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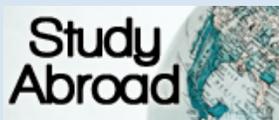
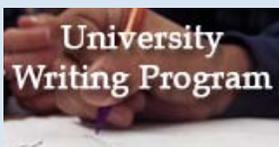
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Check out this link to an article in *The New Statesman* written by recent Drexel University and Pennoni Honors College alumna Alina Palimaru: <http://www.newstatesman.com/uk-politics/2009/03/education-health-british-costs>.

After sharing some correspondence about labor policy with Alastair Campbell (Tony Blair’s former Press Secretary), Alina was commissioned to write the article for this British current affairs magazine. The piece was published alongside others submitted by Tony Blair, Alex Ferguson, Kevin Spacey, Sarah Brown, and others.

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National Honor Fraternity Rush

The Brothers of Phi Sigma Pi invite you to attend an information session for the upcoming 2009 Spring Rush! Come learn about this co-ed National Honor Fraternity, and find out if it’s right for you. Refreshments will be served.

For those interested, please note that you are only required to attend one of the one-hour information sessions. Choose one of the following times:

Wednesday, April 1st, 6 to 7 p.m. OR 7 to 8 p.m. (both in Hill Conference Rm. 240, LeBow).

For more information, contact Paolo Rivera, Phi Sigma Pi Public Relations Chair, at pjr62@drexel.edu. You may also visit Phi Sigma Pi online at www.phisigmapi.org.

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Summer Job Opportunity: The Math Images Project

The Math Images Project—in conjunction with the Math Forum at Drexel University—aims to construct a website to provide thoughtful, written information to explain the thousands of amazing images related to math on the web. Over the past two years, initial work has begun on this website initiative through Swarthmore College (for a beta version of the site, visit www.mathforum.org/mathimages).

Would you like to contribute to the Math Images Project? **The Math Forum is looking for undergraduate students with an interest in math and experience in authoring/programming interactive pages with Java and Javascript.** Activities involve discovering interesting math-related images on the web, learning about the math behind these pictures (as well as the people who created it), then developing websites that present the information and images in interesting and engaging ways.

This position for Drexel students carries a stipend of \$3,800, and runs through the Summer Term. If you're interested in applying for this summer opportunity, contact Dr. David Breen at david@cs.drexel.edu. Be sure to include "Math Images" in the subject line. In addition, call 215-895-1626, and leave a voicemail message in case your e-mail is blocked by a spam filter.

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Work/Study Students Needed for CoAS

The College of Arts & Sciences (CoAS) is looking to hire 2 or 3 Work/Study students for assistant positions in the CoAS Dean's Office. Duties include answering phones; greeting students and other visitors; scheduling appointments; hanging flyers; filing; and other tasks as assigned. All hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday are available. Applicants must be mature and reliable. Experience with filing is preferred, but not necessary.

If interested, please contact Amy Weaver at amw55@drexel.edu, or Sue Dilorio at ad52@drexel.edu.

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2nd Annual Design Charrette

The 2nd Annual Design Charrette—presented by the Department of Architecture & Interiors in the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Art & Design—will take place over the course of several days, from Thursday, April 2nd through Monday, April 6th. The Charrette will kick off with a lecture by Maurice Cox, Director of Design for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) on Thursday, April 2nd, 6:30 p.m. in Mandell Theater.

This free event and the work it inspires will address public spaces in Philadelphia, as a means of providing affordable and well-designed solutions for various community uses. This is especially important in these difficult economic times of reduced services for parks and libraries.

All members of the Drexel University community are welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.drexel.edu/charrette.

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Penn Sargam's Free Annual Spring Show

Penn Sargam will present its FREE Annual Spring Show on Friday, April 3rd, 7:30 p.m. (Arch Auditorium, 3601 Locust Walk). *Plenty of quality entertainment and complimentary Indian food will be provided.* Join Penn Sargam for an evening of classical, folk and fusion Indian Music.

Penn Sargam is the University of Pennsylvania's pioneer fusion music ensemble (comprised of both Penn and Drexel students), uniting the traditional melodies and rhythms of Indian classical music with the more contemporary acoustic elements of rock and jazz. The passionate and creative performances of the group reflect the diverse musical backgrounds of its members. With soulful vocals and instruments (varying from the sitar, veena, and guitar to the tabla, flute, and more), the members of Penn Sargam continually experiment with sound to attempt a unique interpretation of Carnatic and Hindustani music.

For more information, contact Abhishek Sengupta at as538@drexel.edu.

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Late Night DAC Attack

The Undergraduate Student Government Association, Department of Athletics, and Office of Campus Activities invite all students and faculty to take part in the Late Night DAC Attack on Saturday April 4th, 6 to 10 p.m. Participants can expect a variety of athletic events such as basketball, soccer, table tennis, and even a Wii sport to be offered at the Presidential Suite!

Food and refreshments will be provided.

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A Celebration of Bach

Drexel student musicians and dancers will combine forces for **A Celebration of Bach**, devoted to the works of the incomparable Johann Sebastian Bach.

This concert event will be held on **Sunday, April 5th, 3 p.m. in Mandell Theater (33rd and Chestnut Sts.)**, and is free and open to the public. For more information, call 215-895-ARTS.

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One Water Film Screening and Discussion

As the world's water supply grows scarcer every day, much of the world's population, industries, and governments still take this vital resource for granted. *One Water*, an award-winning documentary filmed in 15 countries, celebrates the earth's relationship with water and how it touches every aspect of human life.

One Water will be screened for free on Thursday, April 9th, 7 p.m. in the Bossone Research Enterprise Center, Mitchell Auditorium. Following the film, stick around for a panel discussion with experts including Sanjeev Chatterjee, the film's writer, director, and producer. For more information on this film, visit www.onewaterthemovie.org.

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Lecture on Capital Punishment and Torture

***Capital Punishment and Torture: Different Perspectives from Around the World*
A Lecture in a Series of Cross-Country Conversations: "Are We Really Worlds Apart?"
Wednesday, April 15th, 12 to 1:30 p.m.
MacAlister Hall, Rm. 2019/2020**

Please join the Office of International Programs—in collaboration with Drexel's Intercultural and Diversity Initiative—for a lively student panel discussion on the topic of "Capital Punishment and Torture." The panel, to be held during World Fusion Fest Week, will be moderated by a faculty expert.

- In 2007, a minimum of 1,252 people were executed in 24 countries, and at least 3,347 people were sentenced to death in over 50 countries. Just five countries—China, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and the United States—carried out the overwhelming majority (88%) of known executions in the world last year.
- One of the first things that President Obama did when he took office in January 2009 was to publicly state that the United States does not accept torture and would close the Guantanamo Bay prison.

What do students from across the globe think about these two controversial topics? *All interested students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend to find out and participate in the discussion. Please RSVP to ojp@drexel.edu. Refreshments will be provided.*

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IBM Smarter Planet University Jam

Beginning Tuesday, April 21st, IBM will convene a 72-hour global online conversation—the Smarter Planet University Jam—with faculty and students from more than 170 academic institutions, IBM business leaders and technologists, and industry partners from across the globe. Participants will address how technology and business can help build a "Smarter Planet" in the following areas:

- Smart Cities
- Smart Carbon and Water Management
- Smart Grid Development
- Smart Healthcare
- Smart Skills and Education

To register, go to www.collaborationjam.com/minijam/smarterplanetuniv/registration. Your Drexel University e-mail address will be required (no Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.), and you must use Internet Explorer 6.x (or higher) or Mozilla Firefox 1.5 (or higher). If you would like more information about IBM's involvement in building a Smarter Planet, visit www.ibm.com/smarterplanet.

A Smarter Planet will be instrumented, interconnected, and intelligent. People want it, and you can make it a reality. To get there, innovative ideas and new approaches are required. Take the challenge, and help transform the way the world works. *Remember that April 22nd is Earth Day—so take time out to interact, learn, share, and join the Jam!*

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Lecture on Breaking Boundaries in Social Media

***Breaking Boundaries: The Revolution of Social Media*
Presented by the Drexel University Chapter of PRSSA
Tuesday, May 5th, 6 to 8 p.m.
Behrakis Grand Hall**

Social media outlets like Facebook bring people of different backgrounds together every day. Now, take a step beyond personal use of social media by putting your digital skills to work...literally! Learn how social media bridges different industries, how it is continually shaping our businesses and communication, and how you can most effectively use new media to break boundaries in your field of work or study. *Featured panelists will represent top companies including GlaxoSmithKline, SunGard, Lubetkin & Co. Communications, LLC and*

Professional Podcasts, Tara Communications, Vault Communications, and Temple University. The group will discuss the changing landscape of social media in business, engineering, journalism, public relations, and more.

Following the event, attendees will have the chance to network with panelists to get a more in-depth, one-on-one account of social media "best practices" in their respective industries. *Free food and refreshments will be provided for all attendees.*

For more information, email drexel.prssa@gmail.com

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MTV Casting Call

MTV is searching for hosts/VJs for its on-campus college network: mtvU. Knowledge of music trivia, music's major players, music history, and the industry is desired. A background in journalism, communications, or music is ideal. Candidates must be willing to live in NYC.

MTV seeks fun, outgoing, articulate, spirited people who are *either in college or recent college graduates.* Candidates must possess bold personalities, and have the ability to think quickly on their feet in a fast-paced environment. They also must be able to conduct interviews at a moment's notice.

Interested and qualified candidates should e-mail mtvu-vj-castingcall@mtvmix.com (type "WIM" in the subject line) with a picture, brief bio/resume, any links of your on-camera work, and a brief paragraph explaining why you would be the perfect host. *Major television credits are not necessary, but a significant degree of achievement in journalism or music is preferred.*

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Honors Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The Pennoni Honors College would like to hear about upcoming events in your department or organization. Please note that all articles to be considered for publication in the new standard Tuesday evening edition of the Pennoni Honors College Newsletter must be submitted to honorscollege@drexel.edu no later than 5 p.m. on Friday of the previous week. Submissions received after this point will be held for a future edition.

Please include all details relevant to your announcement (e.g., event location, time, contact person or office, etc.). E-mail attachments such as flyers, graphics, or posters will not be distributed with the *Pennoni Honors College Newsletter*.

It is the responsibility of the submitter to ensure the accuracy of the submission. Please keep in mind that missing information will result in distribution delays. For additional information, contact honorscollege@drexel.edu.

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A Note from Our Dean

Dear Members of the Pennoni Honors College Community:

We all mourn the sudden passing of Drexel's President Constantine Papadakis. Under his 14 years of leadership, Drexel rose from a university in deep trouble to its current status as one of the nation's most dynamic institutions of higher education.

The man who led the search for Dr. Papadakis back in 1994 was Chuck Pennoni. He had stepped in to serve as Drexel's Interim President during its time of administrative turmoil and financial exigency. We can be grateful that Chuck has once again agreed to serve as our Interim President until a permanent President can be selected.

Chuck is an engineer, an accomplished entrepreneur, an experienced member of University Boards and Presidential Search Committees, and a holder of two Drexel degrees. There is no one else in the world who is so accomplished in business, experienced in higher education, *and* deeply and personally committed to Drexel.

And, as you surely know or have guessed, Chuck and his family are the ones who endowed the Pennoni Honors College, enabling us to grow as we have in size, scope, and quality.

We all can be confident that the Board of Trustees has appointed the best person possible to guide us through the next year or so as we seek a permanent President.



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Submissions are now being accepted by the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) for its "Undergraduate Research Highlights" feature in the upcoming Summer 2009 issue of CUR Quarterly. The deadline is this Friday, April 10th.

"Highlights" consists of *brief* descriptions of recent peer-reviewed research or scholarly publications in scholarly journals (from within the past six months). These publications must be in print and must include one or more undergraduate co-authors. To be considered for publication, a submission should include the information listed below and must conform to the format of the example provided below. Submissions should be sent to the Editor of the Quarterly via e-mail: Kelly McConnaughay, kdm@bradley.edu. Submissions not selected for inclusion in the Quarterly will be posted to the "Highlights" portion of CUR's Website.

EXAMPLE OF PROPER FORMAT REQUIREMENTS
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Parker JS, Stewart GS, Gantt C. Research and intervention with adolescents exposed to domestic violence. Fam Ther. 2006; 33:45-52. (University of South Carolina Upstate)

The present study examined characteristics of adolescents exposed to domestic violence and tested a group intervention protocol utilizing expressive writing (EW) as a coping method for this population. The experimental group used "Positive Points", a list of personal strengths, in the writing intervention based on the hypothesis that their use would increase cognitive insight and positive word usage. A significant group effect was found and all participants demonstrated positive overall emotional change as a result of EW. Jennifer Parker is an assistant professor of psychology. Gina Stewart and Courtney Gantt, both senior psychology majors, participated in the research for independent study credit. The research was supported by a USC Scholarly Research and Development Award and a mini grant from the USC Upstate Center for Undergraduate Research, which was awarded to Gina. Gina is currently in a doctoral program in psychology at the University of Mississippi. Courtney is employed and in the process of applying to graduate programs.

ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR DESCRIPTION
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- Source of funding for the work.

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Student Fulbright Session

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The Fellowships Office will host a Student Fulbright Session on Monday, April 20th, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the University Club, Reserved Section, MacAlister Hall, 6th Fl. (33rd and Chestnut Sts.).

The Student Fulbright Session will celebrate Drexel's past and current Fulbright Scholars, who will offer insights into their experiences in Morocco, Ecuador, Spain, and India. A representative from the Fulbright organization will also be available to provide information and advice to students interested in applying for the 2010-11 year. *Light refreshments will be provided.*

For more information or to RSVP, contact Sara Lynott at sel46@drexel.edu or 215-571-3558.

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AmeriCorps VISTA Member Service Opportunity

Drexel University seeks an AmeriCorps VISTA to serve in a one-year, full-time position with the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE). This position is made possible by a grant from the Corporation for National Service through Pennsylvania Campus Compact (PACC). Drexel's CCE has hosted a PACC VISTA member each year, since 2006.

Basic Responsibilities:

- Strengthening and maintaining community partnerships.
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As the world's water supply grows scarcer every day, much of the world's population, industries, and governments still take this vital resource for granted. *One Water*, an award-winning documentary filmed in 15 countries, celebrates the earth's relationship with water and how it touches on every aspect of human life.

***One Water* will be screened for free on Thursday, April 9th, 7 p.m. in the Bossone Research Enterprise Center, Mitchell Auditorium.** Following the film, stick around for a panel discussion with experts including Sanjeev Chatterjee, the film's writer, director, and producer. For more information on this film, visit www.onewaterthemovie.org.

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- Smart Cities
- Smart Carbon and Water Management
- Smart Grid Development
- Smart Healthcare
- Smart Skills and Education

To register, go to www.collaborationjam.com/minijam/smarterplanetuniv/registration. Your Drexel University e-mail address will be required (i.e., no Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.), and you must use Internet Explorer 6.x (or higher) or Mozilla Firefox 1.5 (or higher). If you would like more information about IBM's involvement in building a Smarter Planet, visit www.ibm.com/smarterplanet.

A Smarter Planet will be instrumented, interconnected, and intelligent. People want it, and you can make it a reality. To get there, innovative ideas and new approaches are required. Take the challenge, and help transform the way the world works. Remember that April 22nd is Earth Day—so take time out to interact, learn, share, and join the Jam!

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MTV seeks fun, outgoing, articulate, spirited people who are *either in college or recent college graduates.* Candidates must possess bold personalities, and have the ability to think quickly on their feet in a fast-paced environment. They also must be able to conduct interviews at a moment's notice.

Interested and qualified candidates should e-mail mtvu-vj-castingcall@mtvnmix.com (type "WIM" in the subject line) with a picture, brief bio/resume, any links of your on-camera work, and a brief paragraph explaining why you would be the perfect host. *Major television credits are not necessary, but a significant degree of achievement in journalism or music is preferred.*

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Honors Option Request Forms for Spring Term 2009 are DUE NO LATER THAN Friday, April 17th, 4 p.m. This is a firm deadline. All forms should be completed, signed by the instructor and student, and submitted to Assistant Dean Lisa Palladino in the Honors Office no later than Friday, April 17th.

For more information and details on Honors Options, please visit the Honors College website at www.drexel.edu/honors/curriculum/courses.shtml. The Honors Option PDF form is typeable; although you will need to print it out, obtain the signature of your instructor, and submit it to the Honors College. *Students who wish to pursue an Honors Option for Spring Term 2009 must utilize this two-page Request Form.*

Please read the guidelines and form thoroughly. *If you have any questions concerning Honors Options, please e-mail Assistant Dean Lisa Palladino at lap58@drexel.edu.*

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For 185 years, The Franklin Institute has honored the greatest men and women of science, engineering, and technology. The Franklin Institute Awards are among the oldest and most prestigious comprehensive science awards in the world, identifying individuals whose great innovation has benefited humanity, advanced science, launched new fields of inquiry, and deepened our understanding of the Universe.

This year, The Franklin Institute—in partnership with STAR (Students Tackling Academic Research) and the Pennoni Honors College—will host a luncheon to honor the 2009 Franklin Institute Laureates. The event will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, 12 to 2 p.m. in the University Club (MacAlister Hall, 6th Floor, Reserved Section).

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- *Richard Robbins (President, the Robins Group, LLC, Seattle, WA), who is being honored for "his imagination and skill in developing a hard-rock tunnel boring machine and its associated systems, resulting in a safe, economical, and efficient method for constructing tunnels";*
- *Dr. Stephen J. Benkovic (Evan Pugh Professor and Eberly Chair in Chemistry, Pennsylvania State University), who is being honored "for his groundbreaking contributions to our mechanistic understanding of enzymes and helping to unravel the complexities of the enzymes involved in DNA replication"; and*
- *Dr. J. Frederick Grassle (Professor and Director Emeritus, Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University), who is being honored for "pioneering research leading to our understanding of the unique ecosystems near volcanic vents at the sea floor, the first ever found fueled by chemical energy from the Earth's interior instead of sunlight."*

Drexel STAR Scholars and Honors undergraduates are given the opportunity to share in informal discussions with the outstanding recipients of these Awards. In past years, many of the Laureates have said that this luncheon is one of their most enjoyable aspects of their week in Philadelphia, as they are able to meet some of the country's most promising young scholars who will carry their work forward.

All STAR and Honors students are invited to attend; but, due to space restrictions, limited spots remain. *If you would like to attend, please sign up at the Honors Office Front Desk, or contact Brian Kantorek, Administrative Coordinator at 215-895-1609. Note that business casual attire is required (no jeans/shorts).*

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The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. State Department, aims to increase the mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of people, knowledge, and skills. The Student Program is designed for rising seniors, recent graduates, or master's and doctoral candidates. The Fulbright Program awards grants to U.S. citizens in all fields of study.

The Fellowships Office will host a Student Fulbright Session on Monday, April 20th, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the University Club, Reserved Section, MacAlister Hall, 6th Fl. (33rd and Chestnut Sts.).

The Student Fulbright Session will celebrate Drexel's past and current Fulbright Scholars, who will offer insights into their experiences in Morocco, Ecuador, Spain, and India. A representative from the Fulbright organization will also be available to provide information and advice to students interested in applying for the 2010-11 year. *Light refreshments will be provided.*



For more information or to RSVP, contact Sara Lynott at sel46@drexel.edu or 215-571-3558.

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- EPA STAR
- Ford Foundation Pre-Doc Diversity Fellowship
- Fulbright Scholarship
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- Jacob Javits Fellowship
- Marshall Scholarship
- Mitchell Scholarship
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- Rhodes Scholarship
- Soros Fellowship for New Americans

For more information—or to enroll in the Summer 2009 Workshop—contact fellowships@drexel.edu or visit www.drexel.edu/fellowships.

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AmeriCorps VISTA Member Service Opportunity

Drexel University seeks an AmeriCorps VISTA to serve in a one-year, full-time position with the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE). This position is made possible by a grant from the Corporation for National Service through Pennsylvania Campus Compact (PACC). Drexel's CCE has hosted a PACC VISTA member each year, since 2006.

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The Student Ambassadors are a select group of students chosen to represent Drexel through the Office of Enrollment Management. Student Ambassadors play a crucial role in recruiting prospective students by giving tours, hosting overnight visitors, and meeting and mingling with guests during Admissions events. The Student Ambassador Program affords students the opportunity to contribute to the University community, develop strong communication skills, add significantly to their resume, and create lasting friendships with fellow students.

Bring your resume to the meeting if you're interested in filling out an application on Wednesday night. Complimentary refreshments will be served.

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NFL Films has immortalized the greatest moments of the National Football League's history for over 40 years with a revolutionary approach to picture and sound that you would never experience when watching a game from the stands. The President of NFL Films, **Steve Sabol, will come to Drexel for a talk and video presentation of 2008 NFL season highlights on Thursday, April 16th, 7 p.m. (Mitchell Auditorium, Bossone Research Enterprise Center, 3128 Market St.).**

NFL Films has won 95 Emmys, and Steve Sabol has received 32 of those for his writing, cinematography, editing, directing, and producing. *Football fans, filmmakers, and all others are welcome to attend this event, which is free and open to the public.*

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Drexel STAR Scholars and Honors undergraduates are given the opportunity to share in informal discussions with the outstanding recipients of these Awards. In past years, many of the Laureates have said that this luncheon is one of their most enjoyable aspects of their week in Philadelphia, as they are able to meet some of the country's most promising young scholars who will carry their work forward.

All STAR and Honors students are invited to attend. Only a few spots remain, however, so e-mail briank@drexel.edu ASAP to reserve a seat. You may also sign up at the Honors Office Front Desk, or call 215-895-1609. Note that business casual attire is required (no jeans/shorts).

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Would you like to contribute to the Math Images Project? **The Math Forum is looking for undergraduate students with an interest in math and experience in authoring/programming interactive pages with Java and Javascript.** Activities involve discovering interesting math-related images on the web, learning about the math behind these pictures (as well as the people who created it), then developing websites that present the information and images in interesting and engaging ways.

This position for Drexel students carries a stipend of \$3,800, and runs through the Summer Term. If you're interested in applying for this summer opportunity, contact Dr. David Breen at david@cs.drexel.edu. Be sure to include "Math Images" in the subject line. In addition, call 215-895-1626, and leave a voice message in case your e-mail is blocked by a SPAM filter.

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IBM Smarter Planet University Jam

Beginning Tuesday, April 21st, IBM convenes a 72-hour global online conversation—the Smarter Planet University Jam—with faculty and students from more than 170 academic institutions, IBM business leaders and technologists, and industry partners from across the globe. Participants will address how technology and business can help build a "Smarter Planet" in areas such as:

- Smart Cities
- Smart Carbon and Water Management
- Smart Grid Development
- Smart Healthcare
- Smart Skills and Education

To register, go to www.collaborationjam.com/minijam/smarterplanetuniv/registration. Your Drexel University e-mail address will be required (i.e., no Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.), and you must use Internet Explorer 6.x (or higher) or Mozilla Firefox 1.5 (or higher). If you would like more information about IBM's involvement in building a Smarter Planet, visit www.ibm.com/smarterplanet.

A Smarter Planet will be instrumented, interconnected, and intelligent. People want it, and you can make it a reality. To get there, innovative ideas and new approaches are required. Take the challenge, and help transform the way the world works. Remember that April 22nd is Earth Day—so take time out to interact, learn, share, and join the Jam!

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Do you want to voice your opinions and ideas to the higher-ups? Have you ever been interested in student government or in representing the student population at Drexel? If so, **USGA is currently seeking candidates for 2009-2010 Student Government**. The goal of USGA is to fairly represent the students of the University, and to foster relationships between students and the University community.

Applications can be found on the USGA website at www.drexelusga.org, and **the application deadline is Friday, April 24th, 5 p.m.** Interested students must also attend an information session. Two remaining sessions will be held in the Creese Student Center, Rm. 51 (USGA Office).

Information sessions are scheduled for the following dates/times:

Wednesday, April 22nd, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 23rd, 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Jim Breen, USGA Elections Chair, at jb423@drexel.edu; or visit www.drexelusga.org

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Come out for a night of fun and social interaction, while Dan Nainan entertains you with his stand-up comedy. This event—sponsored by the Drexel College of Engineering and the LeBow College of Business—is FREE and open to the entire Drexel community. Refreshments will be served.

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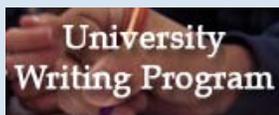
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If you're unable to attend, but would like to make a donation towards the fundraising goal, please visit www.gem-ngo.org. For more information, contact Harriet Millan at millanhl@drexel.edu or 215-895-6485.

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A refundable \$5 deposit is required to reserve a spot for this event. Space is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your spot—or for more information—contact Audrey Diestelkamp (HSAC) at agd27@drexel.edu. SEPTA tokens can be purchased at the Creese Information Desk.

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Registration is free for all members of the Drexel community, and brunch will be provided (registration begins at 10 a.m., and brunch will be served at 10:30 a.m.). Drexel students will also receive CEO credit for attendance.

To register, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=zKAZb1M1XA8CRDv2xxvfSg_3d_3d. To check out VIEW (Violence Information and Education for Women) on Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=2422482736. For more information, e-mail stopviolence.drexel@gmail.com.

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Expert/Author Discusses Intimacy

Thinking about sexuality and how you belong is both natural and healthy. The reason friends share intimate details with each other is because everyone is looking for answers to some of life's most common questions.

On Monday, May 4th, 8 p.m. (Main Building Auditorium), get the answers to these questions when nationally-renowned expert and author, Mike Domitrz, presents *Can I Kiss You?* In this one-person show, Domitrz will reveal a simple approach to intimacy that often goes neglected. Discover the exact words to say to your partner; precisely how to handle the word "no"; and an amazing way for you to impact others' lives. You'll be surprised at many more simple ways to make a difference in your own world of dating/hooking-up—and in guiding your friends through their own personal trials and tribulations.

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- Set up: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Children's games and activities: 12 to 3 p.m.
- Breakdown: 3 to 4 p.m.

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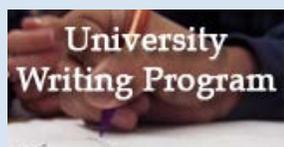
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After escaping attacks on their villages in Southern Sudan, Africa, many of the "Lost Boys and Girls" walked 1,200 miles on a desert trek to safety; living in refugee camps in Kenya and Ethiopia for the following 10 years. In 2000, 3,000 of these young people were granted political asylum in the United States. Money raised from the Jam Against Genocide will go towards airfare to fund the reunion of these Philadelphia-area young people with their families living abroad. Local Lost Boys and Girls will compete for this opportunity by writing an essay on the importance of reuniting with their families.

If you're unable to attend, but would like to make a donation towards the fundraising goal, please visit www.gem-ngo.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=294&Itemid. For more information, contact Harriet Millan at millanhl@drexel.edu or 215-895-6485.

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Biddle Law Society Event

The Biddle Law Society will host its next installment of the Princeton Review LSAT Workshop Series on Thursday, May 7th from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Earle Mack Law School, Rm. 310. This workshop will focus on the "Arguments" section of the LSAT test, and will include problems and a discussion to better clarify the intricacies of how these arguments are presented.

If anyone has questions regarding the previous workshop (which focused on the "Games" section), please bring your materials that you received; those questions can be addressed by this week's Princeton Review Workshop presenter. This is a great opportunity to get a free look at what the different sections of the LSAT actually are, and to find out the most effective ways to approach each one.

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LeaderShape Institute

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This year, Drexel University Student Life and the LeBow College of Business will send five students to the national session of the LeaderShape Institute in Champaign, Illinois this summer. *This leadership excursion will be held August 4-9th, and is open to all students.*

If you would like to participate, check out this link for more information and an application: www.drexel.edu/oca/downloads/LeaderShape%20Info_Application-%202009.pdf. **All applications must be submitted by Thursday, May 8th.** *This experience is FREE OF CHARGE, but the application must be submitted on time!*

For more information about LeaderShape, visit www.leadershape.org.

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CPA Exam Prep Program

Will you be prepared for the CPA exam when it comes time to graduate from Drexel University and the LeBow College of Business? Did you know that international reporting standards (IFRS) will be included with the CPA exam by 2010? Do you want to hear about the only CPA review with a 100% passing rate, coupled with a 100% money-back guarantee?

Come out on Monday, 5/11/09 at 4:30 p.m. (Pearlstein Hall, Rm. 101) to hear from Liz Kolar, the 2008 PICPA Educator of the Year Recipient. Learn how to gain an edge for the CPA exam.

There will be free food, giveaways, and free student affiliate PICPA memberships provided. This event is sponsored by Beta Alpha Psi (the accounting, finance, and MIS honors fraternity). For additional information, e-

mail Doug Borell at dab572@drexel.edu.

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Chat & Chew with Documentarian Tony De Nonno

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Enjoy free refreshments, and watch De Nonno's 1-hour PBS documentary *Heaven Touches Brooklyn in July*. The film documents the 300 year-old ritual of "The Dance of Giglio" in New York, and is narrated by John Turturro and Michael Badalucco. Following the screening, De Nonno will hold an informal discussion to talk about his work and life. Members of the Piazza Nuova Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America of Yardley, PA will also be in attendance to network with attendees.

Tony DeNonno has produced, written and directed more than 50 award-winning documentaries, which have been broadcast on almost every major TV network. Many of these works are in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art, alongside the films of directors Martin Scorsese and Woody Allen.

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Steel Bridge Team Qualifies for National Competition

Congratulations to the Drexel Steel Bridge Team—Team VegaX—who recently competed in the 2009 Mid-Atlantic Steel Bridge Regional Competition, winning 1st place in the economy portion, 1st place in construction speed, 2nd place in the design competition, and 2nd place overall!

In the months prior to the competition, teams designed and fabricated a 20-foot-long steel bridge adhering to 36 pages of rules. At the competition, teams built their bridges during a timed construction test. Bridges were then subjected to a load test, and were later evaluated for overall display, lightness, construction speed, stiffness, economy, and efficiency. Because of their outstanding performance, Team VegaX has qualified for the National Steel Bridge Competition to be held in Las Vegas, NV on Friday, 5/22/09, and Saturday, 5/23/09.

For more information on the Drexel Steel Bridge Team, or to support the team with donations, contact steelbridge@drexel.edu, or visit www.pages.drexel.edu/~dsoae/.

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Upcoming Westphal CoMAD Events

Objectified Philadelphia Premiere

The Philadelphia premiere of *Objectified*—Gary Hustwit's new film, dealing with the relationship between the manufactured products we use every day and the designers who create them—will be screened by the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design (CoMAD) on Monday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium, Bossone Center (3128 Market St.). Following the 6:30 p.m. screening, there will be a panel discussion with Gary Hustwit; Dan Formosa, Founder of Smart Design Worldwide; and Westphal Product Design Professor Mike Glaser. Tickets for the public cost \$20, and can be purchased by visiting www.objectifiedfilm.com. For more information about the screening, call 215-895-1029.

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Public Speaking Anxiety Program

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If you experience anxiety in public speaking situations, contact the Drexel University Anxiety Treatment Program to learn if you are eligible for a free treatment program. This is a non-medication program for those 18 and over, who suffer from public speaking anxiety. Total participation time is approximately 17 to 18 hours over a period of several weeks.

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These much-needed upgrades have been made possible by the generous ongoing support of the Pennoni family, after whom our College is named. Feel free to visit the PHC Lounge to put our new gear to use. *As always, however, please treat the Lounge and resources with care and consideration. Your PHC peers and future Honors students thank you!*

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- **Students on Co-op will not be assigned a time ticket.** You will need to be registered by an advisor, and are required to submit an Add/Drop Form completed with your signature and your Co-op advisor's signature. Students on Co-op will not be registered for classes until one week prior to the approaching term.

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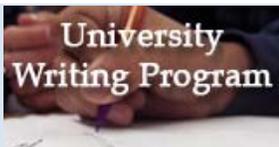
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Emerging Democracies UNIV 241, Summer 2009

Countries embarking on the road to democracy face a number of challenges that cut across a spectrum of political, social, and economic issues. Some of the most pressing of these challenges include: developing the kinds of political, legal, and social institutions that protect individual liberties and promote democratic participation; transitioning state-run economies to free-market economies; and, dealing with the ramifications of deep ethnic, religious, and cultural divides that are often suppressed under authoritarian regimes. This course seeks to examine these challenges, each in a country/region-specific context. Methodologically, this course will take an interdisciplinary approach to the study of democratization, with the aim of arriving at a holistic understanding of the problems confronting emerging democracies and the ways in which those problems are handled.

For more information, find this course listed on the Term Master Schedule under UNIV 241. You may also contact Kevin Egan at kde25@drexel.edu.



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Paid Public Service Leadership Opportunities

Positions are open through the Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) for the 2009-2010 Academic Year to join the Drexel Community Scholars and/or Lindy Scholars programs at Drexel. For each program, the CCE seeks dynamic students with a strong desire to enhance their classroom learning by putting their skills to work by ultimately making an impact in the public life of the community. Commitments range from 5 to 10 hours of service per week. Benefits include:

- Education awards ranging from \$500 to \$1000
- Bi-monthly income through federal Work/Study funds or student employment
- Academic course credits
- Great resume-building and networking opportunities
- Opportunity to attend/present at the National Student Conference on Service, Advocacy, and Social Action
- Transformative/meaningful service and leadership experiences
- Possibilities for building new, life-long relationships

If you're interested in learning more and applying, contact Seth Jacobson, CCE Program Director, at saj33@drexel.edu no later than Thursday, May 14th.

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Week of Writing (WOW) Poets Event

Join the University Writing Program and the Department of English & Philosophy as they celebrate the 2009 Saturnalia Books Prize Winner, Sebastian Agudelo, who will appear with nationally recognized author Timothy Liu on Thursday May 14th, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Mandell Theater, Creese Student Center, 33rd and Chestnut Sts.). A reception and book signing will follow this event, which is part of Drexel's Week of Writing (WOW).

Sebastian Agudelo is the author of *To the Bone*, winner of the Saturnalia Books Poetry Prize, selected by poet Mark Doty. Born in Mexico City, Sebastian Agudelo earned his MA from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and currently teaches literature and writing at the University of the Arts and Temple University.

Timothy Liu is the author of six collections of poetry; most recently *Polytheogamy* (Saturnalia Books, 2009). He is an Associate Professor of English at William Paterson University and a member of the Core Faculty in Bennington College's Graduate Writing Seminars.

For more information—or to RSVP—contact University Writing Program Director Harriet Levin Millan at millahl@drexel.edu.

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Video Game Designer Event

As part of the Great Works Symposium's current course on "Media and Democracy," freelance video game designer Jason Rohrer will give a talk on the roles of video gaming and free culture in emerging media. This event will be held on Thursday, May 14th, 6 p.m. (LeBow, Rm. 240).

With game designs exploring complex and subtle aspects of the human condition, Rohrer's work has bolstered the acceptance of this popular medium as a serious art form. His games have been shown at festivals and art exhibitions in major cities all over the world. Rohrer's 2007 release, *Passage*, and 2008 release, *Gravitation*, have both received widespread critical acclaim.

For more information on this event and the Great Works Symposium, contact Scott Knowles at sgk23@drexel.edu.

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Lost Boys and Girls Read-a-Thon Celebration

On Tuesday, May 19th, 12 to 2 p.m. (Main Building Auditorium), join the Drexel University Writing Program, Center for Civic Engagement, and Philadelphia-area high schools and universities for the official announcement and celebration of the Lost Boys and Girls Read-a-Thon Essay competition winners.

Inspired by the City of Philadelphia's One Book, One Philadelphia 2008 selection—Dave Egger's, *What Is the What*, which focuses on the "Lost Boys" of Sudan—the University Writing Program and affiliated students are promoting literacy and raising funds to reunite Lost Boys and Girls with their families living abroad; many of whom have been separated for decades. Lost Boys and Girls living in the Philadelphia area have written essays on the importance of reuniting with their families to compete for this honor.

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There will be a suggested donation of \$1 to \$5. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sheila Watts at swatts@drexel.edu or 215-895-1799.

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Engineering a Better World

The Engineering a Better World conference will take place on Wednesday, May 13th, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (including a FREE lunch at 12 p.m.) in Mitchell Auditorium, Bossone Center. This year's event—titled "Engineering the World: The Diversity of Engineering"—aims to represent and give examples of the diversity of engineering education, career opportunities, and global impact.

This year's guest speakers include:

- [Dr. Adam Fontecchio](#) (11 a.m.), Drexel ECE Professor, who will discuss the evolution and diversity of engineering education.
- [Orlando Gutierrez](#) (11:30 a.m.), Former President of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and retired NASA Engineer, who will discuss the benefits of a diverse population.
- [Dr. Tony Lowman](#) (1 p.m.), Drexel College of Engineering Associate Dean, who will discuss entrepreneurship and business within engineering.
- [Mary Graham](#) (1:30 p.m.), Founder of Practical Small Projects, who will discuss best practices when cultural implications affect engineering projects.

Some faculty members have agreed to offer homework or extra credit in exchange for your attendance: so please be sure to confirm the requirements for credit with your professor(s).

For more information, visit the Drexel University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at www.ece.drexel.edu. You may also contact Jessica Ward (ECE Program Coordinator) at jward@ece.drexel.edu, or Dave Delaine (Conference Chair) at dad49@drexel.edu.

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Four prominent Philadelphia Italian restaurants—Ralph's Italian Restaurant, Dante & Luigi's, Cucina Forte, and La Scala—will be competing to see who makes the best marinara sauce in Philadelphia. The Drexel community is invited to come to the Quad to taste the four sauces with pasta, then vote for their favorite. A panel of eight judges will also be present, including former Philadelphia Flyers captain Keith Primeau. In addition, Lorraine Ranalli, Philadelphia radio and TV personality, will sign copies of her book, *Gravy Wars: South Philly Foods, Feuds, & Attitudes*.

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Learn how to make better financial decisions to support your legal education, while also getting financially fit before entering law school. Gain tips on how to get the financial aid you'll need by understanding the different types of loans available—and then make better decisions by projecting your future loan repayment.

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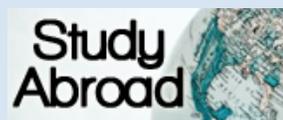
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Winner of the 1989 Cannes Film Festival's Special Jury Prize and the 1989 Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film, *Cinema Paradiso* is a comedic yet touching Italian film that shares the life story of a famous film director returning home to Sicily for the first time in almost 30 years. He reminisces about his childhood and coming of age at the Cinema Paradiso, where Alfredo—the projectionist—was the inspiration for his lifelong love of film.

This screening is free and open to the public. Attendees may bring lawn chairs, blankets, and/or refreshments. The film will be presented in Italian with English subtitles.

For more information about *Cinema Paradiso*, visit www.imdb.com/title/tt0095765/. For other details, e-mail iso@drexel.edu or visit www.italianstudentsorg.com.



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Thomas DiLorenzo is an American economics professor at Loyola College in Maryland, and has authored nearly ten books. He is an adherent of the Austrian School of Economics, and is a senior faculty member of the Ludwig von Mises Institute.

Pennsylvania Representative Samuel Rohrer is currently pushing forward a 10th Amendment Resolution designed as a definitive statement by the Sovereign State of Pennsylvania against the influence of the Federal government.

This event is free and open to the Drexel community. For additional information, contact studentlibertyfront@gmail.com; or Stacy Litz at 267-750-8407.

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Dance Ensemble Spring Concert

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This year's theme is "Intricacies," where each piece incorporates layering, complexity, and an exploration of detailed gestures. For this event, choreographers Jessica Raspa and Kim Perno commissioned Joel Collier, a Music Industry program Composers Club member, to compose music specifically for their exploration of tap and hip-hop dance. In addition to this dance, the concert will showcase six other student-choreographed pieces. Also featured will be "Seeds," a premiere by former Pennsylvania Ballet soloist Meredith Rainey.

The entry fee is \$5 with a valid Drexel ID, and \$8 for the general public. For more information, contact Kimberly Hassmiller at krh56@drexel.edu; or visit www.drexel.edu/westphal.

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Best of luck with life's many opportunities ahead!

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Drexel University Digital Media students seek your assistance and feedback on an experimental writing site now in its beta phase: <http://derivativ.net/>. This collective non-linear storytelling site is being produced by a group of Digital Media seniors, who will soon complete their project. Please take a look at the site, and let the designers know what you think.

Also, be sure to check out the Digital Media Senior Show on Saturday, June 6th, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Chapman Court, Nesbitt Hall. This will be a good time to meet the students who created the site, and those who took part in its development.

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Westphal CoMAD Senior Shows

The Westphal College of Media Arts & Design (CoMAD) has a number of exciting senior shows coming up, including the following:

- Fashion Show
- Student-Designed Furniture Exhibition
- Architecture Senior Show
- Senior Photography Exhibition
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