Welcome to our new Graduate Assistant, Zach Roberson!

Zach will be helping out at OFSP during the spring semester, and is available for individual fellowship advising appointments.

Read on to learn more about Zach:

- Hometown: Walkersville, MD
- Undergraduate Degree: Art History with emphasis in Egyptology (minor in Film Studies) from Hood College
- Favorite Undergraduate Class – A Zombie History of the United States
- Before attending USC, Zach worked full-time in Residence Life at Interlochen Arts Academy, an arts-focused boarding school in northern Michigan
- Graduate Student in the Higher Education Student Affairs Program
- Studied abroad in Egypt, with shorter experiences in England, France, and Germany
- Favorite books include Enders Game, The Da Vinci Code, The Giver and Oh, The Places You Will Go
- Favorite TV shows include The Big Bang Theory, Golden Girls, Downton Abbey, and The West Wing
- Planning to hike the Appalachian Trail in its entirety before he is 40

Join us in welcoming Zach to OFSP!

Rapidly approaching national fellowships deadlines:

Friday, January 29, 2016, Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program: This national scholarship is only for sophomore applicants. Eligibility includes students whose disciplines are not only related to oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, or education, but also supportive of the purposes of NOAA's programs and mission, e.g., biological, social and physical sciences; mathematics; engineering; computer and information sciences; and teacher education.

Friday, February 5, 2016, Mount Vernon Fellows: This program is a competitive five-and-a-half week residential summer leadership program for rising juniors. Fellows interact with like-minded student leaders from across the country, and learn from the top corporate, military, government, and non-profit leaders in the nation. Eligible students are current sophomores with a minimum 3.4 GPA. Check out USC's own Klara Milojkovic in the video on last year's inaugural program!

Friday, February 12, 2016, R. Gene Richter Scholarship: Offers $5000 to junior GSCOM majors who are future leaders in supply chain management, to help fast-track students into the profession. USC has a winner nearly every year!

Throughout February, NSF REUs (Research Experience for Undergraduates): If you are a STEM student, you should consider an REU. Sponsored by the NSF, these REUs provide fully funded intensive summer research programs. Deadlines vary by program, but many are in February 2016.
Tuesday, February 23 or Friday February 26 (depending on program), **US-UK Fulbright Commissions Summer Institutes**: for undergraduates with at least 2 years of study remaining to complete a 3-, 4- or 6-week academic and cultural summer program at one of 9 institutes in the UK. Contact OFSP (ofsp@sc.edu) for details about how to handle the USC Study Abroad application process for this program.

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016. American Chemical Society:** American Chemical Society Undergraduate Fellowships are available to African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and American students who demonstrate: high academic achievement in chemistry or science and evidence of financial need (according to FAFSA form). College freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who intend to, or are already, majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering or a chemically-related science and planning a career in the chemical sciences or chemical technology are eligible. **If you need supporting documents mailed, bring to OFSP by noon on Wednesday, February 24.**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016 by 5 p.m. CT, James Madison Graduate Fellowships:** These fellowships support the graduate study of American history by aspiring and experienced secondary school teachers of American history, American government, and social studies. Fellowships fund up to $24,000 of each Fellow's course of study toward a master’s degree. The program must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution. **If submitting hard copy of transcripts, those are due to OFSP for mailing by Wednesday, February 24, 2016.**

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Pat Tillman:** Supports active and veteran service members and their spouses by removing financial barriers to completing a degree program of choice.

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Gilman Scholarship:** offers support for students who receive Federal Pell Grants to go on study abroad programs. The March deadline is for students going abroad in Summer 2016, or Fall 2016/Academic Year 2016-2017.

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Freeman-ASIA Scholarship:** Provides funding for students with demonstrated financial need to study abroad. This deadline is for summer 2016 programs.

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**Spring semester is a key time to prepare for fellowship application season.**

**Come to a workshop to learn about some of the key competitions we support, and be ready to apply this spring or get a jump start on the fall.**

**Learn from USC faculty, previous scholarship winners, and OFSP advisors. Students from all years are encouraged to attend workshops – it’s never too early to learn about opportunities!**

** Reserve your seat by registering here: https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/**

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**Upcoming January and February Workshops**

**DAAD, Bridging, Freeman-ASIA and Gilman Scholarship Workshop**

**Wednesday, February 3 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor**

**Undergraduate & Graduate Students** Offers a brief overview of some national fellowship opportunities that provide funding for study abroad

**Rotary Global Grants Workshop**

**Monday, February 8 at 4:00 PM, Gressette Room, Harper College 3rd floor**

**Rising Juniors, Seniors, & Graduate Students, $30,000+ for graduate work abroad in one of Rotary’s six areas of focus. Local Rotarians will be in attendance**
Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarship Workshop
Wednesday, February 24 at 4:00 PM, DeSaussure 228A
Rising Seniors & Graduate Students (Fall 2016 applicants only), these most prestigious national fellowships support graduate study in the UK and Ireland

OFSP Interns:
*NEW* Intern Drop-In Hours: Nearly every week this spring, you can visit with an intern during drop-in hours on Thursdays from roughly 2-4 pm in DeSaussure 332. Each week will feature a different intern and competition. Stop by to ask questions or just chat with students who have gone before you on the national fellowship path. Check below for the upcoming schedule.

Upcoming Intern Drop-Ins – all in DeSaussure 322 on Thursdays from 2-4 pm unless otherwise noted:
January 28th: Talk about the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship with grad student Chase Nelson.
February 4th: Chat about the Hollings and the Udall Scholarships with Kaitlyn Bretz and Chandler Green.
February 11th: Learn about the Gilman Scholarship by chatting with Adriana Bowman from 3-4 pm.
February 18th: Come learn about the Hollings scholarship with Angie Korabik.
February 25th: Explore the summer Taiwan US Alliance (TUSA) program with Grant Fleming.
March 24th: Chat about the Hollings, Goldwater, and NSF REUs with Riley Brady from 2:30 – 4 pm.
March 31st: Talk about the Gilman Scholarship with Joybelle Barlow and Adriana Bowman.
April 7th: There’s still time to learn about the Hollings and the Udall with Chandler Green from 2:45-4 pm!
April 14th: Cover lots of science and research options, like the Hollings, Goldwater, and NSF REUs with Riley Brady from 2:30-4 pm.

Coffee with an Intern: Don’t forget that OFSP has student interns, current undergraduate winners of national fellowships, who you can invite out for conversation! Ever wonder what it’s REALLY like to apply for a Hollings or Goldwater? How do you talk about being prepared for an immersive program like the CLS? If you are thinking of applying for one of the competitions below, let us know (ofsp@sc.edu) if you would like to be connected with an OFSP intern. Coffee’s on us!
Interns are available for the following competitions:
Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)
DAAD RISE
Gilman
Goldwater
Mount Vernon Fellows
NOAA Hollings
NSF GRFP
NSF REUs (summer research program)
Taiwan USA Alliance
Truman
Udall

Finally, please let us know if you applied for a national fellowship this fall, or intend to apply for one this spring. Drop us an email at OFSP@sc.edu to let us know so we can add you to our invite list for our Year End Reception in April!
Don’t forget to check out INFO! Find a fellowship that fits your interest, then come see us to get started on the process!

Appointments can be made via our website:
To make an individual advising appointment:  https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP/
To save a seat at a workshop:  https://advisingappointments.sc.edu/OFSP-GRP/

View our past newsletters at http://www.sc.edu/ofsp/newsletter.html.

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