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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On Thursday, Jan. 5, the Department of Political Science will feature guest speaker and alumna Megan Winkeler, class of 2011, who will speak about her internship experiences. The event, which is free and open to the public, is titled: “Using Today to Fund the Future: Taking Advantage of Internships During College.” It will take place at 4 p.m. in Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library (1 Ames Plaza, Bloomington).

Winkeler graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a bachelor’s degree in political science and philosophy. While on campus, she interned at the Bloomington Legal Department. The experience encouraged her to study abroad in Scotland during the fall semester of 2009. During her time abroad, she interned at the Scottish Parliament.

Winkeler, who is originally from Bartelso, Ill., received a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, which now finances her master’s degree program in South Africa. She currently works with a human rights non-governmental organization, People Against Suffering Oppression and Poverty (PASSOP), a service and advocacy program helping refugees in South Africa.

Home on break, Winkeler’s talk will focus on how she applied for and later used experience from her internships. She will also discuss other options she considered and how students can apply for these opportunities.

For additional information on the event, contact Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science James Simeone at (309) 556-3126.

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