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# International

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*International Studies at OWU is an interdisciplinary major that allows students to learn from the economics, foreign language, sociology, politics and government and history departments as well as additional supported areas of study. It also allows for students to concentrate on a region or general issues.*

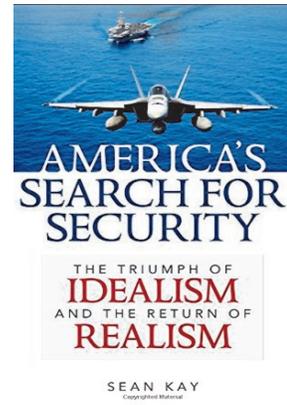
## New Endeavors in the IS Program

Both Sean Kay (PG) and Juan Armando Rojas (MFL) have completed new projects in their fields. They have each come out with a new book on their current research.

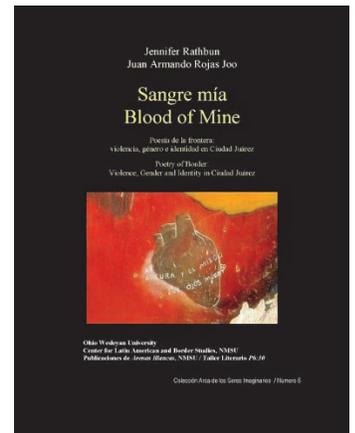
Sean Kay's *America's Search for Security* details the ways in which America's ascendancy to global superpower status was the result of dueling foreign policy philosophies and forces: an historically expansive idealism balanced with an equally constant realist restraint. Through observation of major trends in American foreign policy, his work offers insight and context in America's rise to power from the founding period through the end of the Cold War. He additionally discusses the post-Cold War rise of idealist foreign policy goals

and the costs of abandoning realist roots in regards to Iraq and Afghanistan. Kay also discusses America's recent "pivot" to Asia and assesses the future of American power.

After the murder of his cousin in la Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, Juan Armando Rojas was spurred to write his newest work, *Sangre mía* or *Blood of Mine*. The book is a collection of works by more than fifty artists regarded as "border poets". Together they are a compilation of poetry of border violence, gender and identity in Ciudad Juárez. "The anthology is a collection of poems that chant against gender violence and border violence," explains Rojas.



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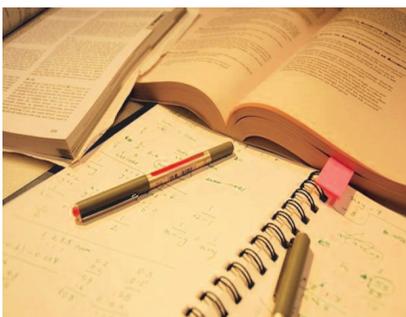
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Blood of Mine

Poetas de la frontera  
violencia, género e identidad en Ciudad Juárez  
Poetry of Border  
Violence, Gender and Identity in Ciudad Juárez



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## New Courses for the Major

This year we've added courses that expand the already diverse exposure one experiences in the International Studies major and minor. These additions include a variety of French (FREN 300.1, FREN 300.3, FREN 300.4), Spanish (300.8, 370), Comparative Literature (HMCL 200.6), Religion (REL 300.4, 300.5, 300.7, 361), and Art courses (ART 349). Many of these courses strengthen the African and Arab studies aspect of the International Studies Program. Topics include the study of Islamic art, connections between French and Arab literature, Arabic literature, morality, identity, prose, film and social change. Be sure to check these courses out when registering for classes!

# Fall 2014 Events

Ohio Wesleyan University's International Studies Program welcomes renowned speakers to our Fall Lecture Series.



On October 13th, as part of the Corinne Lyman Lecture Series, Ohio Wesleyan was honored to host Randall Schweller, Professor of Political Science and Social and Behavioral Sciences at Ohio State University. He is the author of many books and articles concerning global security and the balance of power in the international system. He has been widely published in leading journals, but came to OWU to discuss his most recent work: *Maxwell's Demon and the Golden Apple*. In his book, he predicts the breakdown of the global system into chaos. The decentralization of power will leave a world with no global leaders, followers or even states. At this loss, there will be few means to combat global issues. Acclaimed as "the most original and thought-provoking forecast of the future of world politics," by G. John Ikenberry, it was a thrill to have such a leading scholar of International relations at OWU.

Guillermo Mendoza, M.D., of the Pan-American Health Organization visited Ohio Wesleyan on October 22nd. He discussed "Priorities in Public Health in Latin America: Why Languages Matter in the Aspirations for Universal Health Coverage". Mendoza has done extensive work in both North, Central and South America as an officer for resource mobilization at the U.S.-Mexican border and then as a country adviser for Bolivia, Cuba, and the Southern Cone. His lecture discussed existing health programs within and across nations. He suggested how to improve public health care deficiencies and the contingency of language as we look towards a future of universal healthcare. We were pleased to have the insight Mendoza offers to language enthusiasts, future medical students, and international studies majors across the campus and disciplines.



Randall Schweller

October 13, 7:30 PM



Guillermo Mendoza

October 22, 7:00 PM

## Travel Learning Courses

Ohio Wesleyan students have many opportunities this spring to travel around the world. For the Spring 2015 semester, several courses focus on international perspectives.

Dr. Alper Yalçinkaya of the Department of Sociology-Anthropology will take students to Spain in his course SOAN 360 – CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE. This course is a survey of theoretical approaches to cultural and social change, and case studies that illustrate these approaches and their limitations. They will examine various perspectives that attempt to explain when, how, and to what extent societies and cultures change, and how change can be brought about, resisted, or prevented. Among the topics they will study are the impact of factors such as cross-cultural interactions, technological innovations, economic transformations, and social movements. The dimensions and implications of modernization and globalization will be central to discussions, and they will focus on the unintended consequences of these processes. They will travel to Granada, Cordoba, the self-governing, "utopian" village of Mariñaleda, and the Mondragón federation of worker cooperatives to see ideas about social change put to work.

Dr. Randolph Quaye of the Black World Studies Program, in his course BWS—SOUTH AFRICA: TWO DECADES AFTER APARTHEID, will take students to South Africa this spring. This course analyzes contemporary South Africa since the end of apartheid. It will examine progress made by the ruling African National Congress in addressing race-conscious policies in the areas of economic development, education and land rights in South Africa. Students will read both original and interpretive texts and travel to Soweto, Robben Island and Cape Town.

Students also have to opportunity to study in France with Dr. Ana Oancea from the Department of Modern Foreign Languages in FREN 351 – INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH LITERATURE. Or travel to Ireland and Northern Ireland with Dr. Nancy Comorau in the Department of English in ENG 300.7 – SLOUCHING TOWARDS EMPIRE: THE LITERARY POLITICS OF IRELAND. And students can travel to Japan in Dr. Anne Sokolsky's course HMCL 300.11 – ELEGANCE AND BRUTALITY: TOPICS IN MODERN JAPANESE LITERATURE with the Department of Comparative Literature.

# Alumni in the World



Syed Usman Javaid '10 (Economics and International Studies double major, Pakistan) was an incredibly involved student during his time at Ohio Wesleyan. He partook in a Theory-to-Practice grant in Pakistan to explore life in the Islamic Republic and its tumultuous relationship with the United States. He accomplished many feats at OWU, but most notably embarked on a mission to swim the English Channel with David Gatz, another OWU graduate. Through their efforts they

worked to honor their international friendship, as Usman is from Pakistan and Gatz from the US. They worked to raise donations for Doctors Without Borders. Upon graduation from OWU, Usman earned a master's degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and is now a research analyst with The World Bank. He is currently working with the South Asia Social Development team there and primarily deals with gender issues in the region. He is the program coordinator for the Gender Innovation Lab for South Asia. This entails data analysis for the gender and water teams for the region. In the past year, he has contributed to the World Bank report with his writing and data analysis on Violence Against Women and Girls in South Asia. He has spent over two years at the World Bank

and has found an incredible passion for his work on gender issues. He spent his first year at the Bank exploring his possibilities; meeting different people and finding out what he could achieve with his time there. He attended lectures on a wide array of subjects in an attempt to discover what truly excited him. In the end, he found a deep passion for working towards gender equality and scouted out opportunities to work on the issue. In addition, to his work at the World Bank, he continues to pursue his passion for swimming and will be representing the Pakistani Swimming Team at the short course World Championships this December in Doha, Qatar. When asked what he advice he could give to current IS majors, he offered the following sentiment: "Take your time and truly explore your passions and interests in the few years after graduation or in internships during your time at OWU". He encourages them to experience working a variety of areas and to meet as many professionals working in those areas as possible. This process will help to stimulate growth as individuals and work as a guide towards work where they are inspired and can act passionately. In a 2009 CNN article, Usman most concisely said that, "With teamwork and cooperation, you can tackle even the toughest of challenges". His accomplishments undoubtedly endorse this statement.



# Student Organizations



Join Model UN! Ohio Wesleyan's Model UN has expanded its membership to nearly 20 people, and it will be attending conferences across the country. In particular, Model UN is attending the Southern Regional Model UN conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, in November, 2014. Model UN meets every Tuesday at 6PM at the Stuyvesant Hall basement to practice their debates and represent the nations of the world.

Every semester, Model UN also holds various group discussions that invites the general public to engage in conversation concerning global issues. If you are interested in being part of a well-organized club on campus that is always active, expanding, and having fun, please contact Matthew Mehaffy ([mkmehaffy@owu.edu](mailto:mkmehaffy@owu.edu)) or Urvija Rishi ([uurishi@owu.edu](mailto:uurishi@owu.edu)).



Join THE NEW COSMOPOLITANS! Ohio Wesleyan's New Cosmopolitans Association is back and thriving!! In response to the League of Nations Convention in Geneva in 1920 which called for heightened international awareness, Corda Fratres Cosmopolitan Clubs were started throughout the United States. Their aim was to develop an American citizenship which would promote a responsible world democracy and a real cooperation among the nations. At its first full conference, Ohio Wesleyan stood among few other American universities in the mission to spread global knowledge and peace. The Club has sporadically since existed at Ohio Wesley-

an. But a revival is on the horizon! The New Cosmopolitans will be a league of students concerned with international issues and a resource to more knowledge regarding international study. The Club will be able to offer students a wealth of insight into the study abroad programs here at OWU and the tricks of the trade in the countries they will travel to. Please stay tuned for the Spring Newsletter which will delineate further details on this opportunity and experience. This is a remarkable opportunity for peers to unite in this historical quest for international awareness!



## Note from the International Studies Program Chair - Sean Kay

Greetings International Studies Majors, Minors, and Friends of the Program!

It is always a pleasure to provide our annual newsletter and program update. The Ohio Wesleyan University program in International Studies continues to be among the most vibrant of interdisciplinary majors on campus. Our students continually excel and in 2014 we graduated the largest class in the history of the program! We are at the heart of the university emphasis on theory and practice in an international context - both sending our students into the world, and bringing the world to OWU.

Our speaker program continues to place us at the top-level of programming among liberal arts institutions in the United States. This

year we were especially excited to host leading scholars of international relations like Alexander Wendt, T.V. Paul, and Randall Schweller - and also one of America's leading historians, Douglas Brinkley. We have also partnered up with the Arneson Institute, which co-hosted a launch of my new book *America's Search for Security: The Triumph of Idealism and the Return of Realism* which was introduced by Susan Eisenhower at the Eisenhower Institute in Washington, D.C.

We have another great year lined up and I'll be eager to see what our next graduating class of seniors does moving forward - and what our ongoing majors continue to bring to the great international life on campus!

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## ΣIP Sigma Iota Rho



The International Studies Program welcomed numerous new members to Sigma Iota Rho, the IS Honors Society, this past spring.

Pictured from Left to Right: Ariel Koiman, Carly Zalenski, Lidia Mowad, Sean Kay, Ian McCaslin, Hannah Snapp, and Kelsey Ullom.