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## *Upcoming Deadlines:*

- October 5, 2009:**  
Javits Fellowships
- October 15, 2009:**  
Gates Cambridge Scholarships
- October 31, 2009:**  
USA to Australia Graduate Fellowships
- October 23, 2009:**  
Truman Scholarship Pre-application for nomination\*
- November 1, 2009:**  
Soros Fellowships
- November 2, 2009:**  
Carnegie Jr. Fellows Pre-application for nomination\*
- November 4, 2009:**  
NSF GRFP (Comp Sci, Math)
- November 5, 2009:**  
NSF GRFP (Social Sci, Psych, Geosci)
- November 5, 2009:**  
NPSC Fellowship
- November 6, 2009:**  
NSF GRFP (Life Sciences)
- November 9, 2009:**  
Goldwater Scholarship Pre-application for nomination\*
- November 10, 2009:**  
NSF GRFP (Chem, Physics)
- November 12, 2009:**  
NSF GRFP (Engineering)

## ***Don't Miss Our Fall Information Sessions:***

- Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009: NSF GRFP Info. Session, 5-6pm, CUE 134**  
Come learn about the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (seniors, first & second year students in math, sciences, engineering may be eligible this year, but freshmen, sophomores and juniors in these areas should also come learn about the process and how to be competitive).
- Monday, Sept. 21, 2009: Truman Scholarship Info. Session, 4-5pm, CUE 134**  
Are you passionate about public service? Freshman, sophomores and juniors in *any* discipline who are headed for public service-oriented careers (including education, law, medicine as well as public policy, environmental and government work), should come learn what it takes to become a Truman Scholar. Juniors will pre-apply in October for nomination, so don't miss out!
- Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009: Goldwater Scholarship Info. Session, 4-5pm, Babbidge Library, Class of '47 Room**  
Come meet a Goldwater Scholar (or two)! Sophomores and juniors in math, science, and engineering with research experience and possible Ph.D. aspirations may be eligible to pre-apply this November. Freshmen should also come to learn how to be competitive.
- Monday, Oct. 19, 2009: Udall Info. Session, 4-5pm, CUE 134**  
Are you passionate about the environment? Sophomores and juniors in ANY major who demonstrate commitment to and involvement in environmental issues, science, policy, conservation or advocacy may be eligible.
- Monday, Nov. 16, 2009: Prestigious UK/Ireland Scholarships Info. Session, 4-5pm, CUE 134**  
We'll talk about the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, Gates Cambridge and NIH Oxford/Cambridge Partnerships – powerful graduate scholarships that can launch a career! Freshmen through early graduate students should come learn about eligibility, selection criteria and the process.

## **What are the Nominees up to?**

It's been a long, soggy summer. What have our candidates for this fall's Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell and Gates Cambridge competitions been doing (besides working on their personal statements)?!

### **Ferketic heads back to TX for TFA**

After a visit to Connecticut this summer, Steve Ferketic ('08) continues as an Amgen Scholar for Teach for America, teaching 10<sup>th</sup> grade Drama and Chemistry to English-language learners in Roma, TX near the Mexican border. He will be applying for a Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell and Gates Cambridge



**November 18, 2009:**  
Udall Scholarship Pre-application for nomination\*

**December 15, 2009:**  
SMART Scholarship

**January 4, 2010:**  
NIH Cambridge/Oxford Partnership

**January 13, 2010:**  
Knowles Science Teaching Fellowship

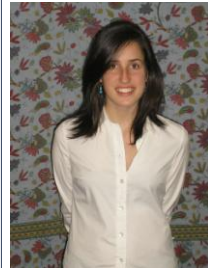
**January 22, 2010:**  
Emerson Hunger Fellowship

\*Students must be nominated to compete on the national level in these competitions. Pre-applications are available at [www.ons.uconn.edu](http://www.ons.uconn.edu).

Scholarship to study environmental management in the UK or Ireland.

### Joseph Antelmi Spends Busy Summer in Hartford

Joe Antelmi ('10) interned this summer at the CT Association for Human Services. While there, he helped to coordinate the CT Money School, a statewide financial education program, and a statewide conference: "Prospering Communities, Thriving Families: Building Foundations for a New Prosperity." In his spare time, Joe played charity events with his band. He will spend a few weeks visiting relatives in Italy before school starts. This fall he will be applying for the Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell Scholarships to study forced migration or human rights in the UK or Ireland.



### Lauren Donnelly at the Hague

Lauren Donnelly ('09) is this year's recipient of the Human Rights Institute's Richard Goldstone Fellowship. She is working for the Leadership Research Team in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in the Hague, Netherlands until mid-December. Her office is responsible for investigating the political conditions leading up to and during the conflict in the former Yugoslavia in the early to mid-1990s. Lauren is applying for the Mitchell and the Marshall Scholarships to study human rights and women's health in the UK or Ireland.

### Sean Easter Writing and Serving

Sean Easter ('09) continues to serve in the Connecticut National Guard. He is also writing a novel inspired by his experiences while deployed in Afghanistan. He is applying for a Mitchell and a Marshall Scholarship to study creative writing in Ireland or Scotland.



### Hillary Traugh in Chicago



Hillary has been living in Chicago for the past year, working for Governor Pat Quinn as the Operations Coordinator of the Illinois stimulus team. In her spare time, she teaches English at a community center and plays with kittens that she foster from a local animal shelter. She is applying for a Marshall and a Mitchell Scholarship to study human rights in the UK or Ireland.

### Pomianowski wins Prestigious Kosciuszko Fellowship and Harriet Irsay Scholarship

Joseph Pomianowski ('09) is headed to Harvard this fall with two awards from Polish cultural organizations, the Kosciuszko Foundation and the American Institute of Polish Culture. He will apply these to a master's program in the History of Science. He is nominated for a Marshall Scholarship and also plans to apply for a Gates Cambridge Scholarship to attend Cambridge for his doctoral research on the life of Polish mathematician Stefan Banach. In his spare time, Joseph is getting into competitive boxing. While at UConn he was the second-seed ranked player for the Tennis Table Club.



**Come hear  
Elie Wiesel  
speak on  
"Building a Moral  
Society"**

Tuesday, September  
29, 2009, 4-5:30pm  
von der Mehden recital  
hall

Celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the  
Center for Judaic  
Studies and  
Contemporary Jewish  
Life and honoring the  
establishment of the  
Doris and Simon  
Konover Chair in Judaic  
Studies

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September 25<sup>th</sup>

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## Elie Wiesel Essay Prize in Ethics

Have you written, or are in the process of writing an academic paper on ethics (in any context)? You may consider submitting it for the Elie Wiesel ethics prize: <http://www.eliewieselfoundation.org/prizeinethics.aspx>.

First prize is \$5,000!

The Wiesel Foundation does not have its new deadline posted yet, but December is typical and serious candidates should take time drafting and editing their essays. Previous winning essays appear on the website – *read them!*

A faculty member or ONS must sign off on your submission before you send it. Good luck!

## Gentle Reminders...



## NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

This spring in his address to the National Academic of Sciences, President Obama announced that he would triple the number of NSF Graduate Research Fellowships! Now is a great time to apply if you will be a senior, or 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate student in an eligible research field. Deadlines for the NSF GRFP range from November 4-12, 2009 according to discipline. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE NOMINATED TO APPLY.**

See <http://www.nsfgrfp.org/> for more information.

## Javits candidates need GREs!

If you or a student you know is headed for a graduate program in the arts, humanities or social sciences, check out the Javits Fellowship. Seniors and first year graduate students are eligible this year. NOTE: candidates must submit GRE scores WITH their applications by the October 5, 2009 deadline. Candidates will also need to submit a new FAFSA in January. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE NOMINATED TO APPLY.**

See <http://www.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits/index.html> for more information.