Senior Senada Spreco Speaks

Let's start with your life away from RC. What do you like to do outside of school and work? Hmm. Well, for one thing, I'm a die-hard soccer fan. I always keep up with the English Premier League. I support Liverpool Football Club and always have. Through wins and losses I am there supporting them from the other side of the pond. Besides the fact that they are the most talented team in England, Europe, and the world. I also think that they are the best looking team.

Are you serious?
Yes! Have you ever seen Daniel Agger? Number five. From Denmark. They call him "The Dagger". See for yourself! I can't say I'm a big fan of his tattoos, but the rest of him is...well, you really need to see him!

What is one thing that you want students to know about Fintel Library?
The library has an amazing staff that goes out of its way to help students. Another thing is, the library has tons of resources for every possible research topic. Stuff you probably won't discover on your own. So ask! It'll really make your life easier and your semester go by smoother. Like one time, when I had to write a research paper in forensic chemistry...I was sure I was doomed, but I went to Rebecca, the head reference librarian --- and she saved me! She showed me a special encyclopedia set that deals with forensic chemistry. She also showed me a database that we have on the computers at the library. I would never have gotten to that stuff on my own, you know?

And you're a poli sci major, right? Why'd you choose political science?
Well, I have lived in four countries on three continents --- for political reasons. I have always been fascinated by how governments can govern people's lives. You know, like the way governments can determine the way a person's life goes? That's been my experience, anyway. Kind of a long story, though. Maybe for another interview!

What do you hope to do after Roanoke College?
I would love to work in embassies. Hopefully the Bosnian embassy in Germany - that is if my German gets better!
TOOLS FOR STARTING YOUR RESEARCH

A great place to begin your research is to locate a recent subject encyclopedia article written by experts, sometimes by your Roanoke College professors.

What kinds of information can a subject encyclopedia article give you? Lots! An overview, important researchers in the field, key research studies in the field, definitions of specialized terms, and an outline of the major issues within the topic. Additionally, the bibliography will lead you to specific resources. With this information, you become “armed and dangerous” as you begin your research because you know the issues, the names of researchers, and the context of the topic.

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- The New Food Lover’s Companion
- Guns In American Society
- The Encyclopedia of Latin American and Caribbean Literature

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“The business of America is business,” Calvin Coolidge said before the Great Depression. Where is American business now? FINTEL LIBRARY is offering two new online resources from Mergent to help you track the business of America.

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