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Not the War Umesh Sharma Expected

(Harvard GSE)...Umesh Sharma

This is the story of a Harvard graduate who has taken the road less traveled. I came to the United States six years ago from Rajasthan, India, to attend Harvard. After obtaining my master's in the [International Education Policy Program](#), I decided not to return to India. I became a teacher in Washington, D.C. Then, in February 2009, the U.S. Army started a new program, MAVNI: Military Accession Vital to National Interest. I was able to join the Army despite being a legal immigrant and not having U.S. citizenship or permanent residency.

International and Foreign Language Education

(U.S. Department of Education)

International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE) advises the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education on matters affecting postsecondary, international, and foreign language education. This office is responsible for encouraging and promoting the study of foreign languages and cultures of other countries at the elementary, secondary, and postsecondary levels in the United States. The Fiscal Year 2011 grant competitions for the following IFLE programs have been cancelled: American Overseas Research Centers; Business and International Education; Fulbright-Hays Training Grants--Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad; Fulbright-Hays Training Grants--Faculty Research Abroad; International Research and Studies; and Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program.

Foreign Language Policy and Petition: How to Meet the Foreign Language Requirement (Bachelor of Arts Degree)

(University of New Hampshire)

Proficiency in a foreign language at the level achieved by satisfactory work in a one-year, college-level course. This requirement may be fulfilled by taking a College Board foreign language achievement test or by completing the equivalent of a full-year elementary course in any foreign language (must be eight UNH credits or equivalent), or by completing the equivalent of a semester of a course in a foreign language beyond the elementary year (must be four UNH credits or equivalent), or by completing the equivalent of a one-year college-level course in American Sign Language (must be eight UNH credits or equivalent). Students should be aware that not all majors accept American Sign Language as a means to satisfy departmental foreign language proficiency requirements and should check with their advisers. No credit is awarded for elementary year college coursework if the student has had two or more years of that language in high school.

Boren Scholarship, WVU help freshman become world traveler

(West Virginia University)

Cody White's freshman year at [West Virginia University](#) included a Russian language course in each semester. The [engineering](#) major from Charleston had visited the country two summers ago and hoped to return someday. White's "someday" has turned into "soon" with the awarding of a National Security Education Program's David L. Boren Scholarship. "I didn't expect to get the scholarship," White said. "I applied but I knew I had three more years to try for it. Once I found out I got it, I started to get excited." White has plenty to be excited about. Along with the scholarship, he's leaving this month for a two-month trip to China as part of a [WVU nanotechnology](#) research initiative.

Everett wins UAB's first Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship

*(UAB News)...*Shannon Thomason

Junior Kimberly Everett of Semmes, Ala., is the first [University of Alabama at Birmingham](#) student to receive the [Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fell.](#) Everett is an economics major with a concentration in PPE – philosophy and political economy – a specific program offered by the [UAB School of Business](#) and the [UAB College of Arts and Sciences](#), and a minor in Chinese. She is a student in the [UAB University Honors Program](#) with a 3.82 grade-point average. Everett also is [UAB's 2011 Truman scholar](#).

Two thirds of Irish would 'work abroad'

*(Insidelreland)...*Suzanne Blair

According to the latest figures by a Eurobarometer survey, 67% of young Irish people would work abroad, stating the main reasons being; improved academic knowledge, improved foreign language skills and awareness of another culture. The survey was conducted with young people from each country across

China and Taiwan 'first joint dictionary'

*(BBC News)...*Cindy Sui

Taiwan and China may share the same linguistic heritage - like Britain and the United States - but more than six decades of separation and political tensions have led to the Chinese language evolving in very different ways on each side; sometimes causing confusion, frustration or embarrassment. Relations have been improving since 2008 and in the past year, the two former foes have been working on a first-ever joint dictionary that will encompass their different ways of writing and speaking Chinese.

GLOBISH: How the English Language Became The World's Language

*(Washington Post)...*Robert McCrum

Robert McCrum takes as his title a word coined a decade and a half ago by Jean-Paul Nerrière, "a French-speaking former IBM executive and amateur linguistic scholar" who "had noticed that non-native English speakers in the Far East communicated more successfully in English with their Korean and Japanese clients than competing British or American executives." He thought of what they spoke as "decaffeinated English" and called it "[Globish](#)." It "starts from a utilitarian vocabulary of some 1,500 words, is designed for use by non-native speakers . . . is now quite widely recognized across the European Union, and is often referred to by Europeans who use English in their everyday interactions."

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Linguists Essential Part of Female Engagement Team Mission

*(ISAF)...*Lance Cpl. Katherine M. Solano

"Our linguist is everything to us," said Cpl. Vanessa Belcher, a Marine with FET 4, located in Marjah. "Without her we wouldn't get much accomplished." Belcher, a Tellico Plains, Tenn., native, said her linguist, Faria Jalala, is especially helpful when the Marines are in the villages and the Afghan women misconstrue her team for males. Jalala is able to wear her hair in a ponytail, which makes her more accessible to Afghan women, and in turn is able to expose them to the Marines.

Student Warrior Diplomats Take Professional Development Into Their Own Hands

*(NPS)...*MC1 Leonardo Carrillo

The Foreign Area Officer Association of Monterey (FAOAM) hosted the fifth annual Foreign Area Officer (FAO) Conference at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) early last month, exposing Monterey FAOs to a variety of diplomats and experts. The series of lectures, panels and keynote speakers were geared towards promoting the FAOAM mission of increasing professionalism, education, capabilities, communication and overall advancement of the FAO community.

2011 Command Language Program Managers' Seminar

(DLIFLC)

The presentations delivered at the seminar are posted at this location. They are posted with permission of the authors for the benefit of language program managers. This is not exhaustive. DLIFLC will add more presentations as they gain permissions.

First Honor Graduate named Boren Scholar

(Citadel News Service)

Noah Koubenec, who was awarded the David Shingler Spell First Honor Graduate at the May 7 commencement exercises for the South Carolina Corps of Cadets, has been named a Boren Scholar. A resident of Pilot Mountain, N.C., Koubenec graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in both Spanish and Political Science and a four-year cumulative GPR of a perfect 4.0. Funded by the National Security Education Program, Boren Scholarships provide up to \$20,000 to undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad.

Baby Talk: How does language develop in babies?

(ABC 15)...Connie Colla

Babies are born primed to learn language. They watch the mouths of others to learn oral motor movement skills, listen for sounds to imitate and begin to understand receptive and non-verbal language as early as four months of age. Language is introduced to toddlers in three ways: object naming, visual cueing, and face-to-face communication.

Reading helps kids learn new languages

(Stargazette.com)...Jacqueline Knitter

Research has shown that when children are exposed to a language at an early age, they are most likely to speak like a native speaker. They also tend to learn new words and phrases more easily and quickly than older students. This is an opportunity for parents to choose storybooks that can expose their children to another language and culture. Parents do not have to be fluent in a foreign language to do this. There are a number of websites on the Internet where basic words (numbers, colors, animals and so on) are pronounced by native speakers. Parents can listen and practice saying the words they need before introducing them in the story they are reading to their child.

CIA Trying to Hire More Diverse Agents

(News4Jax.com/Pam Benson)

The CIA is hiring and the agency says language skills are at the forefront. If you speak a foreign language or two, are culturally aware and you are first or second-generation American you've greatly enhanced your chances of getting a job with the CIA. The focus of CIA recruiters is on the critical languages to include: Arabic, Pashto, Urdu, Persian, Russian, Korean and Chinese.

Call for Action on Federal Budget Cuts to Language and Humanities Programs

(Modern Language Association website)

The MLA executive council issued a statement opposing cuts to language and humanities programs in the 2011 federal budget and called upon the President and Congress to ensure these programs receive adequate funding in 2012.

New York makes more cuts to Regents exams

(Pressconnects.com/Cara Matthews)

New York State education officials voted on Tuesday to stop giving Regents exams in January, eliminating Italian, French and Spanish tests to save \$700,000. This means no foreign language Regents exams will be available as German, Hebrew and Latin tests were eliminated last year.

M-I-C-K-E-Y Mouse teaches China English, love for Disney

(SouthCoast Today.com/Bloomberg News)

Disney is teaching English to China's youth and creating a future consumer base for Disney products and theme parks in the process. Disney English worked with an academic advisory board to create its Disney Immersive Storytelling Approach. Disney has established learning centers in seven Chinese cities and is finding the early going profitable.

Arabic Chat Translator Transforms Social Media Analysis

(SYS.CON Media/Marketwire)

Innovative software launched yesterday by Basis Technology is supposed to transform the way governments and businesses analyze Arabic social media and online communications. Basis Technology's Rosette Chat Translator converts Arabic chat alphabet into standard written Arabic.

Navy releases new Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus Program directive

(Department of Navy Issuances)

On 16 May Navy released a revision to its Foreign Language Proficiency Bonus (FLPB) Program via OPNAV Instruction 72270.7F. The instruction is the primary information source for Navy and Navy Reserve personnel regarding the FLPB.

Vietnamese parents try to develop their kids into prodigies

(Vietnamnet Bridge/Tien Phong)

Parents in Vietnam nowadays are going out of their way to provide days filled with learning opportunities to include learning English and foreign languages like Chinese. Are the strict schedules for children as young as 3 or 4 too much?

Area schools adapting to meet new foreign language requirements by state

(The Ogemaw County Herald/Matt Keeton)

Schools in Michigan are adapting to the Michigan Merit Curriculum established in 2006. Beginning with the Class of 2016, all students must complete two credits of world language other than English prior to graduation.