



# GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

*An Office of International Programs Newsletter*

## Executive Director's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

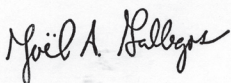
The spring semester is well under way and we in the Office of International Programs (OIP) are settling quite comfortably into our new home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the College of Health and Human Services Building. After thirty years in the Denny Building, we are excited about a new era in OIP. New international student arrivals were some of the first to experience our services in the new space early in the New Year, and each day more and more UNC Charlotte students are coming in to learn about education abroad opportunities. While many of our longtime supporters have come by for a visit and a tour of the new facility, we invite all of you to come for a visit.

The Office of International Programs is enthusiastic about 2007. We are encouraged by the growing numbers of our students going abroad, the growing international presence of students and faculty on our campus and by the creative programs that we develop in partnership with the campus community. These programs serve our campus in many fundamental ways including building the skills of our students to interact effectively in today's competitive global world, and providing our campus community with opportunities to learn about and appreciate the world around us.

It is our hope that 2007 will not only be a banner year for all of us at UNC Charlotte but also for campus internationalization on a broader national level. One of the exciting initiatives this year is The Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Program which is a national initiative to create a more globally informed American citizenry; increase participation in quality programs of study abroad; encourage students from diverse backgrounds to study abroad; diversify locations of study abroad, with an emphasis on developing countries; create an innovative partnership with higher education to open more doors for study abroad; and to internationalize U.S. higher education by making study abroad a cornerstone of undergraduate education. There are also national efforts to advocate for international students and scholars to come to the U.S. to study.

As always, I hope that you find this newsletter helpful and informative. Please remember that your suggestions and recommendations are always welcome and do not hesitate to contact me if you are interested in becoming involved in any way.

Sincerely,



Joël A. Gallegos, *Executive Director*

## Honoring International Women's Day

The Office of International Programs cordially invites members of the UNC Charlotte campus community to celebrate International Women's Day on Thursday, March 22, 2007 from 3:30–5:00 PM in Storrs Gallery. This celebration will include a reception recognizing individuals involved in international and local women's issues and special performances from the UNC Charlotte Department of Music.

You are also invited to nominate someone who has made an impact on the lives of women locally and globally to be recognized and celebrated on this special day. It is an opportunity to acknowledge that our campus community is filled with local women who embody the richness of internationalism and to recognize these individuals for their contributions to our University and to the world.

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## Consul General Hans-Joerg Brunner Visits Campus



The Office of International Programs welcomed Hans-Joerg Brunner, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Atlanta, to campus on February 6, 2007. Consul General Brunner spoke in McKnight Hall on "Germany 2007: European & Global Challenges." Several International Studies and Political Science classes attended the presentation in addition to other UNC Charlotte faculty and staff.

Germany is hosting the G8 conference this year and is also leading the EU for the next six months. Consul Brunner spoke about these activities and then made himself available for questions from the audience.

The G8, short for Group of 8, is an unofficial forum of the heads of the leading industrialized democracies (Russia, the U.S., Britain, France, Japan, Germany, Canada and Italy), where the European Commission is also represented and fully participates.

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# ELTI: Preparing International Students for English-Based Academic Study

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI), housed in the Office of International Programs, has been a part of UNC Charlotte since 1978. It is an intensive English program (IEP) for international students, whose first language is not English, to prepare for the rigors of academic study in English-based coursework.

ELTI's fourteen faculty have extensive experience teaching English as a second language and working with international students; most of the faculty hold master's degrees in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) or in linguistics. As in other academic departments, ELTI faculty are expected to be professionally active, and they serve as English as a Second Language (ESL) and intercultural consultants for other departments and units at UNC Charlotte and in the community.

Students arrive from around the globe to spend twenty hours a week in reading/writing, listening/speaking, grammar and vocabulary classes in addition to participating in extracurricular activi-



ties provided by ELTI or the University. They are tested when they arrive and are placed in one of seven English proficiency levels. Students then progress each semester until they reach the language test scores required for admission to the University.

In addition to preparing international students for academic study, ELTI assesses the spoken English language ability of all new international teaching assistants (ITAs) and faculty at UNC Charlotte, as mandated by the state, and offers a communications course for the ITAs and a

consulting service for faculty. ELTI office staff help the average ninety students each semester orient themselves to living in the United States.

The students in ELTI are a resource for the University and the community as well. They are eager to communicate with native speakers of English and so they frequently participate in UNC Charlotte's International Conversation Partners program and the International Coffee Hours held every first and third Thursday of the month. ELTI classes are available for exchanges with academic classes, where they can offer unique insights about their respective cultures. ELTI students also visit area schools to share their culture with local students.

To learn more about the services ELTI provides or to suggest other ways in which we might serve University faculty and students, please contact the ELTI Director, Jeff Adams-Davis, at [jk-adamsd@email.uncc.edu](mailto:jk-adamsd@email.uncc.edu), at 704-687-7743, or come by the new offices in the College of Health and Human Services Building, Room 267.

## Two to Participate in Latino Initiative

Owen Furuseth (Metropolitan Studies and Extended Academic Programs) and Heather Smith (Geography and Earth Science) will be participating in the Latino Initiative of The Center for International Understanding in Guanajuato, Mexico from March 26 until April 1. The program provides N.C. policy leaders with resources and information to create practical solutions for successfully incorporating immigrants into their communities. UNC Charlotte is the institutional partner for this initiative; Joan Lorden (Academic Affairs) participated in 2005.

The goals of the program are:

- To develop a multi-disciplinary network

of leaders interested in investigating the challenges of incorporating immigrants into strong North Carolina communities;

- To gain a deeper understanding of the cultural, political, social, and economic issues impacting the decisions of Mexicans to come to North Carolina and the families they leave behind;
- To have a better understanding about what cultural, governmental, and local resources are available in North Carolina and in participating counties in order to make appropriate community-based decisions for the benefit of all residents.

## Consul General visit (continued)

This forum was designed to harmonize attitudes to acute international problems. The member states account for 49% of global exports, 51% of industrial output, and 49% of assets in the International Monetary Fund.

The history of the Group, which initially consisted of seven members, began in November 1975, with the first meeting of the leaders of six countries in Rambouillet at the initiative of President of France Giscard d'Estaing. Canada joined the Group a year later, and Russia formally joined the group in 1997.

Consul Brunner has served as the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Atlanta, Georgia since January, 2003 and has served in various capacities in the German government since 1984.

## International Women's Day (continued)

Nominations may include:

- An international or U.S. American woman in the UNC Charlotte campus community with international interests or whose achievements and accomplishments deserve recognition;
- a student focusing on global women's issues; or
- a UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, or community member who works with international women or on global women's issues.

No accomplishment is too small, no experience insignificant. Take the time to nominate those whose every day actions deserve recognition. A brief nomination form is available at <http://www.isso.uncc.edu/nominationform.htm>.

Please note: someone who has been already recognized at this celebration may not be formally nominated again. For a complete listing of previous honorees, please visit <http://www.uncc.edu/oip/intwomensday.htm>. Nominations are due on or before Monday, March 12, 2007.



# Vietnamese Faculty at UNC Charlotte for Faculty Development Program

Seven professors from Vietnam National University – Hanoi, College of Technology, traveled to UNC Charlotte in December to learn new ways of incorporating technology into their teaching. This faculty professional development program was conducted by the Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) in partnership with the Faculty Center for Teaching and e-Learning (FCTeL).

Led by Mark Sivy (FCTeL), FCTeL presented a series of demonstrations, seminars and hands-on workshops on instructional technologies including e-learning applications, smart classrooms and Blackboard Vista. Instructors included Sallie Ives, Lorraine Stanton, Garvey Pyke, Caryl Gordon, Zhivi Saxon, Debbie Mowry (Information Technology Services) Maria Yon (Reading and Elementary Education), Sam Enemen and Ron Lewis (FCTeL).

Susan Lambert (IOP) facilitated the participants' efforts to explore opportunities for research collaboration and to lay the foundation for development of a long-term institutional relationship with UNC Charlotte. To help them achieve this goal, Lambert arranged a full schedule of appointments and escorted the Vietnamese professors to meetings with more than a dozen UNC Charlotte administrators and professors including Joël Gallegos (Office of International Programs); Larry Hodges (Computer Science); Bill Chu (Software and Information Systems); and Chau Tran (International Student/Scholar Office).

Mirsad Hadzikadic (College of Computing and Informatics), Tom Reynolds (Graduate School), and Greet Provoost (Graduate School for International Student Admissions/Affairs) were especially interested in meeting



these visitors as they had just returned from a recruiting trip to Vietnam.

Ivan Howitt, Mohammad Ali Hasan, Arun Ravindran, Ron Sass, and Jim Conrad (Electrical and Computer Engineering) discussed their research interests and gave the visitors tours of Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering labs. Steve Clark (Classroom Support) demonstrated the use of and explained the construction of the smart classroom self-contained podiums. Cheryl Brown (Political Science) delivered a presentation on managing virtual teams and e-service learning.

Nguyen Nam Hai, Senior Lecturer and Director of the Center for Computer Network and e-Learning at Vietnam National University – Hanoi, said, "The business trip of the group has achieved excellent results, which go beyond all expectations of every member of the two aims put forward. This was firstly owing to Ms. Susan Lambert – Director of Intercultural Outreach Programs, and Mr. Mark Sivy, Vice Director of Faculty Center for Teaching and eLearning, for their enthusiasm as well as their professional and scrupulous organizational methods."

## International Student/Scholar Office Workshops

The UNC Charlotte International Student/Scholar office (ISSO) will be hosting a workshop on "Understanding International Students" on March 3, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Training Room of Colvard North 5092.



UNC Charlotte's staff members play an important role in providing services and programs for the University's growing and diverse international students and faculty. Marian Beane and Denise Medeiros of ISSO will be offering the workshop for staff members who routinely interact with

international students and faculty.

Workshop participants will:

- 1) Consider ways to communicate effectively with international students & faculty;
- 2) Learn about resources at the University and in the community that can be helpful in understanding and working with international students & faculty;
- 3) Have the opportunity for conversation with some interna-

tional students who study at UNC Charlotte.

If you are interested in participating or in sending your front-line staff you can access the registration information at <http://www.hr.uncc.edu/Training/index.asp>

ISSO has posted its annual fall-semester workshop, "Immigration 101" online for faculty and staff to access at their convenience. Faculty and academic advisors interact on a regular basis with international students at UNC Charlotte who often represent a variety of learning styles and sets of expectations based upon educational systems outside the U.S. In addition to adapting to a new way of learning, many international students also feel anxiety due to additional responsibilities such as abiding by immigration regulations, finding part-time work, living up to family expectations in their home countries and learning to be successful in a new culture.

"Immigration 101" covers many of these topics. The power-point presentation used in that workshop is available at [www.issouncc.edu](http://www.issouncc.edu) and is meant to provide a useful context for these issues as well as to provide contact information for referrals to the ISSO as appropriate. Questions and comments are welcome at [intlssouncc@email.uncc.edu](mailto:intlssouncc@email.uncc.edu).

## Photo Contest Winners 2006

Each Fall semester, the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) invites students who have studied abroad during the previous three semesters to enter a photo contest that will allow them the opportunity to win a cash award in one of three categories, and to represent their study abroad experience to future program participants. The three categories for entry are Portrait, Landscape and Defining Moment. Our winners are included in this newsletter, but all of the entries are on display in our office, 256 College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) Building.

### Photo Contest Winner Category: Defining Moments



#### 1st Place: Ryan Gorman Major: French

Location: Limoges, France

Caption: "I saw this written in Downtown Limoges. It's unbelievable that someone could write such hatred on a medieval building that has so much history. 'Tremble Bourgeois': Tremble Bourgeois."

## Faculty Development Opportunity: CIEE Seminars

The Office of International Programs (OIP) and the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) have partnered to provide an exciting professional development opportunity for faculty within the College of Arts and Sciences. The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) offers short-term international seminars designed to provide faculty members with a new experience abroad that will result in incorporating an international dimension in course design, research, and teaching. Participants are expected to return to campus to assist OIP in supporting the international mission of our campus. Recipients are awarded the cost of the seminar as well as the international flight. "I am delighted to support this initiative. In order to successfully incorporate an international dimension into campus life, it is imperative to develop opportunities for faculty that encourage and support their international interests," explained Joël Gallegos (OIP).

In 2006 this partnership provided funding to James Piazza (Political Science) and José Manuel Batista (Spanish) to participate in CIEE International Seminars in Turkey and Chile & Argentina, respectively. We are pleased to announce that OIP and COAS have been able to secure funding to provide this opportunity to two more faculty members in 2007.

This year's recipients of the award include:

Melissa Feinberg, (History & Women's Studies), will participate in the seminar entitled "Muslim Communities in Contemporary Europe," from June 4 - June 14, 2007 in France & the Netherlands.

Rebecca J. Atencio, (Portuguese and Latin American Studies), will participate in the seminar entitled "Revolution and Neoliberal Reform in Nicaragua," from July 3 - July 10, 2007 in Nicaragua.

For more information about this opportunity, faculty members are encouraged to contact Nancy Gutierrez (College of Arts and Sciences) or Joël Gallegos.

## Phi Beta Delta Brown Bag Presentation Schedule



The Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars is pleased to announce its spring series of "Brown Bag" presentations by UNC Charlotte faculty working on international issues. Judy Aulette (Sociology and

Anthropology) presented on February 7 about "Global Women: Making Connections between South Africa and Charlotte through team teaching and collaborative research." During a two year Fulbright in South Africa, Aulette created collaborative relationships with South African colleagues that allowed

her to continue her work in Africa. Her presentation examined the initiatives that resulted from these relationships and the potential for continued work with the University of Western Cape, the University of Cape Town and the University of Zululand in Kwazulu Natal.

The next Brown Bag presentation will be held Wednesday, March 21 from 12:30-1:30 PM with Beth Whitaker (Political Science) in the College of Health and Human Services Building, Room 207. Whitaker was in Kenya on a Fulbright during the 2005-2006 academic year and will be drawing from her time there to discuss "U.S.-Kenyan Relations in the Context of the War on Terror." UNC Charlotte faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

## Deputy Consul General of Germany in Atlanta Visits UNC Charlotte

Lutz Görgens, Deputy Consul General of Germany in Atlanta, visited the University campus on December 4, 2006 to meet with Joël Gallegos, Executive Director, Office of International Programs, Robert Reimer Interim Chair, Department of Languages and Culture Studies and Sylvia Smith (Department of Languages and Culture Studies) to discuss possible joint initiatives between UNC Charlotte and the German Consulate General in Atlanta. Kurt Waldhausen, Honorary German Consul in Charlotte, arranged Görgens' visit.



# Faculty and Student International Education Awards 2007

The Office of International Programs and the Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars will be awarding one UNC Charlotte Faculty member and one UNC Charlotte Student a 2007 International Education Award at the International Education Reception on April 18, 2007. Nominations are being accepted for each honor until March 12.

The Faculty International Education Award recognizes a faculty member for outstanding contributions to the enhancement of the international education experience at UNC Charlotte. Areas of excellence may include: teaching, research, curriculum development, program development, grant writing, university service, and/or community service. To be eligible for this award, individuals must hold a full-time faculty appointment at UNC Charlotte and must have held the appointment for at least three years immediately preceding the year in which the award is made. Individuals may receive the award only once. Deans, chairs, and full-time administrators are not eligible.

Letters of nomination may come from faculty, students, staff, alumni, or members of the community. Nomination is by a formal letter, supplemented, if desired, by additional supportive information. All nominated individuals will be notified of their nomination and invited to submit any pertinent materials. Letters of nomination should be sent to Jeffrey Meyer, Chair, International Education Award Committee, c/o Office of International Programs.

The Student International Education Award recognizes a student for outstanding contributions to and involvement in international studies at UNC Charlotte. The student must: be enrolled in a full-time degree-granting program at the junior level for undergraduates or be in the second semester of study for graduates; have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 for undergraduates and 3.5 for graduates; and have had significant involvement in academic, service and/or co-curricular activities with an international focus. A student may receive the award only once.

Nominations may come from any member of the University community and must include a nomination form and a letter stating the student's qualifications for the Award. A seconding letter from a University or non-University individual is encouraged but not required.

For information, contact Marian Beane, International Programs, at x77781 or by email at [mebeane@email.uncc.edu](mailto:mebeane@email.uncc.edu).



## Study Abroad Fair in March

The Spring 2007 Study Abroad Fair will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM around the Belk Tower. Please stop by the Office of Education Abroad in room 256 of the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) building to receive more information about our new programs and to speak with students and faculty who have already participated.

## Lee Vang Joins the Belk College's International Programs

Lee Vang was recently hired by the Belk College of Business' International Programs to serve as Coordinator of International Programs. He graduated cum laude from UNC Charlotte in International Studies in 2002. He is a member of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars and was the 2002 recipient of the International Education Student Award. While studying at UNC Charlotte, Lee worked in the Office of International Programs' Education Abroad Office. He is relocating from Oak Ridge, Tennessee where he worked as Program Specialist at Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, Oak Ridge Associated Universities. Prior to his stint in Oak Ridge, Lee worked as an Assistant Language Teacher with the Showa Board of Education in Kasukabe City, Saitama, Japan.

Alan T. Shao, Associate Dean for International Programs in the Belk College of Business comments, "We are delighted to have Lee join our International Programs team in the Belk College. He comes to us with excellent credentials in international education. He will be an integral part of the growth of our undergraduate study abroad initiatives, as well as our graduate programs in Mexico, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, and Denmark."



### Photo Contest Winner

Category: Landscapes

#### 1st Place: Katie Knipp

Major: Communication Studies

Location: Edinburgh, Scotland

Caption: "Edinburgh surprised me with endless rows of gorgeous stone and brick architecture. I did not expect Scotland's capital city to be anything extraordinary. But, after walking through the Old Town section, I was in complete awe of the streets lined with buildings that looked like castles."

# Choreographing a UNC Charlotte International Exchange Program

Sybil Huskey (Dance) recently hosted Jackie Smart, Principal Lecturer in Drama at London's Kingston University. Smart, a specialist in directing/devising and physical theatre, taught master classes in the devising process for the Directing course and gave guest lectures on the work of Bertolt Brecht and Antonin Artaud for the Performance Theories course. Smart also observed dance classes on campus and in the public schools. As part of a dialogue initiated by Huskey when she served as the Director of the UNC Charlotte-Kingston University Exchange Program in London, the possibility for a future faculty exchange was discussed with members of the Department of Dance and Theatre.

As Visiting Professor in Kingston University's drama department during 2004-05, Huskey taught, choreographed and coached. She and Smart, upon invitation of the Kingston University administration, co-authored the curriculum for a new dance program for which Huskey has continued as a consultant. During Smart's two weeks in the U.S., the two further developed and refined the course modules for the half field (dance minor) which will begin in fall 2007.

The relationship with Kingston University is one of the oldest of UNC Charlotte's international exchange programs. Huskey hopes to maintain an annual exchange between the dance and theatre disciplines at the two institutions. During the past academic year, Natasha Moulds, a



*Sybil Huskey and Jackie Smart, Principal Lecturer in Drama at London's Kingston University*

Kingston drama student, studied in the Department of Dance and Theatre at UNC Charlotte and Huskey was in residence at Kingston University for two weeks.

## Resources for Encouraging Student Study Abroad Participation

The most common concern the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) hears is that of alleviating the financial burden of studying abroad. There are multiple resources available to students who are willing to plan ahead and research their options. Faculty and staff are encouraged to be familiar with these options and disseminate this information to students interested in adding a competitive edge to their academic experience but concerned about the cost.



- The Financial Aid Office – This office, located in the Reese building, distributes all federal, state, and campus-based aid. If you have not filled out a FAFSA form, set up an appointment to meet with an advisor in this office.
- Sources at Home – No matter how big or small it is, do not rule out your home town as a scholarship resource. Look into the Rotary Club, other service clubs, town hall, Chamber of Commerce, your high school, religious organizations, your parents'/guardians' employer and your employer.
- Sources around Campus – The Office of Education Abroad offers scholarships to students studying abroad. However, this is not your only resource. Check with your major or minor departments, Greek organizations and the Honors College for

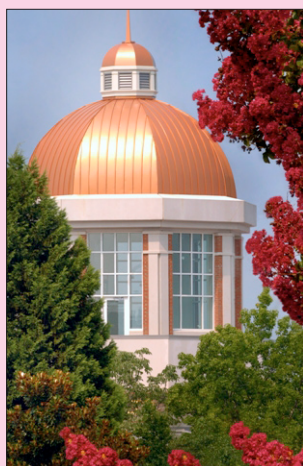
more scholarship opportunities. Students are also welcome to research scholarship opportunities in our resource room in the Health and Human Services Building, Room 256 or on our website at [www.edabroad.uncc.edu](http://www.edabroad.uncc.edu).

- International Programs and Organizations – UNC Charlotte is a member of many organizations that offer grants, fellowships and scholarships to students studying abroad, such as the CIEE Minority Student Scholarship, Bowman Travel Grant, Institute of International Education, and NAFSA.
- The Library/Bookstores – There are several books specifically related to international opportunities located in the reference section on the first floor of the Atkins Library on campus. In the same section you can find books on scholarships and financial aid. *Kaplan Scholarships, 2007*, a resource by Kaplan, gives advice on available scholarships and how to apply for them.
- The Internet – A “study abroad scholarships” search on google.com produced more than 85,900 responses. Further, 2,188 responses are given when researching scholarships on [barne-sandnoble.com](http://barne-sandnoble.com), including *Scholarships, Grants and Prizes 2007*, which gives information on more than 1.8 million awards totaling over \$8 billion.

In addition to all of these opportunities to win money, students may want to start thinking about ways to conserve it. For instance, the cost of buying one tall mocha at a coffee shop every morning of the semester is enough to buy a plane ticket to Madrid, Spain. OEA does not necessarily suggest giving up caffeine altogether, but maybe it's time to go from Starbucks to Chock full o'Nuts.



# Office of International Programs Moves



The Office of International Programs, which includes the Office of Education Abroad, the International Student/Scholar Office, the English Language Training Institute, and the Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs, has relocated to the new College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) building. We are pleased with the new offices and plan to hold an open house reception in the spring to celebrate the move and acquaint everyone with our new spot on the campus. We look forward to continuing to serve the faculty, staff, and students of UNC Charlotte from our new home in CHHS. Below is an updated list of new main office locations.

Office of International Programs . . . . .	CHHS 213
Office of Education Abroad . . . . .	CHHS 256
International Student/Scholar Office . . . . .	CHHS 202
English Language Training Institute . . . . .	CHHS 267
Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs . . . . .	CHHS 229

## World Affairs Council of Charlotte Welcomes New Executive Director

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC) has hired Ljubomir (L.J.) Stambuk to serve as its Executive Director. Stambuk received his master’s degree from Cornell University and brings extensive business background to the entity. He has over 20 years of senior leadership experience in operations management, business development, marketing, human resources and strategic planning. He served as Executive Vice President of Ahold USA, Inc., a leading international retail company, and as Senior Vice President for Global Markets and Division President for Centrocop, Inc., a major European trade corporation.

In addition to strengthening WACC’s relationship with the UNC Charlotte campus, Stambuk will focus on engaging the greater Charlotte community in the international affairs dialogue by bringing high-level speakers to the area to discuss international economics, global politics and Charlotte’s role in the world.

The WACC is an international education non-profit organization. It is affiliated with the Office of International Programs (OIP), and housed within its suite of offices. The WACC main office is located in room 227 College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) building.

## OIP Staff in National Leadership Positions

Joël Gallegos, Executive Director of OIP and Susan Lambert, Director of Intercultural Outreach Programs, currently serve with the Association of International Educators (NAFSA) in national leadership capacities. Gallegos serves on NAFSA’s Leadership Development Committee (LDC) and chairs its marketing initiatives. This committee is charged with identifying members of NAFSA to serve as future leaders of the professional association. In addition to identifying individuals, the LDC also strives to cultivate new leaders in international education.

Lambert serves on NAFSA’s International Education Leaders Knowledge Community in a three-year term as a member of the Leadership Team and as Training Coordinator. She is conducting a Delphi study to determine the skills and knowledge areas needed for success as a chief international education officer. The results will be used to plan appropriate professional development opportunities for international education leaders. She will work with the committee to design curricula for training workshops.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators (NAFSA) is an organization that promotes international education and provides professional development opportunities to those in the field.

## College of Engineering

The Lee College of Engineering will once again welcome several French science and technology students as part of the College’s summer French Internship Exchange Program. Students from IUT Limoges and IUT Bethune will be living on our campus from April until June while working as interns at local engineering companies. At the end of their program, they will conduct oral presentations about their experience in the U.S. As part of this exchange program, the college will be sending several of its own engineering undergraduate students to France to participate in 9-week internships (May-July) with French companies. Upon returning to the U.S., these students will then conduct oral presentations as well as written reports about their experience abroad. Students who participate in this program can earn up to 6 credit hours towards their bachelor’s degree.

### Photo Contest Winner Category: Portraits

**1st Place: Kyle Raub**  
Major: International Studies  
Location: Tokyo, Japan  
Caption: Japanese National Style.

*“I think this is a perfect example of the social scene in Tokyo. Taken down a back street just outside of Shinjuku station, this kind of big friendly store mascot is very common in Tokyo. When people ask me to show them an “ideal picture of Japan” I show them (half joking but half serious too) this picture first. One of the last photos I took in the country.”*



## Education Abroad: New Office, New Faces, New Programs

In addition to moving into a new office in the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) Building, Room 256, we have also added some new faces and programs to our look as well. The Office of Education Abroad (OEA) is delighted to announce the arrival of its new Assistant Director, Kimberly Neill. Neill comes to us from Clemson University where she earned her Master's Degree in Student Affairs Administration. She has lived abroad in Madrid, Spain, as well as completed a graduate internship at the University of Plymouth in Exmouth, England.

OEA would also like to recognize two employees who have received promotions within the office. Esther Hollington, a student worker with OEA for over five years, now holds the position of Administrative Coordinator. Melissa K. Watkins, previously the Study Abroad Intern, is now the Study Abroad Advisor. Sallie Bromby joins the office as the Study Abroad Intern.

OEA continues the tradition of offering UNC Charlotte students and faculty challenging and pertinent study abroad options by adding two new programs to our variety of opportunities

during the Fall and Spring semesters as well as three summer programs. A program with the University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong, China specializes in engineering and computer science. It also offers an assortment of business and economics classes that emphasize the global economy. The University of Hong Kong was ranked third among the best Asian-Pacific and Australian universities in *Asiaweek* in 2000.

This Fall, UNC Charlotte's College of Education will lead a group of prospective teachers in a course of study at PH-Ludwigsburg in Ludwigsburg, Germany. The group will visit schools and classrooms, attend lectures, interact with education majors at the PH and join field trip excursions. These students will be able to earn 12 undergraduate credits or 6 graduate credits during the program from September 13 to November 15, 2007.

Three new summer programs have been added to our list of summer study opportunities. Language and Cultural Immersion in the Health and Human Services will expose participants to Mexican healthcare practices and the Spanish language with the intent of allowing future U.S. healthcare prac-

tioners to better understand the Latino constituencies in North Carolina and the United States. The program offers 6 hours of credit to undergraduate and graduate students and takes place with the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla in Puebla, Mexico.

Service Learning and Social Programs will be offered by the Global Village Learning Community in London, England. This study abroad program provides a "hands-on" exploration of social arrangements through service learning. Students will work together with the Global Village Learning Community and its members to gain a perspective of how differently people live.

The Summer German Language Program with Universität Mannheim in Mannheim, Germany, will allow students at all levels of German language study to spend four weeks earning 6 credit hours of German language credit to be used toward a major or minor in German. Weekend excursions will also be held, but information is not yet available.

For information on these programs and additional education abroad initiatives, please visit our web site at [www.edabroad.uncc.edu](http://www.edabroad.uncc.edu).

## International Trivia Competition



On February 21 at 6:30 PM at the Renaissance Suites Hotel in Charlotte over

250 members of the Charlotte community will explore just how much they know about the world in which they live. WorldQuest, now in its eleventh year, started with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte and is now played throughout the United States. It continues to draw a diverse crowd of lawyers, teachers, students, business professionals and trivia-junkies.

This year, teams will compete to answer questions in the following categories: History, Geography, Current Events, Faces in the News, Flags, Languages and International Charlotte. Prizes from around the community will be awarded to the top three teams at the competition. UNC Charlotte has one team already, but there is plenty of room for more participants to challenge what they think they know.

UNC Charlotte is a corporate member of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte so faculty, staff and students may participate at the member rate of \$35 per person. Proceeds benefit the World Affairs Council of Charlotte's educational programming. For more information, or to register, contact Jennifer Armentrout at [jarmentr@worldaffairscharlotte.org](mailto:jarmentr@worldaffairscharlotte.org) or at 704-687-7762.

## Calendar of Events

### February 21

WorldQuest International Trivia Competition, 6:30 PM, Renaissance Suites Hotel in Charlotte

### March 3

Understanding International Students Workshop, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, Colvard North 5092

### March 12

**Nominations due for International Women's Day** Celebration Honorees, available at <http://www.issouncc.edu/nominationform.htm>

**Nominations due for International Education Award**

### March 21

Brown Bag Presentation: "U.S.-Kenyan Relations in the Context of the War on Terror," 12:30-1:30 PM, CHHS Building, Room 207

### March 22

International Women's Day Celebration, 3:30-5:00 PM, Storrs Gallery

### March 28

Spring Study Abroad Fair, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Belk Tower

### April 18

International Education Reception & Award Presentation, TBD



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OIP's Susan Lambert (far right) with Vietnam National University professors on their visit to UNC Charlotte.



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