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Las Vegas Business Academy gives professionally focused grad students a leg up

Through his Las Vegas Business Academy, Rino Armeni wants to create a bold, bright cadre of Nevada business leaders. (Jerry Henkel/Las Vegas Review-Journal)

By ALAN SNEL LAS VEGAS BUSINESS PRESS

With his purple-frame eyeglasses, matching purple tie and charming, direct personality, Rino Armeni exudes style and sensibility. Through his Las Vegas Business Academy, Armeni wants to create a cadre of Nevada business leaders as bold and bright as his outfit.

The nonprofit academy awards scholarships of up to \$75,000 to college students. But instead of awarding grants to undergraduates, only graduate students enrolled in a master's program for law, hotel administration or business in Las Vegas are eligible.

"Las Vegas has never been known for higher education, but we're trying to change the image of the city," Armeni said in an interview at the Las Vegas Business Academy's 1,500-square-foot headquarters on Tropicana Avenue near the 215 Beltway.

After awarding the scholarships in October to two students enrolled in the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' law school and hotel administration college, respectively, Armeni wants to give scholarships to three graduate students in 2014. This year's scholarship winners were Las Vegas native and former 2000 Olympic gymnast Tasha Schwikert, who is attending UNLV's law school; and Matt Sheahan, a former New Yorker attending UNLV's hotel administration school.

Armeni said graduate students are specifically targeted because they're more decisive about their career aspirations.

"I learned with (undergraduate) students, they don't know what to do until their senior years," Armeni said. "It would be a gamble for us to give the amount of money we're giving."

Armeni, the former marketing director for Southern Wine and Spirits of Nevada and a former Hilton and Marriott hotel executive from Europe, relies on his 26-member board to mentor scholarship winners and show them life in business.

For example, Armeni said board member Dominic Caldara, president of Get Fresh Sales, will show one of this year's scholarship winners, Sheahan, what it's like to bid for products and deliver items to retailers.

"Matt is going to work the fruits and vegetables at 3 in the morning and learn to understand quality in business," Armeni said.

One of the organization's 11 charter members, Gary Charmel, president of wine and spirits distributor Johnson Bros. of Nevada, said the group hopes to keep Las Vegas' best and brightest from leaving Nevada while also luring bright young business professionals here.

"The bottom line is that we're trying to reverse the brain drain in Las Vegas," Charmel said. "We're all better off if we can attract the better-educated people who can drop roots in Las Vegas."

To raise money for scholarships, Armeni taps his vast grapevine of contacts. He has to generate at least \$225,000 to provide the scholarship money for three graduate students in 2014.

In 2013, 28 applicants vied for the scholarships. Armeni stressed that the winners need to be both bright students and charismatic leaders.

“We’re looking for all the qualities you need in a leader. We also want them to be a good person inside,” he said.

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[Oldest Known Human DNA Found, Potentially Unlocking Origin And Evolution Of Humans](#)

http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_slatest/2013/12/04/400_000_year_old_dna_is_oldest_human_genetic_material_ever_uncovered.html?wpsrc=upworthy

Scientists reported a new discovery on Wednesday that could offer new insights into the origins of humans. In the scientific journal [Nature](#), scientists reported they were able to extract human DNA from a thighbone found in Spain that is estimated to be 400,000 years old. That is the oldest known human DNA ever recorded, far surpassing the oldest DNA recovered previously, which dated back some 100,000 years.

The fossil was found at the “Pit of Bones” archeological site in northern Spain and from its DNA researchers were able to [replicate the entire genome of the early human](#).

Here’s more on what the discovery could mean for research on the evolution of humans via [the Associated Press](#):

The genetic sequence surprised researchers, who thought it was likely that the sequence would reveal that remains were related to the Neanderthals. Instead, the genetic sequence revealed that this early

Research: Native American genes have Eurasian ancestry Or: Eurasian genes have Native American ancestry



human species is related to another genetic cousin of modern humans, the mysterious Denisovans. Little is known about the Denisovans, who are thought to have been common throughout the regions now known as Asia and Eastern Europe. This early human species was discovered after genetic sequencing was used to map DNA through the ancient pinkie bone of a girl in 2010. Anthropologists and genetic experts said the findings from the Pit of Bones could help shed light on how early human species evolved and spread across different continents. “The mismatch between the anatomical and genetic evidence,” [the New York Times reports](#), means “scientists are now rethinking human evolution over the past few hundred thousand years.”

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[Advocacy group and US Embassy had failed to block Paris sale of Hopi and Apache 'cultural property'](#)

The Stream:

Climate Change

Despite some actions to improve ecosystem resiliency and guard against more severe weather, [China remains largely unprepared to protect its people and infrastructure—such as energy and water supplies—from climate change](#), according to a report from the country’s National Development and Reform Commission, *Reuters* reported. The commission said public knowledge of climate threats and the ability of the government to fight them are both “weak”.

There is a [correlation between melting ice in the Arctic and extreme heatwaves and rain storms in North America and Eurasia](#), according to a new study published in the journal *Nature Climate Change*, *Reuters* reported. The study authors said it adds further evidence to the argument that Arctic changes are fueling weather patterns around the globe, though they could not confirm a causal relationship between the two. Other experts criticized the study as too inconclusive.

A new type of climate modeling being developed by the United States Navy predicts that the Arctic could be free of sea ice much sooner than is generally predicted, the *Guardian* reported. The climate model, which its developers say is much more accurate than other global models, [shows that summer sea ice could disappear by 2016](#).

[A Statement of Urgency from the Spiritual Peoples of the Earth,](#)

illuminations2012.wordpress.com

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**Community Works Journal Online Magazine for Educators
Becoming More Human, Building a Better World**

By ERIC HARTMAN

What is it all about? Why engage in service-learning and place-based education, if not to improve ourselves and to improve the world around us? This question, how do individuals fit within and contribute to broader community?—has been driving liberal education, community education, and philosophy for quite literally hundreds of years. As many of the most interesting community development solutions and educational methodologies that exist today are profoundly place-based and culturally and temporally-specific, is there anything that unites us?

The question presses harder as travel and communication become more affordable. We have the opportunity to engage in cooperative and community-based development efforts that span countries, civil societies, and citizenships. Locally, our cities and now towns are increasingly diverse. We may walk through several ways of being and knowing just on the way to the store. In our contemporary moment, conscious of the many harms done by universalizing logics and civilizing mandates throughout history, we must be able to imagine at least a tentative answer. We must be able to point, albeit loosely, the direction we're headed.

If we have not gotten better at a precise answer to how we improve ourselves and the world around us, we have certainly complicated the answer(s). We do not lack for passion in pursuit of the question. In my role teaching and facilitating learning in university-community engagements in the US and around the world, I've seen the full range of tears, concerns, and fundamental life changes following from anger and outrage at our everyday, omnipresent injustices.

We don't all need to walk away. We do all need to do our part. A community organizer who runs an all-encompassing human services agency up the street from my office shared it with me this way, "When we get new interns, I ask them if they're interested in becoming more human. If they're interested in growing as people, in better connecting as people, in being better people, then we can work with them, because they'll develop relationships with people in our community. If they just want technical skills, they're not for us."

We do wish to become more human, or to be better citizens, or cosmopolitans, or global justice advocates, or, or, or... but our age is also marked by a ubiquitous uncertainty born of centuries of good intentions gone awry. This essay is about acting in the context of that broad awareness. It's about understanding the legacy of racism, sexism, colonialism, and hundreds of years of other inequities and horrors, and nonetheless figuring out how, today, we can still manage to cooperate and continue building a better world together.

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Each person must make their own journey. It is like every human is given a life canoe. The canoe has one seat and one paddle. In order to get anything out of life we must be in the canoe and we must paddle down the river of life. Now, I can share with you how my journey has

been, but I cannot paddle your canoe. You must paddle your own. Good luck! Creator, I'm so glad I have You to guide my path. By: Don Coyhis

The Great Basin American Indian Artists Web Pages Are Now Live!

Indian Territory is developing a comprehensive Great Basin American Indian [Artist](#) Listing, and the web page is now live. Artists who choose to participate will be placed on the Indian Territory website at no cost.

This is an opportunity for American Indians to market themselves and their art.

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<http://www.popsci.com/bown/2013/product/ecovative-mushroom-insulation>

[Finding Libraries in Unexpected Places](#) bookriot.com

[We usually think about libraries as staid and steady buildings, safely immobile on our city streets. Like, say, this rather pretty one: The Kalamazoo Publi](#)

[Shoshone-Paiute: It's our land | Local News Video | Idahostatesman.com](#)

[Shoshone-Paiute of Duck Valley Vice Chairman Buster Gibson says he will fight any Idaho effort to take over federal land.](#)

In today's selection -- from **Civilization** by Niall Ferguson. The year 2013 is a vantage point from which we can clearly see the ascendance of China and much of the rest of Asia. This stands as a reminder that five centuries ago, China was the world's most advanced country, and Western Europe was a backwater. In fact, while in 1500 the future imperial powers of Europe accounted for 10 percent of the world's land, 16 percent of its population, and 43 percent of its GDP, by 1913 -- with their colonial acquisitions and the ascendance of America -- these eleven countries* accounted for 58 percent of the world's land, 57 percent of its population, and a staggering 79 percent of world GDP:

"If, in the year 1411, you had been able to circumnavigate the globe, you would probably have been most impressed by the quality of life in Oriental civilizations.

The Forbidden City was under construction in Ming Beijing, while work had begun on reopening and improving the Grand Canal; in the Near East, the Ottomans were closing in on Constantinople, which they would finally capture in 1453. The Byzantine Empire was breathing its last. The death of the warlord Timur (Tamerlane) in 1405 had removed the recurrent threat of murderous invading hordes from Central Asia -- the antithesis of civilization. For the Yongle Emperor in China and the Ottoman Sultan Murad II, the future was bright.

The Beijing Palace City Scroll, depicting the Forbidden City, 15th century.

"By contrast, Western Europe in 1411 would have struck you as a miserable backwater, recuperating from the ravages of the Black Death -- which had reduced population by as much as half as it swept eastwards between 1347 and 1351 -- and still plagued by bad sanitation and seemingly incessant war. In England the leper king Henry IV was on the throne, having successfully overthrown and murdered the ill-starred Richard II. France was in the grip of internecine warfare between the followers of the Duke of Burgundy and those of the assassinated Duke of Orleans. The Anglo-French Hundred Years' War was just about to resume. The other quarrelsome kingdoms of Western Europe -- Aragon, Castile, Navarre, Portugal and Scotland -- would have seemed little better.

A Muslim still ruled in Granada. The Scottish King, James I, was a prisoner in England, having been captured by English pirates. The most prosperous parts of Europe were in fact the North Italian city-states: Florence, Genoa, Pisa, Siena and Venice.

As for fifteenth-century North America, it was an anarchic wilderness compared with the realms of the Aztecs, Mayas and Incas in Central and South America, with their towering temples and skyscraping roads. By the end of your world tour, the notion that the West might come to dominate the Rest for most of the next half-millennium would have come to seem wildly fanciful.

"And yet it happened.

"For some reason, beginning in the late fifteenth century, the little states of Western Europe, with their bastardized linguistic borrowings from Latin (and a little Greek), their religion derived from the teachings of a Jew from Nazareth and their intellectual debts to Oriental mathematics, astronomy and technology, produced a civilization capable not only of conquering the great Oriental empires and subjugating Africa, the Americas and Australasia, but also of converting peoples all over the world to the Western way of life -- a conversion achieved ultimately more by the word than by the sword. ...

"No previous civilization had ever achieved such dominance as the West achieved over the Rest. In 1500 the future imperial powers of Europe accounted for about 10 per cent of the world's land surface and at most 16 per cent of its population.

By 1913, eleven Western empires* controlled nearly three-fifths of all territory and population and more than three-quarters (a staggering 79 per cent) of global economic output. Average life expectancy in England was nearly twice what it was in India. Higher living standards

in the West were also reflected in a better diet, even for agricultural laborers, and taller stature, even for ordinary soldiers and convicts.

Civilization, as we have seen, is about cities. By this measure, too, the West had come out on top. In 1500, as far as we can work out, the biggest city in the world was Beijing, with a population of between 600,000 and 700,000. Of the ten largest cities in the world by that time only one -- Paris -- was European, and its population numbered fewer than 200,000. London had perhaps 50,000 inhabitants.

Urbanization rates were also higher in North Africa and South America than in Europe.

Yet by 1900 there had been an astonishing reversal. Only one of the world's ten largest cities at that time was Asian and that was Tokyo.

With a population of around 6.5 million, London was the global megalopolis. Nor did Western dominance end with the decline and fall of the European empires. The rise of the United States saw the gap between West and East widen still further. By 1990 the average American was seventy-three times richer than the average Chinese."

*The eleven were Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States. Of these only France, Portugal and Spain existed in 1500 in anything resembling their early twentieth-century form.

Civilization: The West and the Rest

by Niall Ferguson by Penguin Books Pages: 3-5

AALSH: Registration Open for January 2014 Online Training

[The Basics of Archives](#)

The Basics of Archives online course is designed to give organizations and individuals who are responsible for the care of historical records an introduction to the core aspects of managing and protecting historical records collections, using appropriate principles and best practices. Proceed at your own pace through this online workshop covering the basics of archive management and practices. The course is web-based and takes 15-20 hours to complete.

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SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program is designed to help small, disadvantaged businesses compete in the federal marketplace. The 8(a) Program offers executive level business training that helps to keep your small business competitive. Read on to learn about the benefits, the requirements and how to apply.

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APPLY to SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program by [following these steps](#), using our [customized 8\(a\) checklist](#) and reading up on [additional information before you get started](#).

Making it personal: Communicating a Sustainable Future

It was here, the vast grasslands of Inner Mongolia, where Genghis Khan brought his armies to mend their wounds, swim in the Nine Bendings River, fatten livestock and forge their swords. The legendary Mongol conquerors battled the elements, living in the teeth of the wind in their felted gers, founding the nomadic communities that, for dynasties, have raised sheep on these highlands.

On the December day when I visit two years ago, centuries and civilizations later, frigid blasts of razor-sharp ice crystals – some of them blackened from the dust of nearby open-pit coal mines – blow across the horizon, stopping only to swirl and tear at exposed flesh.

Wu Yun, 23, tucks in her mittens and pulls on furry boots to help her father feed the livestock. She hunkers down, unlatches the gate and lets the lambs out to graze on the fragile, brown stubble. Like minnows, these woolly beasts dart and weave for the open

field, protesting the harsh wind with loud baas. An old ram coughs against the cold, stopping for a scratch on the chin.

Wu Yun looks out over the plains, where in summertime she rides her stout horse above the dust. Today the acerbic rasp of smoke from nearby coal-fired power plants is whisked along upon the air. It seems to draw a line between the old and the new that is mirrored on the land below. On one side, gers and sheep. On the other, 300-metre-high (1,000-foot-high) buttes made of tailings from Datan International Shengli Mine, China's largest brown coal mine, which officials say could become China's largest open-pit mine in a few years.

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[As we've written before, the mysterious mass die-off of honey bees that pollinate \\$30 billion worth of crops in the US has so decimated America's apis mellifera population that one bad winter could leave fields fallow. Now, a new study has pinpointed some of the probable causes of bee deaths and the...](#)

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[After a two-year biannual hiatus, SITE Santa Fe is set to relaunch the special program next summer with a handful of international contemporary artists that represent "contemporary art from Nunavut to Tierra del Fuego."](#)

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[Its new biennial format, "SITElines: New Perspectives on Art of the Americas," brings 40 artists from 15 countries together on the theme of "Unsettled Landscapes."](#)

[A language lesson from the East Coast:](#)

Wanishi (Thank you)

Lankundôwâkôn yushé enta Xkwithakamika - Peace here on this earth

& almost Getteminâk Wuskén Gachtin (Greetings of the New Year)

[Policy: Twenty tips for interpreting scientific claims](#) [nature.com](#)

[This list will help non-scientists to interrogate advisers and to grasp the limitations of evidence, say William J.](#)

[How America Could End Homelessness in One Year With Something We All Throw Away Every Day - The...](#) [freepatriot.org](#)

[If America really cared about solving the problem of homelessness among it's citizenry, here's an idea that would work. Oh- and that opening line references the fact that as far back as 2011 empty houses in America outnumbered homeless families by five times, according to Amnesty International. Anyw...](#)

<http://www.nationofchange.org/5-reasons-why-2013-was-best-year-human-history-1386859589>

He is a prodigy. And his brother is a math whiz. They have him working with a professor at a school for the exceptionally gifted who said, after working with him for a while, he has never encountered a smarter person than this kid. Yet, he is so down to earth. But mathematics and the vision to see and understand it, is the gateway to the unknown.

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