observed the ways the Vietnamese government worked to improve access to water and health resources by visiting a number of non-governmental organizations.

Rob Poprocki also traveled to Vietnam for the Red River Project. Rob's project was to observe non-governmental organizations and their interactions with the government to help create a civil society in Vietnam. This was done in order to promote sustainable development within the country. He concludes progress in Vietnam will continue to advance now that new doors have opened.

Sean McSherry completed an internship through the Washington Center in London in the summer of 2007. He worked for the London Middle East Institute (LMEI). The London Middle East Institute draws upon the resources of London and School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) to provide teaching, training, research, publication, consultancy, outreach and other services related to the Middle East. He spent the summer as a research assistant for the Director of LMEI Robert Springborg, researching statistical data on development in the Middle East.

Department Awards

Listed below are the recipients of student recognition awards

Julia C. Borden – Truman A. Warner Anthropology Recognition Award
Nicole L. Johnson – Russell Fryer Political Science Recognition Award
Michele Maynard-Ek – Rosa Parks Citizenship Award
Mark A. Prybylski – Howard G. Post Sociology Recognition Award
Deborah A. Slifka – Department Recognition Award in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
Saman Syed – Leonard A. Dente Economics Recognition Award

Listed below are the recipients of student scholarship awards:

Katerina G. Kruzykowska – Howard Hobbs Memorial Scholarship
Jacqueline L. Chomic, Jenna E. Sommo – Arthur and Alberta Rosien Memorial Scholarship