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### FIU's Fulbright Scholars and their Work Abroad

Three FIU professors have received prestigious Fulbright Scholar grants fostering international education exchange to teach and conduct research overseas this year. Learn more about professors David B. Bray who studies community forest management in Mexico, Elizabeth Price Foley who researches Ireland's nationalized health care system and Emmanuel Roussakis, who worked to develop a better understanding of the Romanian economy and its current European Union challenges. [Read more...](#)

### The Life of the Mind: Samina Quraeshi's lecture on "Art and Culture as a Strategic Resource"

Born in Pakistan, Samina Quraeshi is an author, artist, designer and professor with a truly global perspective. Good luck trying to classify Samina Quraeshi in a single category, or even several. She is dedicated to bringing the arts, culture and spirituality in harmony with their surrounding community. Her keynote address, scheduled for April 6 at 2:00pm in the MARC Pavilion on FIU's Modesto Maidique Campus, is titled "Art and Culture as a Strategic Resource," will be followed by a panel discussion and reception. [Read more...](#)



### Calling all graduate students to Graduate Student Appreciation Week

For the first time, FIU will celebrate graduate students with a week of events focused entirely on showcasing their accomplishments, helping them network, and recognizing another semester of hard work. Graduate Student Appreciation Week (G-SAW) takes place from March 28 to April 2, and will help remind the entire university community that much of the continued vibrancy of the University rests in the youthful albeit mature hands of its graduate students. [Read more...](#)

### Computer sciences senior only Florida student to receive prestigious research award



Computer Sciences (CS) senior Jairo Pava became the only student from the State of Florida to receive recognition in the 2011 Computing Research Association's Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award competition. Pava, whose research focuses on developing storm surge simulation systems, received the Honorable Mention, joining students from the top 10 CS universities in the country including Cornell, Princeton, and UC Berkeley among others. [Read more...](#)

**Upcoming events – mark your calendar!**

**Graduate Student Appreciation Week**

**March 28 – April 1**

For a complete schedule of events click [here](#)

Various venues, MMC

**The Life of the Mind Lecture and Panel Discussion**

Wednesday, April 6 2:00pm

Keynote address by Samina Quraeshi: Art and Culture as a Strategic Resource

MARC Pavilion, MMC

**Spring 2011 Commencement**

Monday and Tuesday, May 2 and 3

For a schedule of ceremonies click [here](#)

U.S. Century Bank Arena

**Summer 2011 Commencement**

Saturday, August 13

Schedule of ceremonies tba

U.S. Century Bank Arena

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