

ANNOUNCING THE SARAH MEEK PAGE \$1500 PRIZE FOR STUDENT RESEARCH IN AFRICA

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Papers are now being accepted for the second annual Sarah Meek Page Prize for Student Research on Africa. Papers should be submitted to Professor Ed Laurance at elaurance@miis.edu and a delivered hard copy (Office: McCone 311). Papers will be accepted until September 30 2011. A prize of \$1500 will be awarded on 15 October 2011 for the best research paper submitted. Three faculty members will be selected to evaluate the papers submitted for this prize.

Sarah Meek Page, a distinguished December 1994 graduate of the Graduate School of International Policy Studies, died in an automobile accident on October 26th 2006 in South Africa, her home and place of work. She is memorialized on the MIIS campus with a bench in front of the Kade Building. In order to honor Sarah's work and promote research in Africa, her family has established an annual monetary prize for student research in Africa.

Students may submit a research paper, program evaluation, professional experience, or other type of work which succinctly describes a specific social condition (poverty, conflict, armed violence, disease, child soldiers, climate change, biodiversity, etc), and a feasible solution in the form of policies and/or programs. It should be fully documented and be between 20-30 pages, 1.5 spacing on Word. It can represent any research performed in Africa while a student at MIIS.

To be eligible for the prize the work must have involved research or experience while in Africa prior to 1 September 2011. This includes the following experiences: J-Term Practica 2011, summer internship (either 2010 or 2011), DPMI Plus (Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Summer 2011), or IPSS (2011). Papers written before these periods are not eligible.

Students from Africa may write a paper based on experience in Africa prior to attending MIIS but not necessarily related to a MIIS-sponsored professional experience. It must be written while attending MIIS. For non-African students it may also reflect experience and/or research in Africa prior to attending MIIS (e.g., Peace Corps). However, the paper must be written while a full-time student at MIIS.

To be eligible for this award you must be an enrolled student as of 1 October, or have graduated in May or August 2011. This means that the winner of the prize may already have graduated. Last year's winner was Shauna Kelly, who graduates in May 2011. A copy of her paper may be obtained from Professor Laurance.

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