

State Department Officers to Visit Stockton

To Discuss U.S.-U.N. Efforts Against Hunger

Presentation on Nov. 10 in Campus Center Event Room Arranged by Stockton Student from Egg Harbor Township

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Galloway, NJ - Stockton University will host two Foreign Service Officers, Molly Rivera-Olds and Erin Clancy, on **Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 4:30 p.m.** in the Campus Center Event Room on the main Galloway campus to discuss the role of the United States in the United Nations Security Council and the efforts of the United States and the United Nations in combating global hunger.

One out of every seven people on earth is afflicted by hunger, according to the U.N.'s World Food Programme (WFP), one of three agencies to be discussed, along with the U.N. Security Council.

In emergencies, the WFP is on the frontline, delivering food to save the lives of victims of war, civil conflict and natural disasters. The U.N. also supports the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), which provides policy and technical assistance to developing countries to promote food security, nutrition and sustainable agricultural production, particularly in rural areas.

The United States supports the USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP), which partners with the U.N. and non-governmental organizations to provide relief and build resilience to chronic shocks among the most vulnerable populations, including those affected by conflict and displacement, such as refugees and host communities.

Stockton Political Science major and student senator <u>Angelo Bechara</u> of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., arranged this free public event after interning at the State Department in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs this past summer.

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Rivera-Olds currently serves as a Multi-Lateral Affairs Officer in the Bureau of International Organization Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. Working in the Office of Economic and Development Affairs, she is the point person for U.S. government policy vis-a-vis food security, in collaboration with the U.N. and other agencies.

Clancy is a Foreign Service Officer currently serving in the State Department's Office of United Nations Political Affairs where she is responsible for coordinating U.S. policy on North Africa issues in the U.N. Security Council. Her previous diplomatic assignments include tours in Syria, Jordan and the Sultanate of Oman.

In addition to their presentation, the two will meet with students in a lunch workshop at 12:30 p.m. for which <u>online registration is required</u>. Clancy was a recipient of the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship, a specially targeted program available for undergraduates interested in careers in foreign service, while Rivera-Olds started her career with a fellowship at the Quaker U.N. Office, which represents the Religious Society of Friends at the U.N.

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