



Welcome from Assistant Provost for International Programs



On behalf of the Office of International Programs (OIP), I would like to extend autumn greetings. I trust the fall semester is progressing smoothly and will offer opportunities to connect and collaborate with the OIP team to advance internationalization on our campus.

Once again, our fall term has provided us the opportunity to welcome a record number of international students to UNC Charlotte and to work closely with faculty members to design a record number of study abroad programs for the upcoming spring and summer. In addition, our on-campus programming portfolio, which includes the International Speaker Series, the Global Gateways residential program, International Coffee Hour, and the increasingly popular International Enrichment Freshman Seminars, is as robust as ever.

Two projects of particular note include OIP's external review report and the development of the new OIP Strategic Plan. As prescribed by our University's institutional effectiveness process, OIP was pleased that through the review procedure, we identified areas to more effectively serve and support our stakeholders and celebrated campus-wide internationalization successes. Secondly, the development of a new strategic plan will provide not only OIP but our campus community with an opportunity to envision our next level of internationalization. We are at a point in our institutional trajectory where we have an active and engaged community who recognizes and values the need for our students, faculty and staff to appreciate and participate in our world's interconnectedness and interdependence. We look forward to collaborating closely with our on and off campus stakeholders as we develop a new and dynamic set of strategic goals to lead us into our next chapter.

As always, we also look forward to working with our longtime supporters as well as with our new faculty and staff. We welcome your thoughts, contributions, and involvement. Have a wonderful remainder of the term.

Joël A. Gallegos
Assistant Provost for International Programs

Kato Named Cone Early-Career Professor

The Office of International Programs congratulates Dr. Fumie Kato, Associate Professor, Department of Languages and Culture Studies, on being named the 2014 recipient of the Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship for Teaching. OIP is pleased to offer a glimpse of her global impact, as summarized from a recent Inside UNC Charlotte article, available at the link below.

Since Fall 2002, when Dr. Kato joined UNC Charlotte's Japanese studies program, the number of Japanese courses offered has increased from six to 22. The number of exchange partner universities in Japan has increased from two to six, and the number of students enrolled in Japanese courses has grown from 258 students to 856. These accomplishments led to the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Japanese Studies in 2011, and UNC Charlotte now offers one of the largest undergraduate Japanese programs in North Carolina.

Kato has demonstrated her commitment to experiential learning beyond the classroom, both locally and in Japan. She has encouraged nearly 200 students to study in Japan, and she involves her students in the Charlotte-based Japanese community to increase their awareness of Japanese customs, culture, business etiquette, and lifestyle.

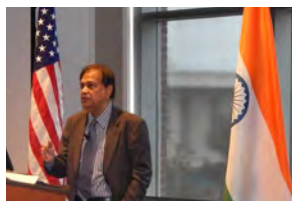
To fund extracurricular activities such as speech contests, Japanese film series, and Japanese dinner nights for students in the program, Dr. Kato has secured an unprecedented number of grants for the Japanese program from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Japanese Foundation, and the Association of Asian Studies. In recognition of her success in directing the Japanese Studies program, Kato received the Phi Beta Delta Faculty Award for International Education in spring 2014.

See the full article at <http://inside.uncc.edu/news/item/languages-and-culture-studies-faculty-member-named-cone-early-career-professor>.



India Initiatives

International Speaker Series Opens with Presentation on India, Continues with Focus on China and Spain



Dr. Badrul Alam, scholar of India-US Relations and Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science at Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi, India, opened the 7th

annual International Speaker Series with a presentation on the political, economic, and social connections of the US and India, including themes from his most recent publication, *Contours of India's Foreign Policy: Changes and Challenges*.

Two additional presentations comprise the fall installments of the speaker series. Dr. Katherine Kaup, James B. Duke Professor of Asian Studies and Political Science at Furman University, spoke Thursday, Oct. 16, and Ramon Gil-Casares, Ambassador of Spain to the US, will speak on Thurs, Nov. 20 as part of International Education Week.

The annual International Speaker Series is presented by the Office of International Programs in partnership with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, Atkins Library, and the Department of Global, International, and Area Studies.

Faculty are encouraged to join with students to engage with these speakers and/or arrange for an extra credit sign-in sheet for students. See below for details on the Fall 2014 Speaker Series.

For more information, see <http://oip.uncc.edu/calendar/international-speaker-series>.

Thursday, October 16



Dr. Katherine Kaup, author of *Creating the Zhuang: Ethnic Politics in China* and James B. Duke Professor of Asian Studies and Political Science, Furman University

3:30-5:00pm

Atkins Library, Halton Reading Room

Thursday, November 20



Ramon Gil-Casares, Ambassador of Spain to the United States

3:30-5:00pm

Atkins Library, Halton Reading Room

Fulbright Fellow from India to Visit

Dr. Beulah Shekar, 2014-15 Fulbright Fellow at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, will visit UNC Charlotte November 22-December 6, 2014.



Dr. Shekar is Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Sciences at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, India and Coordinator of Victimology and Victim Assistance. Her research focuses on developing partnerships between researchers, policymakers, program developers, agency personnel, and other community groups to conduct research and evaluation of various facets of victimology, crime, criminology, law and justice.

While hosted at UNC Charlotte by the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Dr. Shekar will meet with students in Social Work and Criminal Justice/Criminology classes and deliver a presentation titled *An International Comparison of the Roles of Nonprofit Organizations in Providing Victim Assistance*.

Presentations from Faculty Visiting from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India

Two faculty members from Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi, India, visited UNC Charlotte Oct. 6-10 to explore partnership opportunities between universities, particularly focused on faculty and student connections in areas of public health and social work.

Dr. N. U. Khan, Professor of Social Welfare and Human Resource Management, and Dr. Sigamani Panneer, Senior Assistant Professor in Public Health and Human Resource Management, observed classes, engaged with students, and met with relevant faculty and administrators.

Both faculty members delivered presentations on their research interests: *Women's Health and Development: A Social Determinants Framework and Health and Safety of Women Workers in the Un-Organised Sectors in India*.

The visit was sponsored by the Office of International Programs (OIP) in conjunction with activities initiated through the UNC Charlotte India Task Force. For more information on the India Task Force or the presentations, contact OIP at international@uncc.edu.



China Initiatives

Partnerships Emerge in China

In March 2014, Dr. Nancy Gutierrez, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, led a delegation of faculty and administrators to China to explore opportunities to partner with several Chinese universities.

The delegation visited East China Normal University (ECNU), Fudan University in Shanghai, and Zhejiang University in Hangzhou. During the visit, Dr. Gutierrez signed Memorandums of Understanding with ECNU and Fudan to establish partnerships between our institutions.

In addition to Gutierrez, the delegation included Chair of the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences Craig Allan; Assistant Provost for International Programs Joël Gallegos; Professor in the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences Heather Smith; Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences Qingfang Wang; and Chair of Political Science and Public Administration Greg Weeks.

Wang to Lead New Program Exploring Urban Development in Shanghai, China



In a new study abroad program with Shanghai's East China Normal University (ECNU), Dr. Qingfang Wang, Associate Professor of UNC Charlotte's Department of Geography and Earth Sciences (GEES), will lead a contingent of students to Shanghai, China, in May 2015. Wang will team-teach *Urban Development in Global*

Cities: Experiences in Shanghai with Dr. Lin Lin of ECNU's Shanghai Key Lab for Urban Ecological Processes and Eco-Restoration (SHUES).

The course represents a unique opportunity for UNC Charlotte students to study the phenomenon of modern Chinese urbanization by examining the processes in Shanghai, a prominent global city and the largest mega city in China. The course will involve a combination of several fieldtrips, lectures, group activities, journaling and reflective writing.

The origins of this study abroad opportunity are the result of UNC Charlotte Professor of GEES Dr. Wei-Ning Xiang's efforts to establish formal academic ties between ECNU and UNC Charlotte. Xiang currently is on academic leave from GEES and is the founding Director of SHUES.



DeHaven's Contributions towards Diabetes Prevention in China

The Office of International Programs is pleased to highlight the global impact of the research and work of Dr. Mark DeHaven, Colvard Distinguished Professor in UNC Charlotte's College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) and Director of the CHHS Academy for Research on Community Health, Engagement, and Services (ARCHES).

In addition to Dr. DeHaven's oversight of community health initiatives focused on reducing chronic disease in Mexico, Peru, and South Sudan, see below for a summary of one notable China-specific initiative as summarized by Shweta Shah, doctoral student in Health Services Research and research assistant for the ARCHES.

As a leader in developing the field of community health science, Dr. DeHaven's teams have successfully combined clinical science, epidemiology, and social sciences to both improve health outcomes and quality of life in underserved communities and to reduce health disparities, especially among traditionally vulnerable populations locally, nationally, and globally.



In China, Dr. DeHaven facilitates a community health initiative called "Reducing Chronic Disease in Nong Zhuan Fei (NZF) Communities" which brings together UNC Charlotte researchers with investigators at Haerbin Medical University (HMU) in Heilongjiang Province, where Dr. DeHaven holds an appointment as Visiting Professor.

The NZF project team is co-directed by Dr. DeHaven and Dr. Shuang Yan, Professor and Director, Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism at HMU. The team recently completed a large NZF study funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China and they plan to obtain National Institutes of Health funding to continue their project to the next level.

Dr. DeHaven notes that "our team is developing the very first large scale studies and programs for understanding how to reduce and prevent diabetes and other chronic diseases in NZF communities. Our approach uses community-based participatory research to collaborate with communities to prevent diseases and improve quality of life. Through the CHHS ARCHES framework we hope to not only develop means for reducing diabetes in China among NZF residents, but to also apply the same lessons here in Charlotte to reduce the growing prevalence of diabetes in our own community."

Global Reach

Graduate Awarded U.S. Department of State Award to Bethlehem University, West Bank



Deborah Porter, a 2014 graduate of the Middle, Secondary, and K-12 TESL M.A. program and former instructor with the English Language Training Institute in the Office of International Programs, has been awarded a United States Department of State English Language Fellow award to the Bethlehem University, West Bank for 2014-2015.

"I am honored to accept this English Language fellowship and look forward to working with the faculty and students at Bethlehem University," said Porter. "I have always had a keen interest in learning more about this region and this is a great opportunity to do that."

Through the English Language Fellow Program, highly qualified U.S. educators in the field of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) or Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) participate in 10-month-long fellowships at academic institutions throughout the world.

For further information about the Fulbright English Language Fellow program, see <http://exchanges.state.gov/us/program/english-language-fellow-program>.

College of Computing and Informatics Faculty with Global Leadership



The Office of International Programs is pleased to highlight the global engagement of Dr. Zbyszek Ras, Professor in the Department of Computer Science, who has or will be chairing or co-chairing the following international symposiums and workshops in academic year 2014-2015.

- General Chair of the 21st International Symposium on Methodologies for Intelligent Systems, June 25-27, 2014, in Roskilde, Denmark
- Program Co-Chair of the 2014 Joint Rough Set Symposium (JRS 2014), July 9-13, 2014, in Madrid, Spain
- Program Co-Chair of ECML/PKDD Workshop on New Frontiers in Mining Complex Patterns, September 15-19, 2014, in Nancy, France
- Program Co-Chair of ICDM 2014 Workshop on Domain Driven Data Mining, December 14-17, 2014, in Shenzhen, China

Salas Completes Grant in India and Nepal

Dr. Spencer Salas, Associate Professor of Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education in the College of Education, spent the summer of 2014 in India and Nepal where he served as an English language specialist teacher trainer as part of a US Department of State English Language Specialist Grant.

In India, Salas primarily worked with secondary school teachers of English who work in New Delhi's most disadvantaged neighborhoods. Salas' global efforts in India were funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State Regional English Language Office program and hosted by the State Council of Education Research and Training, an autonomous body of the Government of Delhi.

Salas also traveled to Nepal to conduct training sessions for 200 secondary school English teachers in Pokhara/Kaski, Damauli/Tanahu, and Tansen/Palpa.

"I loved working with my Nepalese counterparts," said Salas. "The biggest take-away for me was the pride Nepalese teachers of English bring to their professional identities as educators, and how that pride elevates their work as an engine for local, regional and national development."

According to the U.S. State Department, the English Language Specialist Grants support the philosophy that teachers are the centers of influence in every nation, and that building bridges between peoples promotes mutual understanding internationally.



Going Global: One-Day International Operations Course Available on December 15

Continuing Education is offering a short course on December 15 exploring global business enterprises and topics of culture, risk management, international trade, and business considerations before expanding internationally.

Full course price is \$250.00 and discounts are available for individuals who register two or more weeks in advance, including a 50% discount for UNC Charlotte faculty and staff.

For more information on the course or to register, contact the Continuing Education Registration Center at 704.687.8900 or visit <http://continuinged.uncc.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&course>

The Office of International Programs is pleased to present highlights of faculty and campus partners engaged in globally-relevant work.

English Language Training Institute Hosts Recipients of Government Scholarships

See below for profiles of two scholars hosted at UNC Charlotte as part of the customized, short-term programs facilitated through Intercultural Outreach Programs, a division of the English Language Training Institute in the Office of International Programs.



Alaa Hasanain, a Fulbright Grantee sponsored by the US Department of State, joined UNC Charlotte's English Language Training Institute (ELTI) for intensive language preparation prior to pursuing a degree in Landscape Architecture at the University of Colorado at Denver.

During his time in ELTI, Hasanain explored US academic conventions and expectations before beginning the academic semester in Denver in August.

For more information about Fulbright sponsorship, visit <http://www.iie.org/fulbright>.

Raphael Rodrigues Andrade De Oliveira, a CAPES Scholar sponsored by the Brazilian Ministry of Education, enrolled in the English Language Training Institute for the Fall 2014 semester.



De Oliveira is studying English language in Level 5 of ELTI with a goal to increase his English language skills and to spend a semester enrolled in Electrical Engineering courses at UNC Charlotte for Spring 2015, a component of the CAPES scholarship.

More about the CAPES scholarship can be found at <http://www.capes.gov.br/>.

Seeking Faculty To Partner On Short-Term Training Programs

Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) designs customized short-term training or educational programs hosted at UNC Charlotte for international students, faculty, or professionals throughout the year. IOP has recently hosted groups from Japan, Australia, and Brazil for programs focused on international business and comparative education as well as for language and cultural exchange.

IOP seeks faculty from across disciplines at UNC Charlotte as well as Charlotte area professionals for collaboration on existing and new program development. Programs may include research and educational components and often feature cooperative relationships with the corporate, public, non-profit, and educational resources of the greater Charlotte metropolitan region.

Faculty interested in developing new curriculum for groups or teaching for one of our current programs should contact ioprograms@uncc.edu. General details about IOP are available online at iop.uncc.edu.



Gallegos Serves in National Leadership Roles for International Education

Joël Gallegos, Assistant Provost for International Programs, was elected to Board of Directors of NAFSA: Association of International Educators which is widely regarded as the leading professional organization in the field of international education.

According to Fanta Aw, President of NAFSA and Chair of the Board of Directors, Gallegos' will serve in a strategic role within the largest association of professionals committed exclusively to advancing international higher education with nearly 10,000 members in 150 countries.

Prior to his election, Gallegos served as Chair of the organization's 2014 annual conference held in San Diego, CA in May 2014 which broke attendance records with over 10,000 registered attendees. Chancellor Philip L. Dubois and his wife Lisa Lewis Dubois were able to attend the conference along with Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Jay Raja.

In addition to his roles with NAFSA, Gallegos is currently a member of the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) Board of Directors and serves as Chair of CIEE's Academic Consortium Board. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the World Affairs Council of Charlotte where he chairs the education committee. From 2007-2012, Gallegos served as chair of UNC's University Council on International Programs and Chair of the UNC Exchange Program Advisory Board.



International Partnership Strong Between UNC Charlotte and Lancaster University

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Starting as a Physics exchange, the Lancaster University-UNC Charlotte exchange program has grown into a university-wide exchange that encompasses multiple

disciplines through all seven UNC Charlotte colleges. Lancaster combines strong academics, affordability, and a central location (two hours from Edinburgh, one hour from Manchester, and just over two hours from London) all of which allow students to have a very full experience while in the United Kingdom.

Ranked among the top 10 universities in the UK, Lancaster provides students with a challenging academic experience as well as offering award-winning accommodations, retaining the accolade of 'Best University Halls' in the 2014 National Student Housing Survey of more than 200 UK institutions.

As an exchange program, UNC Charlotte students can study for a semester or an academic year at Lancaster. UNC Charlotte students pay their tuition and fees here as they normally would, which helps keep the cost of an experience abroad in line with the cost of attendance at UNC Charlotte. Courses are available in a great number of subjects, including Law, Marketing, Engineering, and Psychology.

Students interested in studying at Lancaster should visit the Office of Education Abroad in CHHS 256 for more information. They can call 704.687.7747 to make an appointment to attend an information session. More information on steps to studying abroad is available at <http://edabroad.uncc.edu/prospective-and-current-students/steps-studying-abroad>.

Storrs Gallery to Host CoA+A Foreign Studies Exhibit

The CoA+A Foreign Studies Exhibition will open in October and will showcase work from College of Arts + Architecture (CoA+A) student experiences abroad. During in the 2013-14 academic year, CoA+A students participated in study and exchange programs in Rome and Turin, Italy; Kingston, England; and throughout China.

The exhibition will include photographs, sketchbooks, videos, murals, and more and will run October 20 through November 10 in Storrs Gallery. An opening reception on October 10 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm is free and open to the public. Storrs Gallery hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Stogner leads Justice Studies Abroad Summer 2014 Program in United Kingdom

The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology appoints one faculty member each year to lead the Justice Studies Abroad summer study abroad program in Kingston upon Thames, a suburb of London. Dr. John Stogner, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, served as the 2014 faculty director.

During the thirty-three day experience, ten UNC Charlotte students studied criminal justice in a course taught by Dr. Stogner while also learning about British culture in a course taught by faculty at Kingston University. Dr. Stogner's seminar introduced students to the scholarly study of drugs and alcohol, including the connection between drugs and crime, while the Kingston University course exposed students to contemporary British society.

Learning about British society included readings, lectures, and experiential opportunities. The group of students was able to see some of the world's oldest structures in Stonehenge and Clava Cairns, viewed the Crown Jewels, and watched the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace. They stood on the Culloden battlefield where the Jacobite Rising ended and watched Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra" from the floor of the Globe Theatre. They straddled the Prime Meridian, searched for the Loch Ness Monster, listened to authentic Irish music in Dublin, and walked the gardens at Hampton Court Palace that Henry VIII once called home. They even spent a little time in a London jail followed by a few hours in the British courts as part of a class that exposed them to the British justice system.

And for the sports enthusiasts in the group, the timing of the education abroad program allowed them to witness three major world sporting events by joining the standing-only section at Centre Court for the finals at Wimbledon, watching the final laps of the Tour de France on the Champs Elysees in Paris, and traveling to Berlin to watch the "home" crowd celebrate Germany beating Argentina in the FIFA World Cup Finals.

For information on 2015 program to be led by Dr. Jennifer Hartman, see <http://edabroad.uncc.edu/programs/europe/justice-studies-abroad-0>.



Images from Summer 2014 Study Abroad Programs

The Office of Education Abroad (OEA), in conjunction with a variety of Colleges throughout the University, administered 17 faculty-led education abroad programs during the summer of 2014, sending UNC Charlotte students to a variety of exciting locations around the globe. Photos from just a few of those experiences abroad are showcased here. Opportunities for programs in 2015 are listed on the OEA website at edabroad.uncc.edu.



Putman Reflects on Summer Study Abroad in Stellenbosch, South Africa

Each year, UNC Charlotte faculty members from an array of academic disciplines develop and lead short-term study abroad programs in diverse locations around the world. During Summer 2014, Dr. Mike Putman, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Reading and Elementary Education, led one such program in Stellenbosch, South Africa. Below, Dr. Putman offers a reflection on his experience as director of this inaugural program.

This summer I traveled to Stellenbosch, South Africa for 18 days to lead an education abroad program with nine students majoring in elementary or special education. The focus of the program was to engage in a comparative analysis of South African and American schools, with a focus on diversity.

During our time in South Africa, the students experienced lectures delivered by faculty members from Stellenbosch University, interacted with South African teaching candidates, and spent time in several schools observing and teaching. We also went on several cultural excursions including Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was held as a political prisoner, and the District Six Museum, where we “heard” the voices of residents who were forcefully evicted from their homes as a result of the policies associated with apartheid.

Throughout, students gained a new appreciation of the history of South Africa as well as the similarities and differences between South Africa and the United States. Overall, the experience was tremendously powerful, with students using statements like “life-changing” and “exhilarating” within our debriefing sessions. The following student reflection best encapsulates the academic and personal enlightenment that occurred:

Every day that I was there I discovered something new about myself as an individual and as a teacher. Each school taught me something different and showed me a different way of teaching that I had never considered before. Many of the readings and theories that I studied before being in the schools have a completely different meaning to me now.

As an added bonus, we got to experience a close encounter with wall-jumping, pizza-stealing baboons, which provided many light-hearted moments after the initial shock! Diane Zablotsky, Director of the Levine Scholars Program, and I are partnering to provide a similar experience to additional students in 2015 and will soon begin recruiting for the next adventure.



Global Gateways Residential Program Launches Second Year

The Global Gateways Program welcomed a group of 28 residents for Fall 2014 - both new and returning residents - and launched its second year on UNC Charlotte campus. In partnership with Housing and Residence Life, the Office of International Programs (OIP) is pleased to once again foster an intercultural environment for returning and incoming female students through dynamic programming, team-oriented interaction, and community service opportunities - all with an international emphasis.

In the words of Jasmine Isaac, a second-year resident of the program, "This program has given me the opportunity to meet and learn from women of different cultures as well as give back to my community. I have learned to appreciate and communicate with those from other cultures and those are skills that will benefit me for life."

In an effort to create a participatory environment, all residents contribute to the residential community through work on various committees charged with incorporating an international emphasis into their programming. Committees include social engagement, campus connections, academic enrichment, and community service.

The team structure has cultivated a sense of connection within the community. "I feel that Global Gateways has become a family," says Cele Weakfall, second-year resident. "Not only has the program surrounded me with an environment of constant learning but one of accountability. The program has provided so many wonderful opportunities for me."

The Global Gateways residents celebrated the start of the 2014-2015 academic year with an all-day retreat to meet the other residents, set goals with their respective committees, and enjoy team-building exercises with the Venture Program.

If interested in exploring programming partnerships, contact Dr. Christina Sanchez, Associate Director of OIP, at c.sanchez@uncc.edu. General details are online at <http://oip.uncc.edu/resources/opportunities-and-services-students/global-gateways-program>.

Academic Class Standing

- 5 freshmen
- 4 sophomores
- 9 juniors
- 6 seniors
- 1 graduate student
- 1 intern



Countries of Citizenship

- 1 citizen of China
- 1 citizen of Slovakia
- 1 citizen of Venezuela
- 2 citizens of Germany
- 3 citizens of the United Kingdom
- 5 citizens of Japan
- 13 internationally-minded citizens of the US



City of Charlotte Establishes Immigration Integration Task Force

The City of Charlotte has established an inter-agency Immigration Integration Task Force to maximize immigrants' economic and civic contributions to the city of Charlotte and to explore how Charlotte can be a more welcoming city to both the established and growing immigrant communities.

The Task Force invites anyone who is foreign-born and living in Charlotte to participate in a short and anonymous survey, available in six languages. The Office of International Programs is pleased to distribute the link to the survey and encourages distribution across our campus community: <http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/cic/getinvolved/pages/immigrant-integration-task-force.aspx>.



Immigrant Integration Task Force Updates

Franklin To Retire From English Language Training Institute

After nearly seven years at UNC Charlotte, S. Kelly Franklin will be retiring as Director of the the English Language Training Institute in January 2015.



The Office of International Programs would like to thank him for his exceptional contribution to development and oversight of the English language training programs which have served hundreds of students as they pursue academic goals at UNC Charlotte and beyond.

Contact the Office of International Programs at 704.687.7755 or at international@uncc.edu for details on an upcoming farewell event planned for the end of Fall 2014.

International Education Week 2014: November 17-21

International Education Week is an annual celebration of our campus commitment to global understanding. Lectures, films, interactive simulations, coffee tastings, and more will take place across campus during this week, providing a variety of ways for students, faculty, and staff to have a international experience - right on campus!

Faculty are welcome to attend and to encourage students to attend events of interest. OIP is pleased to maintain attendance sign-in sheets at any of the events.

See <http://oip.uncc.edu/programs-and-speakers/international-education-week> for more information, including a calendar of events.

Study Abroad Program Development Workshop during IEW

Are you a faculty member interested in designing an education abroad program? Faculty interested in learning how to develop, implement, and lead a short-term study abroad program are invited to join the Office of Education Abroad for a workshop to be held Friday, November 21 during the campus celebration of International Education Week (IEW) 2014.

To learn more, contact edabroad@uncc.edu. Registration is requested at <https://edabroad.uncc.edu/calendar/2014-11-21/faculty-led-study-abroad-program-development-workshop>.

Student Chosen From Among 1,500 in United Nations Essay Contest

Lauren Klein, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences student, was chosen from among 1,500 students from 128 countries as an honoree in the United Nations *Many Languages, One World* contest.



Klein, an English major in her fourth semester of Russian classes, won in the Russian language category. She is one of 60 finalists selected to represent each of the six official languages of the United Nations – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. Klein was selected as one of ten representatives of the Russian language by first demonstrating written proficiency in Russian in the form of a 1,000 word essay and then demonstrating spoken proficiency by undergoing an oral interview in Russian.

Klein's essay addresses the relationship of multilingualism to global citizenship by drawing on her family's history and her own personal experiences with learning languages.

As a winner, Klein participated in the Many Languages, One World Global Youth Forum in New York and presented her work at the UN Headquarters in June. Klein credits the support from academic mentor Yuliya Baldwin, lecturer in Russian in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies, as well as other teachers and students in the US and in Russia.

English Language Training Institute Welcomes New Faculty for 2014-15

The Office of International Programs' English Language Training Institute (ELTI) enrolls students from around the world each semester, helping them to improve their English to matriculate into degree programs at UNC Charlotte or elsewhere.

To serve the growing enrollment numbers, which currently stand at around 250 students, ELTI added two new full-time faculty members in Fall 2014 to the team of nearly 30 full-time and adjunct instructors. See below for profiles of these two new instructors. For more information on ELTI, visit elti.uncc.edu.

Sarah Siddique

M.A. TESOL

School of International Training

Siddique comes to ELTI from an intensive English program in Littleton, Colorado after teaching English in Cambodia. She is pleased to be in an intensive English program where she can support students as they transition into academic or professional work in the United States.



"I'm really excited that ELTI students are able to feel more integrated within a university environment and are exposed to countless Americans on a daily basis," says Siddique.

Stephanie Wallace

M.A. Spanish and Linguistics

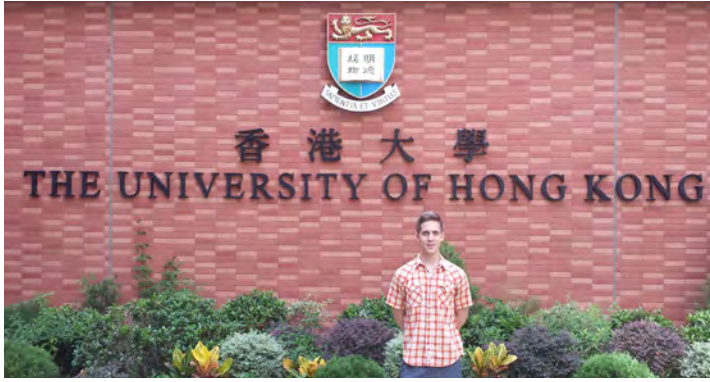
New Mexico State University

Wallace served as an adjunct instructor with ELTI for two years before transitioning to a full-time capacity. Wallace also spearheads ELTI's community service project each semester with hopes that ELTI students can expand their engagement with both the UNC Charlotte and Charlotte communities.



"My goal is to have ELTI students involved in campus outreach and become noticeable participants in campus activities," says Wallace.

Student's Experience With International Programs Comes Full Circle



Gerald Stewart's journey with the Office of International Programs began in the spring 2012 semester when he joined the staff of Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP). As a student employee, Stewart connected with a cohort of students from Xiamen University in Xiamen, China, for their short-term study experience at UNC Charlotte. Stewart says this is one of his most memorable experiences with International Programs. "The students were all so fun," he laughs, "but this guy Eric - he was my favorite!"

Upon completion of that program, Stewart sought out another globally-focused employment opportunity with the International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO). In this role, Stewart greeted new and returning international visitors to

UNC Charlotte while continuing to connect with international students and student organizations on campus.

After witnessing firsthand the positive impacts of international education on a student's success, Stewart decided to pursue an education abroad opportunity of his own. Advisors in the Office of Education Abroad helped him identify grants and scholarships to fund an experience abroad and helped him select the best campus for him, the University of Hong Kong, where he can continue studying Business Administration courses which will apply to his major.

Knowing that his educational journey was taking him to China, Stewart re-connected with Eric, the student from Xiamen University, to see if they might reunite. He and Stewart will have a short overlap in China and have promised to meet up. "I met Eric my first semester with International Programs and now, I'll see him in his country during my last semester of college," shared Stewart.

Stewart is studying at the University of Hong Kong for the Fall 2014 semester. He will complete his B.S. in Business Administration degree requirements this fall and plans to walk at the commencement ceremony in May 2015.

UNC Charlotte Is A Tradition For One Family From The United Arab Emirates

Sathika Premaratne, senior Business Management major, reflects on her experience as an international undergraduate student, the third sibling in her family to graduate from UNC Charlotte. After graduation, Sathika plans to pursue application to law school.

Author Wendell Berry said "Nobody can discover the world for somebody else. Only when we discover it for ourselves does it become common ground and a common bond and we cease to be ourselves." This proved to be true when I moved to the US to study at UNC Charlotte.

I am one of three siblings that travelled from the United Arab Emirates to pursue our higher education at UNC Charlotte. When my sister and brother started at UNC Charlotte in 2006, I could only imagine all the adventures they were about to embark on and the amazing people they had met. It was only when I started here myself in 2010, I realized that their stories didn't do it justice.

My experience at orientation was one that left me with a lasting impression. Having already dealt with my sister and brother in the past, Assistant Director of the International Students and Scholars Office Denise Medeiros instantly recognized me and expressed how delighted she was to have me for the next four years. After being one amongst the crowd all day, it felt great to be recognized. My mind was immediately at ease because it assured me that I had someone to go to if I had any concerns.

Being a freshman is stressful enough - let alone being one in another country! But the staff and volunteers at the International

Students and Scholars Office ease the process and make you feel welcome. They do their very best to pull you out of your shell with events like the International Club's trips to New York, Washington, and Florida, the International Coffee Hour, and the International Festival to meet people from around the world. With their encouragement and resources, my siblings and I were able to give back to the university.

The skills that I have gained and the experiences that I have been through are ones that are difficult to put into words. It is impossible to understand what someone goes through when they arrive in a new place and have it to make it their home, be it a semester or four years.



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