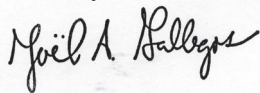


## Executive Director's Welcome

Once again, it has been a year of tremendous growth on campus and also in OIP. As I reflect on this last academic year, I remain enthusiastic with our institution's ongoing and increasing commitment to internationalization. We should all feel quite fortunate to be surrounded by professionals and colleagues who truly understand the importance of providing our students with an international experience, whether on campus or abroad.

Have a wonderful summer that will hopefully take you to another corner of the world or, at the very least, provide you with an interesting opportunity to engage in an international activity at home. We look forward to the upcoming academic year and hope to increase our level of activity on campus, in the community and abroad as we continue to meet the needs of an ever changing culturally diverse landscape.



## ***14th Annual International Education Reception Honors Judy Aulette and Richard Marcano***

The 14th Annual International Education Reception held on April 16, 2008 was a culminating event for the Office of International Programs at UNC Charlotte. At the event, Judy Aulette (Department of Sociology) and Richard Marcano (Department of Political Science) were recognized as the recipients of the 2008 International Education Awards for Faculty and Students respectively.



Aulette was recognized for her contributions to international education both through her time abroad and at UNC Charlotte. She has twice been named a Visiting Fulbright Scholar, once in Poland and the other in South Africa. She has been a visiting lecturer and member of the graduate faculty at University of Wroclaw, Poland in 1999 and a visiting lecturer in sociology and women's studies at University of Aberdeen, Scotland during 1999-2000. Through these and other experiences she has creatively enhanced learning for students around the world. While in South Africa, Aulette and a colleague team-taught students in Florida and South Africa simultaneously with lectures and discussions taking place through the internet. Currently, she teaches the South African students with her UNC Charlotte students in this capacity.

Similarly, she has created a new course on research methods for the Social Work Program at the University of Western Cape that teams students

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## Ambassador of France Visits UNC Charlotte



On Tuesday, April 22, His Excellency Pierre Vimont, the Ambassador of France to the United States, took time from his schedule to meet with UNC Charlotte students and faculty to discuss U.S.-French relations. The Ambassador highlighted the changing nature of U.S.-French relations and emphasized the continued collaboration between the two countries on areas such as Afghanistan and Iran.

Over 100 faculty, staff and students met with the ambassador from 10:15-11:00 AM. Ambassador Vimont invited questions from the audience and answered several on a range of issues. Topics of interest were France's perspective on the possibility of Turkey becoming a member of the EU, France's response to growing internal pressures from unemployment and how France could lead developed countries towards using nuclear energy more effectively.

His visit was co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte.



Int'l Education Award cont.

there with UNC Charlotte students. As she acknowledges, "I no longer allow myself to slip into talking about research on the U.S. as representing social experience around the world. My students constantly hear about the limitations of much of our understanding because it has been conducted exclusively on U.S. populations."

Marcano was recognized for academic excellence, dedication to international involvement and a passion for combining the two. He is an ambitious learner who creates opportunities to talk about key international events and takes demanding courses to strengthen his ability to advocate for change. He is involved in the Model United Nations program at UNC Charlotte and received an award in 2007 for his exemplary diplomacy at the international conference in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, Marcano established, along with other dedicated students, a new student organization called UNICEF at UNC Charlotte. The goals of this group are to raise money for the operations of UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund) and to draw attention to the plight of impoverished children around the world. He has also served on the UNC Charlotte Student Court and participated in the UNC in DC program last year. Marcano demonstrates a remarkable commitment to international service and involvement.

The International Education Reception was also an opportunity to say thank you to the many faculty, staff and students who contribute to the international experience at UNC Charlotte. It is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and UNC Charlotte's Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars.

## OIP University Council Established

In an effort to support our growing institution's multi-faceted approach to providing international perspective and opportunities to UNC Charlotte's faculty, staff and students, the Office of International Programs has established an OIP council comprised of individuals who can serve as guides to our thinking and program development in order to better serve our campus in the 2008-2009 academic year. An initial meeting to discuss the charge of the council was held on April 8, 2008.

OIP is pleased to have representatives from all the colleges to inform our efforts. The following individuals will be serving in the 2008-2009 academic year: Jane Neese (College of Health and Human Services), Alan Shao (Belk College of Business), Harry Chernotsky (International Studies Program), Mike Doyle (College of Arts and Sciences), Clarrice Rapisarda (College of Education), Peter Wong (College of Architecture), Jing Xiao (College of Computing and Informatics) and James Bowen (College of Engineering).

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## Kingston University and UNC Charlotte Alumni Reconnect

On March 29, 2008, faculty, students and staff who had been a part of exchange initiatives with Kingston University in England met again in the College of Health and Human Services for an evening of food, live music and reminiscence about shared experiences. Provost Joan Lorden and Professor Sir Peter Scott, Vice Chancellor of Kingston University addressed the group and welcomed everyone to the inaugural event. Kingston is the oldest exchange partner of UNC Charlotte and the breadth of initiatives and collaborations that have occurred over the years was evident.

"I just wanted to say that Mark and I enjoyed the reunion immensely. I was so glad that we had made the effort to drive up to Charlotte for it (Jane Cranshaw, Kingston Graduate, 1981)."



"I thought it was a fabulous time....It was exciting to connect with Kingston University (Amy Hockett, UNC Charlotte graduate, Kingston Exchange 2003-2004)!"



In advance of the evening's festivities, several Kingston faculty met with UNC Charlotte faculty to explore other opportunities for engagement. Visiting the campus were Alan Seddon, Head of School of Life Sciences; David Rogers, Head of School of Humanities; Meg Jensen, Field Leader for Creative Writing; Michael Wynn, Principal Lecturer in the School of Law; and Des Doran, Principal Lecturer in the School of Business Information Management. Gratitude is extended to UNC Charlotte faculty who took time to meet with our guests.



## ***International Women's Day Celebrated at UNC Charlotte***

On Thursday, March 13, 2008 UNC Charlotte held its third annual International Women's Day Celebration in the Storrs Gallery, sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Multicultural Resource Center with support from the Department of Political Science, the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Music. Students, faculty, and staff attended the event honoring individuals who have made an impact on the lives of women locally and globally. Three international students spoke about the significance of the day in their country: Karla Cecilia Arocha from Bolivia, Ruoyang Wang from China and Karel Joyce Kalaw of the Philippines. Also, the UNC Charlotte women's choir, the UNC Charlotteans, performed two numbers.



In the weeks leading up to the event, faculty, staff, and students were invited to nominate individuals in our campus community who embody the richness of internationalism and whose contributions make a difference in our lives every day to be celebrated. Twenty-two women with different backgrounds, cultures, and roles on campus were nominated by peers and colleagues and all were recognized individually in the ceremony.

Congratulations to our 2008 honorees: Sonia Ali, Undergraduate Student-Computer Science; Kadija Alkusaimi, Undergraduate Student – Communication Studies; Belma Blanco, Staff – University Career Center; Jinny Bradley, Staff – Adult Students & Evening Services; Banita Brown, Faculty – Chemistry; Diana Carlton, Undergraduate Student – International Studies; Maren Coffman, Faculty – School of Nursing; Janice Gray, Undergraduate Student – Child and Family Development; Janet Levy, Faculty – Anthropology; Mary Malinsky, Undergraduate Student – Pre-Communication Studies; Jasmine Mitchell, Undergraduate Student – Pre-Nursing; Kimberly Neill, Staff – Office of Education Abroad; Jennifer Osborne, Undergraduate Student – Mathematics; Clarrice Rapisarda, Faculty – Counseling; Amina Saadaoui, Graduate Student – Cognitive Science Graduate Certificate; Inna Sokolova, Faculty – Biology; Essie Spears, Staff – Facilities Management; Marissa Tappy, Graduate Student – Liberal Studies; Rosemary Traore, Faculty – Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education; Danise Vang, Undergraduate Student – Management; Lisa Wagnes, Faculty – School of Nursing; and, Beth Whitaker, Faculty – Political Science.

The UNC Charlotte International Women's Day Planning Committee consisted of: Denise Medeiros, Office of International Programs; Rebecca Vincent, Office of International Programs; Ted Lewis, Multicultural Resource Center; Beth Whitaker, Department of Political Science; Ruoyang Wang, Department of Mathematics; and Amina Saadaoui, Graduate Student in Psychology.



The World Affairs Council of Charlotte hosted the 12th annual WorldQuest competition on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the Renaissance Suites Hotel. UNC Charlotte's International Studies team and the UNC Charlotte Geography Club were among the 29 teams from the Charlotte area that participated in the international trivia event.

## ***UNC Charlotte Teams Compete at WorldQuest***

Teams answered questions in Asian History, Current Events, Geography of the Americas, International Art, and other categories. The event was sponsored by CPI Security Systems and WFAE 90.7 FM. Ultimately, the winners emerged from Providence Day School (Faculty and Students) and Wachovia Securities. The top three teams received special awards

and medals, and all participants had the opportunity to win prizes from several local establishments such as Donald Haack Diamonds.

WorldQuest originated with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte in 1996 and is now played by 18 other Councils throughout the United States. The Charlotte Council also created a high school version called Academic WorldQuest and it has expanded to 46 Councils throughout the country.

## Focus on Faculty

### ***Cape Town Connects with Charlotte***

By Judy Aulette

Nearly 8000 miles separates the U.S. and South Africa but students from UNC Charlotte and students from the University of the Western Cape (UWC) in Cape Town are collaborating this semester for an on-line research project. Maria Tokwani, one of the South African students involved in the project pointed out both the value and the challenge of this global online joint project: "I would say having this kind of collaboration is like bringing the whole world into one place then trying to understand it." From the other side of the globe, Elizabeth Robertson and Heather Wilson from North Carolina agree. Elizabeth notes that for her, "Working with the students in Cape Town has awakened my cultural awareness." Heather explained, "I think this project allows students to get first-hand experience and perspective in understanding the cultural and societal differences within the two areas. This project has allowed me to gain further understanding in how large the world really is. It allows students to understand communication barriers as well as differences in values and customs between two totally different areas."

Teachers and students have long known the enormous benefits of Study Abroad, but not all students (or teachers) will have this opportunity. Judy Aulette (Department of Sociology and Women's Studies Program) and Vivienne Bozalek, Chair of the Social Work program at UWC have been working together the past several years to develop ways to bring students together across great distance to give them a taste of global learning. This semester, for the first time, UNC Charlotte students enrolled in UNC Charlotte's Sociology of Family course and students in UWC's Social Work Research Methods course are being team taught by Aulette and Bozalek along with UWC colleagues, Jules Nshimirimana, and Nicolette Roman. The international student teams each include two UNC Charlotte students and two UWC students who are collaboratively gathering and analyzing data, reviewing literature, discussing their work and preparing reports on their findings to be posted on wikis.

Marie Hendricks, from South Africa, described her take on the various components of the assignments explaining what she has done this semester and what academic and collaborative skills she has learned. She said, "So far, this has been one of the best learning experiences for me. The interaction through chat rooms and discussion forums is a great journey of sharing, discovery and on-the-spot new knowledge-formation as we move as a team from one assignment to the next. It demands great teamwork, cooperation, consistency, a positive attitude and spirit from both students and teachers." Efforts are being made to expand this work with additional e-learning opportunities, as well as creating more exchanges between faculty and students in Charlotte and Cape Town.

## Fowler International Scholarship Awarded

The Fowler International Scholarship for 2008-2009 was awarded to Erica Dunham and Earl Myers. Both Fowler Scholars will receive \$6000 towards their educational expenses for the upcoming academic year.

Erica Dunham is double majoring in International Studies and Political Science and transferred to UNC Charlotte from Appalachian State University. She has been very active in student activities since arriving on campus and is currently serving as President of the International Studies Student Association and is the International Studies representative to the Dean's Student Advisory Council. She has previously completed an internship with the U.S. Department of Defense and is currently interning with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. She is planning to spend part of next year studying abroad in Egypt.

Earl Myers is double majoring in International Studies and English. In recognition of Earl's capabilities, he has been serving as an assistant with the International Studies program for the introductory INTL 1101 classes this past year – the first undergraduate student ever selected to perform this role. In addition to his interest in international affairs, Earl has been quite active in UNC Charlotte's theater company and has acted in their productions. This summer, he plans to take a playwriting class in New York prior to studying abroad in Guadalajara, Mexico.



***L-R: Erica Dunham, Dr. Harry Chernotsky, Director, International Studies Program, and Earl Myers.***

## ***“Crossing Borders” Writing Contest Winners Announced***

The 2008 student writing contest for “Crossing Borders” asked students to reflect on how their international experience affected their view of the world. Excerpts from winning papers are included below. Full readings can be found online at [www.uncc.edu/oip/pbd](http://www.uncc.edu/oip/pbd).

From the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) student category, Tam Nguyen Tran Thanh: “My way of studying is also influenced by my new environment....I have to learn to be more active in getting knowledge. In my country, students are familiar with the teacher-centered approach and they are expected to obey what the teacher says. However, students in US have to study by themselves most of the time. The knowledge that teachers provide is just the beginning for their self-study...I had never studied in this way when I was in my country. It really puzzled me with the first assignment....Just two months in the USA, I can understand more about myself, both strengths and weaknesses.” Honorable mentions in the ELTI category included: Kim Youngmin and UnJin Park.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the undergraduate student category, Kim Ji-Hye: “Before I left Korea, I pledged to myself that I was going to succeed and not let things like weakness, laziness, and carelessness impact the decisions that I make or the person that I will become. However, I have realized through my experiences living in America that overcoming these things are very difficult and takes a lot of time and patience....Everyone can fall down in a hard situation. However, the important thing is finding a way to always stand back up. No matter what happens in our lives, I strongly believe that any experience, good or bad, teaches us an important less in our lives.” Honorable mentions in the undergraduate student category included: Russ Powell and George Schaaf.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the graduate student category, Lalit Mandal: “Gone are the days when we live in the microcosm of the border of one country. The way we act, communicate, and do business has changed over time... The ways lives are interwoven into one another is obvious around the world. To succeed in the current world, learning to interact with people of different cultures and places is indispensable. People, with time, have realized it and have accepted it wholeheartedly....Coming to a world class university in United States has provided me a platform, as part of my engineering degree, to do research into alternative energy where I am trying to build an efficient hybrid electrical vehicle so that the dependence on gasoline for the use in vehicle is reduced. Thus, my international outing, in disguise, has bestowed me the opportunity that I am imparting my contribution to solve world’s challenges.” Honorable mentions in the graduate student category included: Iryna Bugayova and Chengxiu Sun.

The “Crossing Borders” writing competition is a joint project of the Mu chapter of Phi Beta Delta and the International Club. It is made possible through the generous contributions of:

The Chancellor’s Office, the Provost’s Office, Office of Professional & Global Programs in the Belk College of Business, College of Computing & Informatics, College of Education, Department of Biology, Dept of Electrical Engineering, Department of English, Department of Political Science, Ed Brynn (Department of History), Rick Lejk (College of Computing and Informatics) and Robert Reimer (College of Education).





# College Notes

## Global Learning at Belk College of Business

Though the spring semester may soon be over, this summer will be packed with international engagement at the Belk College. At the graduate level, the first MBA-Real Estate Concentration Study Tour will be traveling to Hong Kong and Beijing with 24 participants; this initiative exceeded the class limit within ten days of the start of official registration. Three students in the Master of Accountancy program will study at Copenhagen Business School and two students from the dual degree MBA program in Mexico will soon be studying in Charlotte. At the undergraduate level, thirty students from Mexico will be coming to UNC Charlotte to earn their Global Business Management Certificate and six students who were awarded scholarships will take business courses at different locations worldwide.

This spring, Global Business Programs will graduate the first cohort of MBA students in Hong Kong. About 14 (of the 30) graduates of the Taiwan MBA program and members of their families are attending our May graduation. We also have 16 graduates in our dual degree MBA, partnering with the graduate school of Tec de Monterrey (EGADE) program in Monterrey, Mexico. Two students in that program, Chaojun Wang and Jie Jiang, will participate in our graduation here on campus. Both Wang and Jiang were recruited from the prestigious Tsinghua University in China. They had multiple opportunities available to them but chose to attend UNC Charlotte for their first year and EGADE for their second. Beyond their classroom learning experiences they were selected by EGADE to compete in international case competitions with leading universities throughout the world.

The Belk College continues to grow their programs worldwide and expand opportunities for student and faculty development. Future initiatives include Panama, France, China and Switzerland.



## Head of Center for the Study of Global Public Relations Named

Dean Kruckeberg will be joining the Department of Communication Studies, effective this summer, to head the new Center for the Study of Global Public Relations. In that capacity, he will begin the process of establishing the Center as an international focal point for scholarly exchange through a variety of activities. Kruckeberg brings a vast network of international scholars and practitioners that will further build upon recognition of UNC Charlotte as a leading light for global studies and excellence. He has consulted and presented for campuses across the globe and is the author of numerous articles and resources. Kruckeberg received his Ph.D. in Mass Communications from the University of Iowa.

## Adam Posen Meets with Department of Economics

Dr. Adam Posen, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, joined faculty from the Department of Economics for a round-table discussion on Tuesday, April 8. The World Affairs Council of Charlotte and Office of International Programs co-sponsored Posen's visit.

Posen has been a Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics since 1997. His research covers macroeconomic and financial policies, European and Japanese political economy, and central banking issues. Previously, he was an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (1994–97) and Okun Memorial Fellow at the Brookings Institution (1993–94), and he received his Ph.D. from Harvard University.



## New Initiative in Education Abroad

In an effort to reach more students on campus, Kimberly Neill (Assistant Director, Office of Education Abroad) developed and implemented a new initiative called "Bring a Buddy to General Advising." Neill solicited raffle prizes from on-campus and off-campus constituencies. When students "Bring a Buddy" to any General Advising Session, they have two chances every week to win a raffle prize.

A special thank you is extended to all those who donated. Neill received books, t-shirts, bags, disposable cameras and much more. Faculty and staff are encouraged to promote learning opportunities abroad to students by inviting them to attend a general advising session to get more information.



## Graphic Design Student Receives Study and Internship Award

Rhonda Thompson, a senior Graphic Design student at UNC Charlotte, is the recipient of the DAAD UAS-7 Study & Internship Scholarship Program for the 2008-2009 academic year. Thompson will study corporate design at the University of Applied Science at the Corporate Communications Institute of Fachhochschule Muenster in Muenster, Germany during the Fall semester of 2008. Rhonda will perform an internship during the Spring 2009 semester in Germany with a professional graphic design agency. The scholarship includes €675 each month for living expenses and €850 towards travel expenses; the internship is €500 per month to cover living expenses. Rhonda will graduate from UNC Charlotte in May of 2008.

## Spring Study Abroad Fair is a Success

The Spring Study Abroad Fair took place on Wednesday, April 2, around the Belk Tower. Each semester the Fair provides an opportunity for students to explore the global options available to them. Attendees met UNC Charlotte faculty members who lead our study abroad programs, students who have previously studied abroad, as well as international students currently studying abroad at UNC Charlotte. There were seven booths dedicated to UNC Charlotte reciprocal exchange programs with faculty directors, student returnees, photo albums, and personal experiences to share. In addition, there were program representatives onsite from three study abroad organizations. A record number of 63 students signed up for General Advising.



Students interested in studying abroad visit the German table at the 2008 Study Abroad Fair. L-R) Sylvia Smith; Erik Griffen; Robert Reimer; Yelena Yeremuk; Joshua Zinchenko; Anabel Buchenau; Inna Tkatcheva.



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**International Student Quiz**  
(Based on F-1 & J-1 student statistics submitted to Open Doors 2007/08 with the Institute of International Education)

1. How many International students in F1 & J1 non-immigrant visa categories study at UNC Charlotte?
2. How many countries are represented at UNC Charlotte by international students in F1 & J1 non-immigrant visa categories
3. What are the top 3 countries represented at UNC Charlotte

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Answers to Int'l Student Quiz above:  
1. Roughly 1,000; 2. 85; 3. India (287), China (146), S. Korea (82).

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