The USC East Asian Studies Center and Middle East Studies Program present:

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program

An information session on the
U.S. Department of State’s fully-funded summer language immersion program

Thursday, November 8, 2012
3:00-4:00pm
Von KleinSmid Center (VKC) 101

The CLS Program is part of a U.S. government effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. The CLS Program provides fully-funded intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment overseas each summer for U.S. graduate and undergraduate students. **CLS languages include Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish and Urdu.** The CLS Program language institutes last from 7-10 weeks. Participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period, and later apply their critical language skills in their future professional careers.

Several of these programs do not require any previous study of the language and students of all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Among CLS Program alumni are students of dentistry, geology, and agriculture in addition to the more traditional humanities and political science majors.

**The summer 2013 application has just launched and will close on November 20.** At this information session, a CLS representative will make a brief presentation about the program and answer any questions students might have about the application process.

More information on the program can be found at www.clscholarship.org.