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## **Exploring the Alps by Bike: Riding the Famous, the Common, and the Forgotten Roads in and around Innsbruck**

Ashley R. Norris & Jered Gruber  
University of New Orleans / University of Innsbruck

**Wednesday, 24 June 2009  
7 p.m., room 50101/1**

Innsbruck is a world-renowned leader for all things mountain. Skiing and hiking are arguably the two most famous forms of outdoor activity related to the mountains of Tirol, but there is another incredible activity to be had in this great region - cycling. The roads of Tirol range from highway to main road to tourist thoroughway to forgotten unpaved farm path. The mountains beckon for anyone with the legs, gears, and willingness to ride uphill. The area is a veritable cyclists' playground, and we have taken the mission upon ourselves to explore everything.

**Ashley Norris** is a student from the University of New Orleans who has been studying with the Academic Year Abroad program at the University of Innsbruck for the past year. She also studied with the UNO-Innsbruck summer school program in 2007, and plans to take courses again this summer. Ashley is majoring in International Studies with a concentration in Environmental Studies. She has done research on Invasive Species in several regions of China, and wishes to pursue Graduate School in the Yunan Province. She is joined in this lecture by her boyfriend **Jered Gruber**, who is a journalist and a professional cyclist. Jered has raced at the elite level for five years and as a professional for the past two. Jered has spent a fair bit of time in Austria in the past. He worked on a farm in Vorarlberg for a summer, and has family stretched across the country from one end to the other.

The talk will be followed by a small reception.  
Looking forward to welcoming you to this ACI event,

Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Gudrun M. Grabher  
(Director, American Corner Innsbruck)

& Ass.-Prof. Dr. Margaret Davidson (for  
the University of New Orleans and the  
Austro-American Society/Tirol)