Monterey Institute’s Winter 2009 Commencement
Another Milestone in Eventful Year

Integration with Middlebury College, New Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Degree, and 20th Anniversary of Center for Nonproliferation Studies Among Highlights

Monterey, CA – The Monterey Institute of International Studies will mark the midpoint of one of the most eventful school years in its 54-year history with its annual winter commencement, to be held on Saturday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m. at the Golden State Theatre, 417 Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey. The ceremony itself will feature remarks from Professor Pablo Oliva, winner of the Institute’s Excellence in Teaching award, and student speaker Daniel Stolkowski, while celebrating the accomplishments of 104 graduates from around the globe.

Winter 2009 commencement arrives halfway through a year that in many respects embodies both the rich history and the continuing growth and innovation of the Monterey Institute.

This past summer, the Institute completed a major academic reorganization focused on fostering closer collaboration than ever before among both faculty and students in the Institute’s policy, business, language education, and translation and interpretation programs. As part of this initiative, the Institute combined the traditionally separate functions of academic and career advising into a single comprehensive campus resource for students, the Center for Advising and Career Services.

In the fall, the Institute announced its new Nonproliferation and Terrorism Studies Program -- the first of its kind internationally. This unique new offering will help Institute students meet the increased demand in both the public and private sector for policy experts in the fields of weapons of mass destruction and the threat of terrorism. The new program’s curriculum will be supported by the Institute’s James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) and Monterey Terrorism Research and Education Program (MonTREP).

Last weekend, the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies celebrated its 20th anniversary with a two-day conference featuring nonproliferation experts from across the globe, and a gala dinner featuring a keynote speech by Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation Susan Burk. The largest research center in the world dedicated to combating the spread of weapons of mass destruction, CNS’s offices in Monterey and Washington, D.C. are home to a team of 35 nonproliferation experts who are frequently quoted in national and international publications.
Closing out a momentous year, on June 30, the Institute will formally transition from being an affiliate of Middlebury College to being a fully-integrated graduate school of the Vermont liberal arts college, well-known for its language, environmental and international relations programs. Planning for the formal merger with Middlebury on June 30, 2010 has been in progress since the two institutions first signed an affiliation agreement in 2005.

What: Winter 2009 Commencement

When: Saturday, December 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Golden State Theatre
417 Alvarado Street
Monterey, CA 93940

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The Monterey Institute of International Studies is at the forefront of international professional education, preparing students for global careers in the private, public, nonprofit and educational sectors. A private graduate institution located in Monterey, California and affiliated with Middlebury College, the Institute offers fully accredited degree programs in international business, translation and interpretation, international policy studies and language teaching. The Institute’s approximately 800 students come from more than 50 countries. For more information about the Monterey Institute, visit www.miis.edu.

The James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) at the Monterey Institute strives to combat the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) by training the next generation of nonproliferation specialists and disseminating timely information and analysis. For more information about CNS, visit cns.miis.edu.