

# International Professional Service Semester: Monterey Institute students changing the world



Monterey Institute of International Studies

## Jonas Horner making a difference in Africa



Monterey Institute MAIPS Candidate, Jonas Horner is a Spring 2006 IPSS participant. An integral member of the Geneva based Small Arms Survey, Jonas's research and dedicated hard work is crucial to the dissemination of vital information on the problems associated with the proliferation of small arms worldwide.

The SAS is *the* international resource for all information regarding the use, distribution and disarmament of small arms and light weapons. Governments, non-governmental organizations and private institutes rely on the SAS for current, accurate, critical data to form innovative and effective policy.

Jonas recently traveled to London, Abuja, Port Harcourt, Lagos and Kano in Nigeria to meet with several experts and development organizations active in Nigeria for work on a specialized project regarding pre-election violence in the region.

Jonas also participated, as an essential part of the SAS team, in the UN conference to

review progress made in the implementation of the program of action to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.

His work at SAS was so impressive that he has been offered a permanent position on staff upon his graduation from the Monterey Institute this year. His assignments will include creating and coordinating a new program in Nigeria on the repercussions of armed violence on public health and security sector reform. He will also continue his work on the Sudan Human Security Project, splitting his time between Geneva, the Sudan and Nigeria.

### CONGRATULATIONS JONAS!!!

We look forward to your contributions in such a vital sector of international policy

## Corrine Thompson setting the standard in Hawaii

Conflict Resolution student Corrine Thompson has been an active, vital member of the CSIS Pacific Forum in Hawaii for the past 6 months. Her work has taken her to conferences in Osaka and Maui, regarding US-Japan and US-Republic of Korea relations. She has also had several publishing opportunities for Issues and Insights and Comparative Connections. Corrine's work has led her to several invaluable networking opportunities that we fully expect to lead to an expansion in her future career possibilities. Her supervisor describes her hard work thusly: "an example for earnestness, dependability and team work."

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Special points of interest:

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### IPSS stands for?

#### *International*

Practical experience at international organizations

#### *Professional*

Apply professional skills in a global environment

#### *Service*

Work as junior staff member at a public policy organization

#### *Semester*

Semester long on-the-job learning

**This is what employers have to say about our IPSSers!**

*... confident, dynamic, motivated...*

Up for placement consideration are:

- [The Inter-American Court of Human Rights](#)
- [The UN Human Rights Council](#)
- [World Wildlife Fund](#)
- [World Conservation Union](#)
- [European Commission](#)
- [Action Against Hunger](#)

## Spring 2007—the largest IPSS group yet!

We are welcoming the largest group of highly motivated and academically prepared candidates in the history of the IPSS program. No less than 40 applicants were provisionally accepted into the program and are awaiting confirmation of their assignments.

Given the wide interests of these candidates, we have added several new organizations to the list of [participating IPSS organizations](#). The establishment of new relationships with these organizations benefits both students and faculty and stands to the credit of the Monterey Institute's international profile.

## Publications & Notes from the Field

- Working with the UN Department of Disarmament Affairs has allowed Anna Langenbach the opportunity to lead in the production of the Disarmament Digest, a daily nonproliferation and disarmament bulletin
- Douglas Tuttle is now on the editorial team for International Security Studies *African Security Review*. He is also the content editor for *Small Arms Net*. Busy!
- Benjamin King has been tasked with liaising with Red Cross National Societies from around the World in his work with the ICRC.
- Carlos Griffin has developed and participated in training for diplomats and heads of state from developing countries through his work with UNCTAD. Carlos also had an integral role in the organization of the World Investment Conference in Geneva
- Hussainatu Blake regularly contributes pieces and editing skills to *EYE*, the monthly counter-trafficking paper of the International Organization for Migration.
- Monika Szewczyk has been charged with the implementation of a regional workshop on sexual and gender based violence for UNHCR in Pretoria, South Africa.



Organization for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons Headquarters in Geneva

*"...contributions were highly appreciated not only by the unit and the Senior Regional Adviser, but also by the Secretariat, including the Director of the UN Study on Violence against Children."*

## IPSSers in Action—International Conferences

IPSS participants are often given opportunities to attend professional training seminars and workshops. At times, they are also invited to attend important international conferences and sit along side UN officials, heads-of-state, NGO directors and other professionals in their fields. A few examples:

- UN Small Arms Review Conference, *New York*
- Durban Conference: SALW firearms policy, injury prevention, etc. *South Africa*
- MIDSAs (Migration Dialogue for South Africa) Conference on Migration, Development and Poverty, *Namibia*
- World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies' (WAIPA's) 2006 World Investment Conference, *Geneva*
- Japan-China-US relations in Osaka
- US-Republic of Korea relations in Maui



Hard work in South Africa agrees with you! Hussainatu Blake, Doug Tuttle and Monika Szewczyk

## Travel

From time to time IPSSers are given the opportunity to travel beyond their assignment location, be it for conferences, interviews, research, field reporting or personal enrichment.

Below is a list of a few of the locales our students have been lucky enough to explore: (*Note the rise in interest and action within Africa!!!*)

- Africa: Various locations in South Africa, including Cape Town; Namibia; Juba & Rumbek in the Sudan; Nairobi, Kenya; Swaziland and Mozambique
- Asia: Osaka, Japan and South Korea
- The Americas: Maui and New York
- Europe: Geneva and Spiez, Switzerland

## IPSS Events!

- *August— Our Spring 2006 IPSSers are back!!!*
- *Thursday, August 24th—join us in the Irvine auditorium at 5pm for a spectacular Final Presentation of student experiences and findings*