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U.S Student Fulbright Program

Ein Kiley '08, IA, Math, and Russian, will conduct research in Penza, Russia

Lisa Mulvey '08, IA and French, will teach English in Rennes, France

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program has awarded UNH seniors Erin Kiley and Lisa Mulvey prestigious national scholarships for post-baccalaureate work abroad in the coming academic year.

Kiley is a double major in mathematics and Russian from Loudon, NH. She will spend the 2008-2009 academic year in Penza, Russia, conducting research through the Department of Mathematics and Mathematical Modeling at Penza State University. Those involved in this interdisciplinary research program, jointly initiated by Penza State University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA, and Karlstad University, Karlstad, Sweden, are studying the inverse techniques for reconstructing dialectic properties of nanocomposites. In addition to her mathematics research, Erin will continue her study of Russian language and culture. Kiley is a member of the University Honors Program and a Presidential Scholar. While a junior at UNH, Ms. Kiley won National Science Foundation awards for mathematical research in summers 2006 and 2007. While at UNH she has also studied mathematics in Hungary, Russia and Finland.
Following her Fulbright year, Ms. Kiley plans to enroll in a PhD program in applied mathematics.

Lisa Mulvey ’08, from Ithaca, NY, has been awarded a scholarship to spend the 2008-09 academic year teaching English in Rennes, France.

To be considered for the grant provided by the French Ministry of Education, Ms. Mulvey was a candidate for the U.S. Student Fulbright Scholarship Program. Each year Fulbright awards a small number of scholarships to applicants who wish to teach English as a Second Language in France. Beyond those awards, Fulbright recommends candidates for another 50 grants available to teach English in France through the French government.

Ms. Mulvey will graduate in May 2008 with a dual major in international affairs and French. She is also a member of Pi Delta Phi French National Honor Society.

Spring semester 2006, Mulvey studied in Cannes, France, and interned at the Cannes Film Festival with the French company Cannes Cinéphiles. During summer 2007, she completed an internship for the Corporate Scholarships Division of the Institute of International Education West Coast Center in San Francisco. This past semester, Ms. Mulvey assisted one of her UNH French professors with research on the impact of French women in education in 18th century France.

Her career interests lie in the area of international education and specifically the improvement of the foreign language education system in the U.S. Mulvey notes that her IIE internship, “more than anything else, has confirmed my desire to ‘open minds to the world’, giving me the chance to really see the work that is done in the field of international education policy,” a field she would like to pursue for her master’s degree.

National Security Education Program

Sophomore Jordan Caley and junior Holly Eaton will study abroad during the coming academic year on Boren Scholarships awarded competitively through the National Security Education Program (NSEP). They are among a group of 150 students selected from a national pool of 697.

Ms. Caley, from Stratham, NH, is pursuing a dual major in international affairs and Spanish with a minor in Latin American studies. She will spend her junior year studying in Merida, Mexico. Because of her interest in U.S. - Mexican relations, especially related to immigration issues, Ms. Caley plans to interview Mexican citizens to learn more about what factors influence peoples’
decisions to cross the border and how relations between the countries affect them. The area she will visit has the lowest rates of immigration in the country. Ms. Caley will present her research in her IA senior seminar upon her return. Ultimately, it is her goal to work for Homeland Security in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as an Adjudications Officer or immigration Information Officer.

UNH junior Holly Eaton will spend fall 2008 studying in Japan. Ms. Eaton became interested in Asian culture while in high school, and studied Chinese language at St. Paul’s School the summer before her senior year.

A resident of Washington, NH, Ms. Eaton is a dual major in international affairs and political science, and is studying Japanese language and culture and completing a minor in Asian studies. Eaton’s career goal is to become a National Security Agency intelligence or language analyst. She spent last summer as an intern at the Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, VA.