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Shannon O'Rourke to Give Presentation at IWU

BLOOMINGTON, III. – Shannon O'Rourke, a 2007 Illinois Wesleyan graduate, will give a presentation on Wednesday March 26 at 7 p.m. The event will be held in Kemp International House (1207 N. Main St., Bloomington).

The program is sponsored by I-Society and the International Office as a part of World Piece, a monthly student-led discussion highlighting global issues. It is free and open to the public.

O'Rourke, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., received a Rotary Foundation Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship from the Bloomington Rotary Club. She spent three months in Dakar, Senegal completing an intensive language and cultural program.

Following this program O'Rourke interned in the Kaolack region of Senegal with 10,000 Girls, a not-for-profit organization that seeks to offer education and employment for girls in rural Senegal. She helped distribute United States Agency for International Development (USAID) donated books to high schools for use in libraries and book mobiles.

For more information please contact O'Rourke at <u>Shannon.t.orouroke@gmail.com</u>. For more information in 10,000 Girls please visit their Web site at <u>http://10000girls.org</u>.

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