Greetings from the Office of Study Abroad!

The international exchange program deadline (September 25) is quickly approaching, but there is still time to apply for the spring 2018 semester. What is an international exchange program? See below for more details.

If you want to talk to someone about how to go on an exchange program, there are several opportunities coming up:

You can also schedule an interest meeting here by clicking on “International Exchange Programs” at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions, email Hannah Jones at Hannah.L.Jones@usm.edu or call 601.266.4344.

2. Thesis Survey

Hello. My name is Karyn Lewis and I am a masters student in the School of Mass Communications. I’m also an animal rights advocate and currently working on a thesis that focuses on media’s influence on society’s food choices as well as their views on animals. If you are a student, faculty, staff, or alumni of Southern Mississippi, I’d deeply appreciate if you would share three minutes of your day with me by completing this survey to help with my research. Thank you so much! #SMTTT

Survey Link: https://usmuw.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3PK6KMPtaJdfaMl

3. Last day to withdraw from first term 8W1 classes with grade of W is Sept. 20

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For more informations about dates regarding the fall academic calendar, please visit, https://www.usm.edu/registrar/spring-2016-academic-calendar

4. Alternative Fall Break Trip

My name is Perry Overstreet and I am a Graduate Assistant with the Center for Community Engagement. The Alternative Fall Break will be an exciting and rewarding opportunity for students in Black Studies. The students will be able to learn about the history of Birmingham
as it was the heart of the Civil Rights Movement. However, students will also have the opportunity to interact with others through service. Our office will be partnering with Christian Service Mission in Birmingham, AL. The cost of the trip will be $50 will cover transportation, lodging, and meals. If students are interested, they can email Nneka Ayozie at Nneka.ayozie@usm.edu or sign-up on GiveGab. Thank you for your time.

5. **2017 Nieman-Berkman Klein Fellowship in Journalism Innovation**

The 2017 Nieman-Berkman Klein Fellowship in Journalism Innovation is available for both U.S citizens and citizens of other countries. Freelance journalists, working journalists, including independent journalists and those journalists who work for a news organization are eligible to apply.

The Nieman-Berkman Fellow will receive $60,000.


Applicants can get more information through the given link: [Nieman-Berkman Klein Fellowship in Journalism Innovation](#)

6. **Filmaka Film Competition**

Filmaka is a digital platform for aspiring filmmakers to showcase their talents, compete for opportunities and build their careers. The first contest of our new season has just posted. We have 12 of these competitions per year and the top 3 winners from each monthly contest are entered into the pool of filmmakers who compete once more to make a feature film with us.

The platform is an alternative for talent who don’t have access to the film industry through traditional avenues. Films that are submitted to the competition are seen, judged and democratically selected by a jury of top tier professionals in the entertainment industry-and by fellow members. At Filmaka, aspiring filmmakers from across the world can connect, collaborate, and compete for a wide range of professional opportunities. If you have the time, please visit us at filmaka.com where you can see films from past competitions including the winners of the Snickers, Ford Mustang, and Direct TV competitions.

Now accepting entries for Filmaka's first contest of the new season:
THE INVITATION

- Enter your short and win the chance to make a feature length film.
- Be one of thirteen finalists who will be judged by our jury of esteemed professionals.
- Win a cash prize as one of the three winning shorts that will be entered in the final round.

We are looking for 3-5 min. horror films that can stand alone and can be expanded into a short film horror franchise. We want unforgettable creepy, frightening characters who keep us up at night. Like the demon Jodie the Pig in Amityville Horror, Freddy Krueger, Carrie, and Jason, we want terrifying villains that will haunt us long after the film has ended and we have gone to bed.

Details below:

- You have one month to submit a short film in the horror genre with the theme: THE INVITATION
- 13 films will be selected and sent to the Jury: 3 films by Filmaka executives, 6 films by participants in the competition,
- 2 films by non-competing members, and 2 films by popular vote.

Out of the 13 films selected, Filmaka's jury will select three winners who will automatically qualify to entered in Filmaka's annual feature film competition and will win a cash prize:

First place: $2500
Second place: $1500
Third place: $750

The monthly competition begins on September 4, 2017. The deadline for submissions is October 2, 2017.

SCARE US!

7. Do Good Photography October 12th
The Do Good Collection of Southern Photography is coming to the USM Art Gallery in October accompanied by a lecture/book signing by William (Bill) Ferris. A concurrent photography exhibition will be held at the Cook Library Gallery in the USM Cook Library.

*Portraits of Southerners* exhibition the Gallery of Art and Design on USM’s Hattiesburg campus, October 12 – November 3, 2017. Images in this exhibit have been chosen from the Do Good Fund’s collection of southern photography.


From their website: "the Do Good Fund, Inc. is a public charity based in Columbus, Georgia. Since its founding in 2012, the Fund has focused on building a museum-quality collection of photographs taken in the American South since World War II. The collection ranges from works by more than a dozen Guggenheim Fellows to images by less well-known emerging photographers working in the region. Do Good's mission is to make its collection of over 400"

William Ferris lecture in Gonzalez Auditorium on USM’s Hattiesburg campus, October 12, 2017. https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/popup.php?op=view&id=113248593&crd=usmartsandletters Mississippi-born Ferris co-founded the Center for Southern Folklore in Memphis, Tennessee; he was the founding director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi; he served as a former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities; and he co-edited The Encyclopedia of Southern Culture. He is currently the Joel R. Williamson Eminent Professor of History, an adjunct professor of folklore, and the senior associate director of the Center for Study of the American South at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His most recent book is The South in Color: A Visual Journal (UNC Press, 2016).

The Cook Gallery of Art will host an exhibition entitled Mississippi Landscapes: Places in the Land; 30 prints by six Mississippi photographers, October 12 – December 12. The photographers are Ashleigh Coleman, Jackson; Thomas Pearson, Hattiesburg; Euphus Ruth, Greenville; David Wharton, Oxford; Brooke White, Oxford; and Malcolm White, Jackson.

8. Jazmo Photographer Needed
Now calling all aspiring photographers! This is a PAID opportunity. Are you looking for a way to build your portfolio, while earning cash? Jazmo’s, a restaurant and events venue in downtown Hattiesburg is looking for fresh talent. Send your samples and questions to jazmoscc@gmail.com. Follow us on social @jazmosbodega for more opportunities.

9. Southern Sunset Undergraduate Film Festival
My name is Chris Sailor, and I’m an Instructor in the Mass Communications department at the University of West Georgia. I’m emailing to let you know that we are currently in the final two weeks of submissions for our Southern Sunset Undergraduate Film Festival, a student film festival that showcases the work of college filmmakers from all across the country.
If any of you have any current students who have work that they would like to submit to this year’s festival, I would love for you to direct them to our FilmFreeway page: https://filmfreeway.com/festival/SouthernSunsetUndergraduateFilmFestival
We accept Fiction, Documentary, and Experimental Shorts, as well as Short Screenplays (no more than 20 pages).
Submissions are only $10 with the waiver code "sunset."

10. PRSSA Bake Sale
The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA), at USM, will be holding a bake sale Thursday September 28th from 12:15-2 pm. They will have two tables set-up in College Hall and
Shoemaker Square. For more information about upcoming events PRSSA will be holding, please visit their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/PRSSAatUSM/?ref=br_rs