Hello Anthropologists,

Reading Day is here! We hope you are ready and energized for a successful end to the semester. Remember: self-care is important during this (often stressful) time.

We also want to extend here our warmest wishes for the Winter Holidays. May they be spent with love, joy and health for you and your loved ones!

A special shout out to our December 2021 graduates! Congratulations! You did it! We wish you great success at this new stage of your life, and we hope that we keep hearing of all the great stuff we know you will do!
FLAS Fellowships

Applications are now open for Summer 2022 and Academic Year 2022-23 Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships! This is a prestigious fellowship that supports the study of modern foreign languages in combination with area/global studies. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply. Applicants need to be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Which languages and language levels are eligible?
Undergraduate students may apply for FLAS to study any language except French, German, and Spanish, and they must be able to enroll in a language course at the second-year or higher level at the start of the fellowship. For instance, if you are currently studying first-year Arabic, you are eligible to apply for FLAS to study second-year Arabic next summer or academic year.

How much are the tuition support and stipend amounts?
Summer FLAS fellows receive $5,000 towards tuition and fees and a $2,500 stipend. Academic year FLAS fellows receive $10,000 towards tuition and fees and a $5,000 stipend.

What do I need to apply?
The application requires a brief statement of purpose, two recommendation letters, and a transcript, in addition to the application form. Please visit the university FLAS website for more information and to watch a recording of an info session from November 2021.

When is the application due?
Applications are due Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. Letters of recommendation are due Friday, Feb. 4, 2022.

Kevin T. Early Fellowship (continued)

Eligibility: Any student with freshman standing at UIUC for the 2021-2022 school year

Guidelines: Students must submit 5 poems. The complete manuscript should not exceed 5 pages. Submissions should be emailed as .docx (word) files to John Dudek, the Associate Director of Creative Writing at: Jdudek4@illinois.edu

The subject line of your email should read: “EARLY PRIZE SUBMISSION: Last name.”

Contact: If you have any questions, email John Dudek.

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The Summer Institute for Languages of the Muslim World (SILMW) is an annual intensive language program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It invites students to join the 9% of Americans who choose the unique and meaningful experience of learning a Less Commonly Taught Language (LCTL). Learning these languages will allow students to gain new global perspectives and set them apart as highly qualified individuals for international work and engagement. Many of these languages can assist students in securing international positions in governmental, development, and academic sectors.

This summer SILMW will take place from June 13 to August 6, 2022, and it will be offering Arabic, Persian, Swahili, Turkish, and Wolof. The program is 8 weeks and is divided into two, 4-week semesters. This is an immersive experience, complete with instruction, cultural activities, opportunities for language practice, conversation tables, cooking classes, movie nights, and more!

When you complete the program, not only will you be able to hold a conversation in a new language and have earned up to 10 credits, but you will also have had fun!

For more general information, visit the website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them.

Dr. Kourtikakis will offer the course PS 392 International Organizations and Regionalism in Vienna this summer. Campus meetings: March 14- May 4, 2022 (Wednesdays 6-7pm). Travel dates: May 22-June 12, 2022. Applications due February 15, 2022. For additional information about this course, see here.