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### YCIAS Expands Role of Career and Alumni Services Office

October 3, 2003. New Haven, CT ♦ The Yale Center for International Area Studies (YCIAS) is expanding its Office of Career and Alumni Services (OCAS), in order to reach out to new constituencies within YCIAS and to support new functions. Due to the increase in responsibilities and constituencies, OCAS will now operate on a full-time basis.

"Our expanding scope gives priority to developing new and stronger student recruitment operations for the four MA programs of YCIAS," said OCAS Director Felicia Spencer. "We are also focused on strengthening YCIAS-related alumni relationships by working closely with the Association of Yale Alumni. This expansion of student and alumni support is particularly timely as YCIAS continues to expand and develop new academic programs."

According to Spencer, OCAS is building on existing collaborations with the Yale College Career and Fellowships Office. It will host events to address the career development needs for the 130 students in the undergraduate majors of YCIAS -- International Studies, African, East Asian, Latin American, Russian and East European Studies, and Ethnicity, Race and Migration.

The office will continue supporting the career development needs of nearly 100 students in the YCIAS MA programs -- International Relations, African, East Asian, and Russian and East European Studies -- by providing one-on-one counseling and innovative programming. It will also continue to work collaboratively across YCIAS and jointly with Yale's Graduate and Professional Schools, Yale College and colleagues in the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSLA).

"As the international efforts at Yale grow, we continually look for ways to improve our recruitment efforts and increase the employment opportunities available to our students and alumni in the private, government and NGO sectors," said YCIAS Director Gustav Ranis.

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