Mershon supports 12 students with study abroad scholarships

Serving in the Peace Corps and as part of the U.S. Army Special Forces may sound like incompatible goals, but not for Clayton Hedges, a senior majoring in international studies with a focus on East Asia.

Hedges is one of 12 winners of the 2012 Ralph D. Mershon Study Abroad Scholarship, which he used this past summer to attend the Qingdao Intensive Chinese Language program in China.

After graduation, Hedges plans to enroll in the Peace Corps and later join the Special Forces to serve in East Asia. Both careers emphasize learning a people’s language, history and culture in order to serve them, whether by building civilian capacity or peacekeeping during times of conflict.

The Mershon Study Abroad Scholarship supports undergraduates who aspire to careers related to international security, often covering the cost of intensive training in a language deemed critical to national security. Other winners this year headed to ports as diverse as Russia, Egypt, Czech Republic, Tunisia, Spain, and Brazil.

Leah Moody, a junior majoring in international studies and Latin American studies, spent her summer studying Brazilian history, culture, society, and contemporary issues as part of the Brazil Global Gateway program. She hopes to work for the National Security Agency as a translator or intelligence analyst specializing in Latin America.

Adam Rosenberg, a junior majoring in international studies, will use his Mershon scholarship to spend Spring 2013 at Ameri-...
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Fall 2012 Featured Events

Furniss Book Award Winner
Thursday, September 13, 2012
Elizabeth Stanley
Associate Professor of Security Studies
Georgetown University
“Techno-Blinders: U.S. Techno-Centric Strategic Culture”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, September 14, 2012
Rebecca Scott
Charles Gibson Distinguished University Professor of History, University of Michigan
“Freedom Papers: An Atlantic Odyssey in the Age of Emancipation”
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, September 28, 2012
Jeffrey Legro
Vice Provost for Global Affairs, University of Virginia
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, September 28, 2012
Andrew Price-Smith
Director, Energy, Environment and Security Program, Colorado College
“Climate Change, Disease, and the State: Lessons from History”
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Monday, October 1, 2012
Alexander Keyssar
Matthew W. Stirling Jr. Professor of History and Social Policy, Harvard University
“Why Do We Still Have the Electoral College?”
12:30 p.m., Barrister Club

Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Equitable Water Allocation, Eco-Cultural Restoration, and Social Justice in the Tigris-Euphrates Watershed
Panel featuring Michelle Stevens, Executive Director of Hima Mesopotamia
4 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, October 12, 2012
Valentine Moghadam
Professor of Sociology, Northeastern University
“Women and Gender after the Arab Spring: Promises and Perils of Democratization”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
Kim Byung-ryull
Professor of International Relations, Korea National Defense University
“The Dokdo Islets: A Critical Issue between Korea and Japan”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, October 18, 2012
Charles Griswold
Borden Parker Bowne Professor of Philosophy, Boston University
“Liberty and Compulsory Civil Religion in Rousseau’s Social Contract, and Adam Smith’s Alternative”
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Thursday, October 25, 2012
John Lewis Gaddis
Robert A. Lovett Professor of History, Yale University
“George F. Kennan: An American Life”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Monday, October 1, 2012
Zeev M. Sela
Professor of International Relations, Institute of National Security Studies
“Western Convergence: Europe and the United States in the Post-9/11 World”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Jeffrey Legro
Vice Provost for Global Affairs, University of Virginia
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Joseph J. Kruzelskis Memorial Lecture
Tuesday, October 30, 2012
Ambassador Christopher Hill
Former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq
“Trends in American Foreign Policy: What the Next Administration Will Face”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, November 2, 2012
Allan Millett and Williamson Murray
Stephen E. Ambrose Professor of History, University of New Orleans; Minerva Fellow, Naval War College
“Military Effectiveness”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Monday, November 5, 2012
Barbara Keys
Senior Lecturer, University of Melbourne
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, November 30, 2012
Daniel Drezner
Professor of International Politics, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
“The Irony of Global Governance: The System Worked”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

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can University in Cairo. He is particularly interested in how the Arab Spring and Egypt’s long road to democracy will impact relations between Egypt and Israel, and Arabs and Jews in general. Rosenberg plans to pursue a career in the Mideast region.

The Mershon scholarship is also supporting Brian Yeh, a senior majoring in economics and political science, as he studies China’s relationship with Turkey at the C.V. Starr-Middlebury School in China. This relationship is complicated by China’s efforts to mandate Chinese language use in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in western China, which has the largest population of the Uyghur Turkic ethnic group in the world.

Yeh eventually plans to get a doctoral degree on Sino-Turkish relations, then work as an analyst for the State Department or Defense Department.

Hanna Borsilli, a junior majoring in international business and Spanish, used her Mershon scholarship on the Fisher College of Business Student Exchange Program in Madrid, Spain. She plans to attend law school specializing in international law, then work for an international nongovernmental organization such as the International Criminal Court.

Blake Pauley, a senior majoring in international studies and political science, spent his summer on the Central Europe in Transition program studying how the Czech Republic split peacefully from Slovakia and evolved into a modern Western state.

The Mershon Study Abroad scholarship also supported Peter Marzalik, a junior majoring in international studies and Russian who lived with a host family and studied Russian at Bashkir State Pedagogical University, as well as Rachel Paisck, a senior majoring in Arabic and folklore, on the Amideast Learn and Serve program in Tunisia. Both traveled during summer 2012.

The Mershon Center is establishing a presence on social media, and we invite you to follow along. Just last spring we launched the new Mershon Center Facebook page. If you have a Facebook account, please help us build a following by “liking” the page, which will act as a medium to share Mershon news and events. The page is being administered by Kyle Flemming and Cathy Becker, whose profiles can be found in the “About” section.

The Mershon Center also has a Twitter page. We try to tweet not only Mershon news and events, but also items from other international relations and foreign policy organizations, blogs, and scholars that may be of interest, as well as relevant posts from around the university.

Many high profile international security and foreign policy scholars converse with each other over Twitter, which can serve as a resource for current news and opinion in the field.

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Feaver) of Choosing Your Battles: American Civil-Military Relations and the Use of Force (Princeton, 2004), and co-author (with Peter Feaver and Jason Reifler) of Paying the Human Costs of War: American Public Opinion and Casualties in Military Conflicts (Princeton, 2009).