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Thinking globally

To be successful in today's world, you have to think globally. No longer are we confined to just our one corner of the planet. We must learn to embrace our uniqueness and the uniqueness of others so that we will be more diverse in our way of thinking.

Next week Albany State University students will have the opportunity to learn about other cultures without even leaving campus thanks to International Education Week. This event will expose students to the different aspects of other nations, including dress, food and customs. Students will also learn about the 41 different countries represented on our own campus by international students, faculty and staff members.

Students interested in studying abroad can learn more about these programs and the amazing experiences they provide.

I encourage every student to enjoy the International Education Week and choose to visit another country any time the opportunity is available. By learning about other cultures, our students will be able think beyond U.S. borders and will be capable of developing solutions to challenges at the international level.



ASU to host International Education Week

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Albany State University will celebrate its annual International Education Week (IEW) Nov. 15-19. This year's celebration will feature a parade, a cultural explosion, international lecturers, panel discussions, cultural music, international foods, dances and other activities.

ASU's Office of Global Programs, in collaboration with the First and Second Year Experience Program, has prepared a variety of exciting multicultural and global education activities involving faculty, staff and student participants representing as many as 41 countries from around the world.

Monday, Nov. 15, the week's activities will kick off with the ASU library presenting "The International Countries of the World," a video tribute to the nations of the world. The show will run throughout the week in the main foyer of the James H. Pendergrast Memorial Library. From 4:30 p. m. to 7 p.m. the ASU Dining Hall will feature "Junkanoo," a Bahamian festival of music and food.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 9 a.m. there will be a parade of international flags from Simmons Hall on the lower campus to the ACAD Building on the upper campus. The parade, featuring marchers dressed in a variety of international attire, will be followed by a proclamation signing outside the ACAD Building. A keynote address "The Fight for International Women's Rights," by Asra Nomani, founder of the Muslim Women's Freedom Tour, will follow the proclamation signing at 10 a.m. in the ACAD Auditorium. At 2 p.m. in room 127, Peace Hall, the College of Business will present Fulbright Scholar Aercio Dos Santos Cunha, a Brazilian economist from the Office of Legislative Counsel.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, Sanford Gym will be the site for a multicultural explosion featuring cultural music, dances, and exhibitions from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other activities at the explosion will include 41 international

UpcomingEVENTS

The American Society for Public Administration, Southwest Georgia Chapter, will hold the workshop **“Decreasing Community Division Over Hot Button Local Issues”** from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Microbusiness Enterprise Center, Arthur K. Williams Conference Room, 230 S. Jackson St., Albany. The workshop’s topic is “How should Southwest Georgia take charge of our economic security for the future?” The cost for workshop materials is \$5 for ASPA members and \$10 for non-ASPA members. Register at www.aspaswga.org.

For more information, contact Veronica Adams-Cooper at (229) 420-1135 or register@aspaswga.org.

Collaborating partners are Albany State University, Pi Alpha Alpha, The Estus Smith Vineyard Healing Foundation and National Issues Forums.

The ASU Department of Natural Sciences will hold **Biotech Day** from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in the ACAD Auditorium.

James Pendergrast Memorial Library will hold **Electronic Database Training Sessions** in room 231 from noon to 1 p.m. on the dates below. The featured database by subject will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on the dates below. For more information, call (229) 430-4799.

Nov. 15: Lexis Nexis, Galileo Searching and English Subject Databases, presented by Eddie Pearson, Reference Librarian

Nov. 16: EBSCO, A to Z Listing, Open Access Journals, Eric and Education Databases, presented by Mark Ellis, Serials/Systems Librarian

Nov. 17: Literary Reference Center, Academic Search, Complete Research Library and Social Work Subject Databases, presented Sharron Lacy-Gee, Cataloging Librarian

Nov. 18: Reference Source, Business, Net Library, Nursing Subject Databases, presented by Thedis Bryan, Collection Development/Acquisitions Librarian

Nov. 19: GIL Express, RamCAT,

presentations, shows, information on study abroad programs, recruitment events and an international field day event for local elementary schools.

Activities on Thursday, Nov. 18, will include a 10 a.m. keynote speech in the ACAD Auditorium by Sara Hertog, population affairs officer for the United Nations. She will lecture on “Millennium Development Goals.” At 8 p.m. international fashion will take center stage at the HPER Gymnasium. The Pageant/Fashion Show will feature both modern and traditional fashions from nearly every continent.

Friday, Nov. 19, will conclude the 2010 IEW celebration. Activities that day include the ASU Global Ambassadors visiting the International Studies Elementary Charter School on Mock Road in Albany from 9 a.m. to noon and a viewing of the movie, “Slumdog Millionaire” in Room 114 of the ASU Library.

According to organizers, International Education Week is an event that helps ASU to reflect on its commitment to educating students whose potentials are fully realized through acquisition of knowledge and skills that embody intercultural and global competencies.

For more information on International Education Week please contact [Maggie Emily](#), student administrative staff assistant in the Office of Global Programs at ASU at (229) 420-1262 or (229) 485-6578.



Members of the ASU Marching Rams Show Band join ASU officials and Honda Battle of the Bands representatives during a press conference held Wednesday, Nov. 10, to announce that the band is one of eight chosen to participate in the ninth annual Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase on Jan., 29, 2011, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

ASU Marching Rams Show Band to perform in 2011 Honda Battle of the Bands

*By Cindy Gambill
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Albany State University officials announced Wednesday that the ASU Marching Rams Show Band is one of eight bands chosen to participate in the [Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase](#) on Jan. 29, 2011, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

A total of 45 marching bands from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) began competing for the eight slots in the Honda Battle of the Bands three months ago. The selection process included online voting by fans and selection by HBCU band directors and presidents.

Honda will present the ASU music program \$1,000 for participating in the pre-qualifying process. For being selected as one of the eight bands to perform in the Honda Battle of the Bands, ASU will receive \$20,000 for music scholarships.

Other HBCU marching bands selected to perform in the 2011 Honda Battle of the Bands are Bethune-Cookman University, Clark Atlanta University, Jackson State University, South Carolina State University,

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Conservation Tip of the Week

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(Source: Water – Use it Wisely www.wateruseitwisely.com/100ways/se.shtml)

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Tennessee State University, Virginia State University and Winston-Salem State University. The 2011 Honda Battle of the Bands marks the ninth year of the event.

This will be the fourth time the ASU Marching Rams Show Band has appeared in the Honda Battle of the Bands. ASU also participated in the 2007, 2008 and 2010 events.

“Being selected to participate in the Honda Battle of the Bands is a tremendous honor,” said Michael Decuir, director of ASU bands. “The members of the ASU Marching Rams are some of the most dedicated and hardest working students. They strive for excellence on the field, in the stands and in the classroom. This honor just proves that our fans realize the band members’ commitment to our university and appreciate it enough to go online and vote for us.”

Fans of the ASU Marching Rams will have another opportunity to show their support by voting online for Jeremy John, an ASU band member. John is ASU’s nominee competing for the [Fox Music Experience](#), a summer music internship and immersion program at the Twentieth Century Fox Studio in Los Angeles. In the program, which is sponsored by Honda, an intern learns film and television production firsthand. John is a sophomore music major from Albany who graduated from Albany High School.



The Rev. James Bush (top) served as the keynote speaker during Albany State University's Veterans Day program held Thursday. During the ceremony, the ASU Police Veterans Day Honor Guard presented the 21-Gun Salute.

Vietnam War veteran addresses crowd at ASU Veterans Day observance

By Camile Matthews
Student writer

On Thursday, Nov. 11, Albany State University held its annual Veterans Day observance at 11 a.m. on the lawn between Sanford Gymnasium and the L. Orene Hall Building. This year’s speaker was Rev. James C. Bush, pastor of Greater Pines Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He was introduced by Clifford Porter, Jr., ASU vice president for Institutional Advancement.

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"We should all be eternally grateful for our veterans," Bush said. "I am grateful to have served my country in a combat zone. We should show gratitude to people who've served this noble country."

A Miller County, Ga., native, Bush served two tours of duty in the Army during the Vietnam War.

"When I see veterans, I see good people who know and love this country," he said. "Everybody has a desire to be remembered and appreciated. No one wants to be forgotten. Never forget our veterans. Veterans are just ordinary people who have done extraordinary things. They are regular people with hopes, fears, dreams and aspirations just like everyone else. They do not desire to be glorified, just remembered. Thank you Albany State."

In 1989, Bush received the GAE/Dougherty County Educators' Friend of Education Award, the 1991 Albany Man of the Year Award and the 1998 Leadership Albany Ed Freeman Award. He served as the special assistant to former Albany State President Dr. Billy C. Black in 1993 and in 1999 was inducted into the Albany State University Alumni Hall of Fame. He is a life member of the Albany State University National Alumni Association and of the NAACP. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the American Legion Post 512 and is a Prince Hall Mason.

Bush is a former Dougherty County Commissioner and a former Dougherty County police officer. For 12 years he served as a congressional aide to Congressman Charles Hatcher. He has also served as vice chairman of the Dougherty County School Board for the past six years.



Asra Nomani



Dr. Aercio Dos Santos Cunha



Sara Hertog

ASU lecture series to feature women's rights activist

By Joseph West
Publications Specialist

Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m. the Albany State University First and Second Year Experience Program will host a presentation by Asra Nomani, a former Wall Street Journal correspondent and a leading activist for women's rights in the Islamic world, entitled "The Fight for International Women's Rights." The lecture will be held in the ACAD Auditorium.

Nomani is the author of the critically acclaimed "Standing Alone in Mecca: An American Woman's Struggle for the Soul of Islam" and of "Tantrika: Traveling the Road of Divine Love." She has written for the Washington Post, The New York Times, and Time magazine. After Sept. 11, 2001, she went to Pakistan to cover the war in Afghanistan for Salon. She risked great danger in helping to lead the hunt to find kidnapped fellow reporter and friend Daniel Pearl, who was visiting her home with his wife, Mariane Pearl, when he left for the interview from which Muslim militants kidnapped and murdered him. Her character figures prominently in "A Mighty Heart," the film based on the life and death of Pearl at the hands of Pakistani militants, starring Angelina Jolie.

Nomani has become a writer-activist dedicated to reclaiming women's rights and principles of tolerance in the Muslim world. She challenged rules at her mosque in Morgantown, W.Va., that required women to enter through a back door and pray in a secluded balcony. As a volunteer at the Rape and Domestic Violence Shelter in Morgantown, Nomani recognized that efforts to bring about social justice include challenging power and control that retaliate with intimidation and abuse.

Nomani is the founder and creator of the Muslim Women's Freedom Tour. In 2005 she posted on the doors of her mosque in Morgantown "99 Precepts for Opening Hearts, Minds and Doors in the Muslim World" and was the lead organizer of a Muslim prayer in New York City in which a woman led men and women in prayer, an act that represented a watershed moment in the history of Islam. She was a visiting scholar at the Center for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University. Her career as an investigative reporter prepared her for a journey in which she has

been trying to uncover the true beauty of Islam, hidden behind centuries of manmade rules and traditions. She is committed to seeing hearts, minds and doors open in the Muslim world as part of a wider vision for world peace.

Originally from Bombay, India, Nomani currently resides in Morgantown, W.Va., with her son Shibli.

Nomani's lecture, free and open to the public, is sponsored in part by the ASU Office of Global Programs as part of the university's International Education Week activities.

For more information on this program, contact Sherrell Byrd at (229) 430-1871.

Fulbright scholar to lecture at ASU

*By Joseph West
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Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. the Albany State University College of Business will feature a lecture by International Fulbright Scholar Dr. Aercio Dos Santos Cunha. A senior specialist for Agriculture, Livestock and Agricultural Policy; Brazilian Chamber of Deputies; Office of Legislative Counsel, Cunha will lecture on "The American Economy and the Emerging Markets after the Great Recession" in Peace Hall Room 127.

Cunha has written more than 600 studies, legislation drafts, opinion papers, speeches and technical documents on matters related to agriculture and agricultural policy over a span of 15 years.

Key among his written works is a 186-page study done in 1998 on dairy in Brazil that has oriented policies for development of milk production for much of the last decade. He also drafted a bill on crop insurance that is scheduled to be voted on by the Brazilian House in September. The bill is expected to have far reaching impacts.

"If the bill becomes law and is implemented, it could well become a turning point on Brazilian agricultural policies," Cunha said.

Cunha graduated from the Federal University of Minas Gerais Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, with a bachelor's degree in economics. He also holds a Master of Economic Theory Degree and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Economic Theory from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

The lecture, part of ASU's International Education Week, is sponsored in part by the ASU Office of Global Programs. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Kathaleena Monds at (229) 430-2749.

United Nations Officer to address ASU students

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Thursday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. the Albany State University First and Second Year Experience Program will feature a lecture by Dr. Sara Hertog, population affairs officer for the United Nations Population Division. Her lecture, entitled "Millennium Development Goals," will be held in the ACAD Auditorium.

Hertog is responsible for monitoring and reporting on population health issues to the Commission on Population and Development. Her research has focused on gender disparities in HIV/AIDS epidemics, mathematical models of HIV epidemic dynamics and the potential spread of HIV in China.

Hertog holds a doctorate degree in sociology (demography) and a master's degree in population health sciences, both from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Hertog's lecture, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the ASU First and Second Year Experience Program, Title III, the United Nations Higher Education Alliance and the Humpty Dumpty Institute. The program is hosted by the ASU Global Ambassadors as part of International Education Week.

For more information on Sara Hertog's lecture, contact Sherrell Byrd at (229) 430-1632.



Albany State University students in the RAM (Rhetoric and Music) Learning Community enjoy a tour of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Museum in Macon, Ga., on Oct. 26.

ASU students tour Georgia Music Hall of Fame

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Albany State University students in the RAM (Rhetoric and Music) Learning Community toured the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Museum in Macon, Ga., on Oct. 26. The trip allowed students to view artifacts and exhibits that feature musical artists and genres of the 20th and 21st centuries and to hear a presentation on the elements, instruments and roots of Georgia music. After the presentation, the students asked questions regarding different aspects of music history.

“It was a great experience,” said Nicholas Times, a freshman political science major from Columbus, Ga. “It was really interesting to see how different towns memorialized their great musicians.”

The Georgia Music Hall of Fame, located at 200 Martin Luther King Blvd., has inducted more than 100 of Georgia’s most successful music industry professionals. The museum is set up to provide students with an engaging educational experience. Guided tours are available for school groups Monday through Saturday with advance reservations. Educators may also lead their groups independently through the exhibits.

“The trip to the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Museum was beneficial since resources were used to reinforce past lectures in the students’ Music Appreciation class,” said Dr. Florence Lyons, associate professor of speech and theatre at ASU and project director of the RAM Learning Community. “Additionally, information gleaned from the museum will be applied to the students’ last informative speech in the fundamentals of speech class.”

Other students who participated in the Hall of Fame tour said the program added to their learning.

Teretha Taylor, a freshman engineering major from Brunswick, Ga., said she was surprised to see so many contemporary artists in the hall of fame.

“I just didn’t know there were so many Georgians who are great musicians,” Taylor said. “Usher and Ludacris are two artists that I didn’t expect to see, but they are in there.”

The RAM Learning Community pairs a public speaking class, taught by Lyons, with a music appreciation class, taught by Michael Decuir, assistant professor of music and director of jazz and marching bands. Students deliver speeches in the public speaking class on the information that is taught in the music appreciation class.

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