"There is something that can only be found in one place. It is a great treasure, which may be called the fulfillment of existence. The place where this treasure can be found is the place on which one stands."
Martin Buber, *The Way of Man*

Chers Etudiants,
Nous sommes heureux de vous voir de retour sains et saufs. Vous avez sûrement beaucoup voyagé et ainsi découvert plein de nouveaux endroits qui vous ont, nous l’espérons, agréablement surpris. Welcome back to Aix and welcome back to IAU. As we said earlier, it gets deathly quiet in these buildings when you are gone! As we're sure you have discovered, travel really does open your eyes to new things, but more than anything else, travel urges you to take stock of your own place among these many new discoveries and to come to understand where exactly the treasure you seek lies. T.S. Eliot wrote, "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." We're glad to have you back here in Aix and look forward to a busy week, a few days to get back to the routine, back with friends and back to the things you have come to cherish. Take a look at the dates below and do take advantage of this quiet return to settle back into what we hope you'll consider home.
Bien à vous,
Leigh Smith
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**Career information:**

**Wednesday, March 23, 12pm. Manning Hall, Salle Zola**

If you are interested in learning about a career in the U.S. Foreign Service come join Professor Philip Breeden. Before teaching at IAU Professor Breeden was an American diplomat for almost three decades serving in Europe, and throughout Africa. He will describe the application process for joining the Foreign Service and talk about what it is like to live and work as an American diplomat abroad. Come with your curiosity and your questions!

**Lectures:**

**Wednesday, March 23 - 6:30pm, CEF, Main Hall**

Battlefield Trauma: Art and Letters from soldiers at Gettysburg and Verdun
Dr. Peter Carmichael, Gettysburg College

**Events**

**IAU Talent Show: Thursday, March 24 - 7:30pm-10pm, CEF, Main Hall**

Farouk Oni and Hunter Levy will MC the event. Whether you can carve animal statues out of a single block of wood, sing the alphabet song with 80 marbles in your mouth, cross-stitch the Mona Lisa in 30 seconds, or none of the above, there's a spot for you! Sign up at www.iaustudents.com.

**Wine Tasting: Friday, March 25, 4pm-6pm, CEF Main Hall**

Wines of France with Professor Amy Mumma - sign up at entrance to Manning Hall
Explore wines from different regions in France including Champagne; Burgundy, Bordeaux, the Loire Valley and wines from the Rhone Valley. A Taste of France in your glass.
Study Tour
Luberon Region: Sunday, March 27
Itinerary
8:45am - Hotel du Roi Rene for departure
10am - Abbaye de Silvacane
11:15am - Village of Lourmarin (castle, cemetery, village)
12:30pm - Village Lacoste (weather permitting, picnic)
2:30pm - Village Roussillon (ochre mines, village)
5:30-6pm - Return to Aix

What to bring
Good walking shoes (flip-flops a very bad idea)
Picnic food or money to buy picnic food in Lourmarin
A good windbreaker as the wind may be chilly

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday, March 26.

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