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*International Events and Opportunities Newsletter
(Weeks of October 19-October 25)*

The Ethics in Science Lecture Series

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Arming Mother Nature: The Birth of Catastrophic Environmentalism

Presented by

Jacob Hamblin, Ph.D., Oregon State University

Friday, October 18, 2013

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

University of Houston

232 Philip G. Hoffman Hall

Professor Hamblin argues that military planning for World War III essentially created "catastrophic environmentalism": the idea that human activity might cause global natural disasters. This awareness, Hamblin shows, emerged out of dark ambitions, as governments poured funds into environmental science after World War II, searching for ways to harness natural processes in order to gain military advantage. Proposals included the use of nuclear weapons to create artificial tsunamis or melt the ice caps to drown coastal cities; setting fire to vast expanses of vegetation; and changing local climates. This work raised questions that went beyond the goal of weaponizing nature. "Perhaps one of the surprises is not how little was known about environmental change, but rather how much," Hamblin maintains.

Please visit the Ethics in Science [website](#) for more information.

The Asian American Student Center

Presents

“iCount: A Data Quality Movement for Asian American and Pacific Islanders”

Presented by

Dr. Robert Tarnish

October 23, 2013

12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Kiva of Farish Hall

A light lunch will be served. Please contact Elizabeth Gonzales at egonzales2@uh.edu for more information.

Our lecture’s motto – Every student counts! Making every student visible! – is adopted from the National Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander Research in Education. Dr. Teranishi will discuss the need to change current data collection practices that combine Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) subgroups, thus masking disparities of underserved communities. In regards to education attainment level, for example, 33.9% of Cambodians, 32.8% of Laotians, and 29.4% of Vietnamese in the U.S. report having less than a high school education, compared to 13.4% of Pakistanis, 9% of Asian Indians, 7.7% of Filipinos, and 5.2% of Japanese with the same level. Without such disaggregated data, educational institutions lack the critical, in-depth information needs to identify and effectively respond the needs of students confronted with educational challenges. As the fastest growing demographic in the country, it is imperative to address educational barriers confronting the AAPI community if we are to meet the President’s goal of graduating the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020.

Please visit the Center for Asian American Studies [website](#) for more information.

The Center for International and Comparative Studies and UNA USA Campus
Advocates at UH

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US and Iran: Is a Diplomatic Solution Finally Possible?

Presented by

Dr. Trita Parsi

*Thursday October 24 at 3pm
In Roy Cullen 104*

The Center for International and Comparative Studies, in a partnership with United Nations Association-USA Campus Advocates, is delighted to host Dr. Trita Parsi, founder and president of the National Iranian American Council (NIAC) and an expert on US-Iranian relations, Iranian foreign politics, and the geopolitics of the Middle East. Dr. Parsi will explore the relationship between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran, focusing on the most recent developments following the election of President Hasan Rouhani and the apparent rapprochement. In addition, Dr. Parsi will offer his analysis of what can be expected following this unprecedented turn of events.

Please visit the CICS [website](#) for more information or visit the flyer [here](#).

The Tournées Festival's French Film Series

*Dates: October 19-November 9
SSCB Lecture Hall (Student Services Classroom Building)
University of Houston, Clear Lake*

The films include *Farewell, My Queen*, *The Fairy*, *Sister*, among others. All films are subtitled in English. Admission is free to UH Clear Lake students with student ID's, and \$3.75 for the general public.

For a complete description of the films and precise location and parking, please visit the Tournées Festival's [page](#) on the UHCL website.

The Tournées Festival is made possible with the generous support of the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, the Centre National de la Cinématographie, the Grand Marnier Foundation, the Florence Gould

Foundation and highbrow entertainment. All films are in French with English subtitles.

The Center for International and Comparative Studies (CICS)
Presents
"U.S.-Russia Relations Today: Issues, Challenges and Prospects"

November 7 at 1:30 pm (tentative)
Location: TBA

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