



# GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

*An Office of International Programs Newsletter*

## Executive Director's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Office of International Programs, I would like to welcome you back to campus! For those of us in OIP, we are looking forward to working with you to continue our cause in advancing the internationalization of the UNC Charlotte campus. We have many exciting plans this year and would be delighted for you to join us. Some of the projects that we will be working on include: developing new programs that foster interaction between our U.S. American and our international student population; expanding faculty collaboration in order to enhance and strengthen involvement in education abroad programming; and, forging an even stronger partnership with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. Ultimately, it is our goal to create a climate on our campus where "internationalization" becomes an integral component to our each of our students' experience with us.

We are looking forward to working with our longtime supporters as well as with our new faculty and staff. In fact, we strongly encourage our new colleagues to join us in our programming and become involved in any way that you can. Now more than ever before, it is critical to educate our students to have an appreciation for their interconnectedness with the world around them. We welcome your thoughts, contributions, and involvement.

Have a wonderful academic year 2006-2007 and do not forget to attend our 31st annual International Festival on September 30, 2006 in and around the Student Activities Center.



Joël A. Gallegos, *Executive Director*

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual International Festival, Sept. 30



In 1975, the International Festival at UNC Charlotte was one of the first Charlotte community events to recognize the importance of internationalism in the region. It has been named one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society three times. Thirty-one years later it continues to highlight, in an extraordinary one-day festival, the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells from countries all over the world.

Based on previous years' estimates, an expected 10,000 people will converge in and around the Barnhardt Student Activity Center on September 30, 2006, between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM to experience this year's events. A giant Earth Balloon

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## World Citizen Award Dinner



*Dr. Graham Allison*

On November 6, 2006, 6:15 PM at the Renaissance Hotel in Charlotte, the World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC) will host its annual fundraiser and recognition dinner. This year, the WACC will be honoring Dr. Graham Allison with the World Citizen Award. The award is presented annually to recognize a prominent world citizen with ties to the Carolinas. Allison was born in Charlotte, NC and graduated from Meyers Park High School. Since then he has held numerous distinguished posts in government and academia including Assistant Secretary of Defense in the first Clinton Administration and founding dean of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Currently, Allison is Director of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. Please plan to join us for an evening recognizing the accomplishments of Dr. Graham Allison. Tickets are now available for purchase. More information is available at [www.charlotteworld.org](http://www.charlotteworld.org).

# Japanese Teachers Study American Teaching Methodologies

For almost 2 decades, teachers from across Japan have come to UNC Charlotte to study American teaching methodologies, English language and American culture.

Organized and designed by the Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP), the “Mini-Internship for Japanese Elementary Teachers” program combines traditional classroom learning, hands-on experiences in local schools, and cultural activities to offer participants an innovative and comprehensive education.

Following two days of classes and lectures on campus, the participants spent a week-long internship at Benton Heights Elementary in Union County working along-side their teachers and students. Each day of the internship culminated with a professional development seminar, site visit and a debriefing session.

Kiyomi Fujii, a teacher from Tokushima City, returned to participate in the program for her third time. “Interacting with American teachers and students is a great learning experience that I can take back to Japan,” she says.



Susumu Ikemura, a teacher who works with autistic children, echoed Kiyomi’s sentiments about the effect of the program. This summer marks his fourth time participating in the program.

The lead instructor for the program is Debbie Connell, a teacher in Union County. Connell, who lived in Japan for 12 years and speaks fluent Japanese, is able to draw on her own experiences abroad and feels that she

relates well with the teachers. “I look forward to the teacher’s arrival every summer,” she said.

## International Festival, continued

will again be present for a unique look at the oceans and continents from inside the world; the Parade of Nations is an



International Festival tradition of dress and costume; musicians and performers will delight the crowds throughout the day; and food is always available.

The international students at UNC Charlotte eagerly anticipate this event and put much effort into their presentations; international community groups also attend and celebrate their heritage. This year we’d like to see more American students and UNC Charlotte community members participate and/or attend. If you’d like more information on how you can be involved or how you may encourage your students to participate, please contact Amy Mabery at 687-6094 or [ammabery@email.uncc.edu](mailto:ammabery@email.uncc.edu). For more information you may also visit the Web site at <http://ifest.uncc.edu>.

## Office of International Programs Welcomes New Staff

The Office of International Programs (OIP) has added several new faces to its programs. Please join us in welcoming **Kimberly Neill** in the Office of Education Abroad (OEA), **Leiu McCutcheon** with the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) and **Amy Mabery** with the International Student/Scholar Office (ISSO). We are pleased to introduce them as contributors to our programs.

**Kimberly Neill** has joined OEA in the capacity of Assistant Director after completing her master’s degree in Student Affairs Administration at Clemson University. Previously, she has taught high school Spanish, math, reading, study skills and ACT/SAT prep in Indiana. She has spent time working in Madrid as an au-pair, interning at the University of Plymouth in Exmouth and traveling extensively in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Neill believes that a study abroad experience offers powerful and insightful opportunities which serve as catalysts in personal and professional development.

**Leiu McCutcheon** joined OIP at the end of May and will be assisting ELTI with advising and counseling functions as well as general program management. She joined us from New York where daily living was an international experience. She has experience in fundraising for both the profit and non-profit sectors for cancer and leukemia research.

**Amy Mabery** graduated from NC State with a master’s degree in Organizational Communication in 2004 and spent a year teaching high school science in Honduras before joining us this year as an intern with ISSO. She discovered her passion for international education after volunteering with international students after she graduated with her undergraduate degree in environmental research. She will be assisting with existing programs at OIP as well as working with the UNC Charlotte campus community to involve more American students with international events – particularly the 31st annual International Festival.



Piazza



Batista

## CIEE Seminar Participants Return

**Dr. James A. Piazza** from the Department of Political Science and **Dr. José Batista** from the Department of Language and Culture Studies spent a portion of their summer with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE). Piazza visited Turkey and participated in a seminar on “Politics, Religion, and Civil Society.” Batista visited Argentina and Chile for a seminar on “Economic Reform, Regional Integration, and Democratization in Chile and Argentina.” Both returned with positive impressions of the content and experience.

The academic content of Piazza’s seminar introduced him to faculty from the Middle Eastern Technical University in Ankara, community ac-

tivists and NGO workers, representatives of Islamist political and social movements and with women’s groups. Each visit discussed a different aspect of Turkey’s progress in building a new civil society.

The content for Batista’s seminar was equally engaging. The non-academics who presented, such as the Minister of Education in Chile and a lawyer involved in building the case against Pinochet, “provided fresh perspectives and were able to share keen insights to their topics because they spoke of their life’s work...”

In addition to the academic content, both programs provided unique opportunities for participants to experience the culture of their host country. Piazza enjoyed “a tour

of Cappadocia, a cruise on the Bosphorus and, of course, exquisite Turkish cuisine.” Batista, too, had time to explore the region. His visits included pottery lessons with a local family, a visit to the home of the 1971 Nobel prize winner, Pablo Neruda, and to former camps of torture to speak with survivors of the repressive regimes of the seventies in both Argentina and Chile.

The Office of International Programs and the College of Arts and Sciences secured funding for Piazza and Batista to participate. The aim is to sponsor additional programs in the future designed to support faculty in this way. CIEE has posted 2007 seminar opportunities at [www.ciee.org](http://www.ciee.org).

## Macquarie University visitors at UNC Charlotte

The Office of International Programs hosted a visit to UNC Charlotte in July for visitors from Macquarie University in New South Wales, Australia. Elizabeth M. Deane, Professor and Dean, Division of Environmental and Life Science and Davina Potts, Manager, Macquarie Abroad, met with Office of International Programs’ staff and Mirsad Hadzikadic, Dean, College of Information Technology; Larry Mays, Director of Bioinformatics and Professor of Computer Science; Rick Lejk, Associate Dean, College of Information Technology; Nancy Gutierrez, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences; and, Catherine Hicks, Associate Director, Charlotte Research Institute.

In February 2004, UNC Charlotte and Macquarie University signed an agreement of exchange for faculty and students. Students interested in exploring the possibility of participating in a study abroad experience at Macquarie should contact the Office of Education Abroad at 704-687-2464 or go to <http://www.edabroad.uncc.edu> for more information. Faculty interested in exchange

with a faculty from Macquarie should contact the Office of International Programs at 704-687-2442. More information about faculty exchange can be found at <http://www.uncc.edu/oip/faculty.htm>.



Davina Potts and Elizabeth M. Deane

## South Koreans Study Video Game Design at UNC Charlotte



The second annual “Computer Game Design and Development” program took place at UNC Charlotte this summer. The three-week program, organized by the Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP), was designed for Computer Science students from Hallym University, South Korea, and included academic as well as cultural and recreational activities.

The students spent most of their days in computer game design classes and English language classes. A series of ten Spotlight on Research sessions exposed the Hallym University students to the cutting edge computer science research being conducted in the College of Information Technology. The students then designed their own video games with the guidance of their instructor, Dr. Tiffany Barnes. Most of the games were adventure and puzzle based and included multiple phases and levels. The program culminated with the presentation of these games to UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and eight student program assistants who spent a great deal of time with the Hallym University students throughout the 3-week program.

Susan Lambert, Director, IOP, was pleased with the outcome of this year’s program. “The interdisciplinary nature of the final project made it even more interesting. The students applied their knowledge of art, music, drama, animation, architecture and psychology to the design of their games,” she said.

### *Polish Art on Display*

This summer, the Office of Education Abroad facilitated twelve programs around the globe. Art Making and Cultural Exploration in Central Europe, led by Professor Maja Godlewska, provided students the opportunity to study printmaking, ceramics, papermaking, and stained glass mosaic at the Academy of Fine Arts in Wroclaw, Poland. Students from this Academy will have some of their work on display at Rowe Gallery from August 28th through September 25th. Please join us in welcoming these students to our campus.

### **Faculty: Get Involved with Education Abroad**

The Office of Education Abroad (OEA) is always looking for faculty interested in developing new programs abroad as well as faculty and staff on campus looking to help promote study abroad to UNC Charlotte students.

If you are interested in promoting education abroad to your students through developing a new program abroad or promoting study abroad options to students in your departments, please contact the OEA Director, Brad Sekulich, at [sekulich@email.uncc.edu](mailto:sekulich@email.uncc.edu).



# The Year of Study Abroad is Active.

The U.S. Senate designated 2006 as the Year of Study Abroad. At UNC Charlotte, the year began with 89 students participating on exchange and study abroad programs in 17 different countries, and the Office of Education Abroad continues to stay active throughout the year.

This summer 228 UNC Charlotte students studied in 19 different countries on a variety of programs offered through UNC Charlotte and other providers. New faculty-led offerings took our students to Poland to study art at the Wroclaw Academy of Fine Arts and to participate in Service Learning at our exchange partner Kingston University in the United Kingdom.

UNC Charlotte faculty led the following programs:

Architecture and Sacred Places in China led by Dr. Jeff Meyer

Architecture in Italy led by Professor Greg Snyder

Art in Wroclaw led by Professor Maja Godlewska

British Culture and Service Learning led by Dr. Kim Buch

Civil Engineering Study Abroad in Limoges led by Dr. Jim Bowen

Engineering Exchange Programs in Bethune and Limoges, France

International Business in Paris led by Professor Cindy Fox

Schools and Culture of Europe led by Dr. Corey Lock

Shakespeare in Performance led by Professor Emeritus Dr. John

McNair

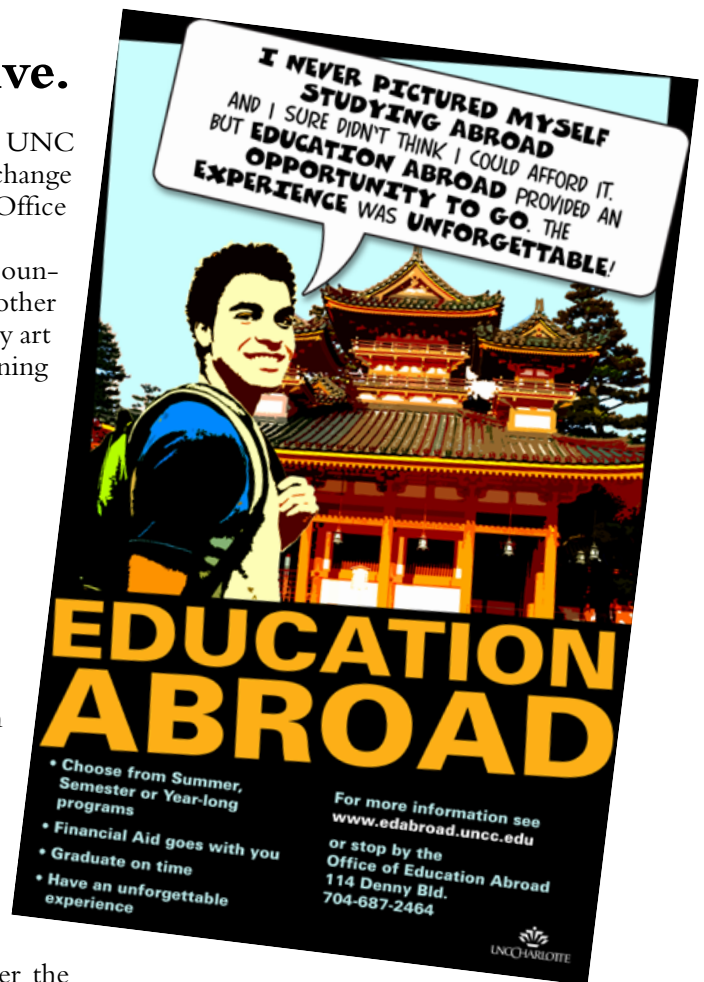
Spanish Language Study in Costa Rica led by Professor Mary Frances Castro

Summer Program in Mexico led by Dr. Carlos Coria

United Kingdom Public Relations Seminar led by Dr. Barbara Desanto

Fall 2006 will wrap up the Year of Study Abroad with 77 Students studying in 14 different countries. This represents a 44% increase over the number of students who went abroad last fall.

More information on the Year of Study Abroad can be found at <http://www.yearofstudyabroad.org/>



## Japanese Professors to Visit UNC Charlotte

This fall, the Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST), Japan, will send six professors to UNC Charlotte for a program of pedagogical skill building and exploration of opportunities for collaborative research. The professors, who specialize in computer science, bioinformat-

ics and chemistry, will attend seminars on teaching development as well as spotlight on research sessions given by UNC Charlotte faculty. The NAIST professors will also have opportunities to present their own research to faculty and staff with the goal of establishing research connections between the two institutions.

Susan Lambert, Director, Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs, is confident about the success of the program. "We view this two-week program as the first step in building a broad institutional partnership that could eventually encompass a variety of activity such as faculty visits and exchange, research collaboration, inbound short-term student programs, graduate student exchange and other forms of cooperation."

Norito Hamada at the Nara Institute feels that the program will "improve the professors' teaching skills as well as promote relationships and research collaboration between NAIST and UNC Charlotte."

The professors will be at UNC Charlotte September 24 – October 7, 2006. They will also attend various cultural and recreational events in addition to their professional and academic activities.



NAIST Information Science Building

# Charisse Coston returns from Kingston University

Every year UNC Charlotte sends a tenured or tenure-track faculty member to serve as resident director of the Kingston University student exchange program for the academic year. Charisse Coston (Criminal Justice) has recently returned from serving as this past year's resident director. While there, she advised UNC Charlotte students participating in the student exchange program at Kingston and planned cultural field trips for those students including trips to Brighton, Oxford University, Paris, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Kew Gardens, and Edinburgh, Scotland.



In addition to assisting students on the exchange program, Coston conducted research in her academic discipline. Kingston provided an office, a computer, and library privileges to her during her stay there.

For over 20 years UNC Charlotte and Kingston University have exchanged students for a year of study abroad. Each year 10 – 15 UNC Charlotte students go to England to take classes in their degree disciplines and many of them take a course titled "British Life and Culture" that focuses on the cultural aspects within the countries that make up the United Kingdom. The relationships with other countries in the region and around the world are also explored. Approximately the same number of Kingston students come to UNC Charlotte each year to take classes in their degree disciplines.

Coston says, "We used bicycles as our primary mode of transportation although the bus, train, and subway systems were utilized and nearby. Using all of these types of transportation made it possible to interact with a lot of the vendors along the streets, at the fresh markets, news agents and our neighbors. I highly recommend this exchange for students and professors."

For more information regarding the UNC Charlotte-Kingston University exchange program please call the Office of Education Abroad at 72464.

## *Welcome Reception for New Faculty*

The Office of International Programs (OIP) invites all faculty new to UNC Charlotte to join us for a welcome reception on October 3, 3:00-5:00 PM, in the Cone Center Room 210. This is an opportunity for faculty to get to know us and the programs we have available to promote global understanding and international diversity. Our initiatives offer a range of international resources, exchange opportunities, and research support for faculty at UNC Charlotte. Please RSVP to [mbzink@email.uncc.edu](mailto:mbzink@email.uncc.edu) or 704-687-2442.

## *College of Engineering Students to Present on Internships in France*

Several Lee College of Engineering students will be presenting in early October their Summer 2006 French Exchange Program experiences. Students will briefly highlight their technical internships which were done at French companies/organizations. For more information, contact Linda Thurman at 704-687-4415; [lthurman@uncc.edu](mailto:lthurman@uncc.edu).

## *Latin American Studies*

The Latin American Studies program had an eventful and exciting spring semester and summer. In February, we received approval to plan an M.A. in Latin American Studies, and the document seeking authorization to implement that new degree program is currently awaiting deliberation by the Graduate Council. If everything goes as planned, we hope to admit our first students for the fall semester 2007. Our undergraduate program continues to grow. A total of seven students graduated from the program in 2005-2006, our first year with graduates, and two of them received curricular honors.

The highlight of the spring semester was the conference of the Southeast Council of Latin American Studies, held in uptown Charlotte April 6-8, 2006. More than 160 attendees, including fourteen graduate students and UNC Charlotte faculty, read papers and commentaries and/or attended the sessions. At the meeting, the SECOLAS membership voted to transfer the seat of the organization as well as the editorship of its two journals, *The Latin Americanist* and the *SECOLAS Annals* to UNC Charlotte. Angela Herren, Assistant Professor of Art History, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of SECOLAS, and Ana-Isabel Aliaga-Buchenau, Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature, was elected to the Executive Council. Gregory Weeks, Associate Professor of Political Science, is the new editor of *The Latin Americanist*, which will provide an internship opportunity for one to two UNC Charlotte students each semester. Finally, Jurgen Buchenau, Professor of History and Director of Latin American Studies, is co-editor of the *SECOLAS Annals* together with Gregory Crider, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of History at Wingate University. We are looking forward to the many opportunities for internationalization that SECOLAS will bring to UNC Charlotte during the coming years.

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## *International Business*

The Belk College of Business is continuing to offer successful programs in Asia and Latin America and will soon begin a program in Europe. In Asia, the College offers an Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) program in Taipei, Taiwan. As of this fall, UNC Charlotte will approach 100 MBA candidates in Taiwan. Within the next 12 to 18 months the College will offer graduate programs in Hong Kong (with Interactive Education Ltd.) and Guangzhou, China (with Sun Yat-sen University), as well as an undergraduate program in Beijing, China (with Beijing Normal University). In Mexico, the Belk College collaborates with Tec de Monterrey, the top ranked business school in Latin America, to offer a dual-degree MBA-Global Business and Strategy (GBS) program. The program has grown into one of the highest ranked double degree programs in Latin America. In Europe, the College is collaborating with Copenhagen Business School (CBS) to offer a double-degree M.S. degree in Economics with a concentration in Finance. Discussions are currently underway with numerous other universities to establish programs, faculty teaching opportunities and study abroad programs with the Belk College. Finally, the Belk College is committed to sending students to study abroad for at least one semester and to that end has raised \$180,000 in scholarships.

## International Studies Update

Harry Chernotsky returns as director following a semester leave. Garth Green, who served as interim director last spring, will continue to be involved with advising and programming activities. Charles Houck, Julie Townsend and Ed Brynn will be offering courses in the program this fall. They will be joined by Rebecca Vincent, who will be teaching in the area of international conflict. International Studies continues to attract students with a diversity of backgrounds and interests. Recent graduates may be found pursuing advanced study in such fields as international affairs, law, linguistics and film. A number of new courses have been incorporated into the curriculum to provide a wider array of choices in fulfilling core requirements. A Comparative Studies concentration has also been added. A full slate of extra-curricular programming is scheduled for the year. This will include a three part workshop series on cross cultural understanding presented by Melissa Chambers, formerly with the Office of Education Abroad. International Studies has also concluded an agreement with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte to bring additional programming to the UNC Charlotte campus.

## Upcoming Events

### August 28 – September 25

Artwork from Academy of Fine Arts in Wroclaw, Poland on Display, Rowe Gallery

### September 7

International Coffee Hour, 4:00-6:00 PM, Prospector Café

### September 15

Application Deadline for Spring 2007 Education Abroad

### September 21

Fall Study Abroad Fair, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Belk Tower

### September 21

International Coffee Hour, 4:00-6:00 PM, Prospector Café

### September 30

International Festival, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM, Student Activities Center

### October 3

New Faculty Welcome Reception, 3:00-5:00 PM, Cone Center Room 210

### October 5

International Coffee Hour, 4:00-6:00 PM, Prospector Café

### October 18

Education Abroad Photo Contest Deadline

### October 19

International Coffee Hour, 4:00-6:00 PM, Prospector Café

### November 2

International Coffee Hour, 4:00-6:00 PM, Prospector Café

### November 6

World Citizen Award Dinner, 6:15 PM, Renaissance Hotel

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