



Executive Director's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Office of International Programs (OIP), I would like to welcome you back to campus! I look forward to working with you during this upcoming academic year as we continue advancing the internationalization of UNC Charlotte. In addition to the many services offered to the University for faculty and students, we are planning many exciting events this year and would be delighted for you to join us.

We continue to collaborate with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC) and will co-sponsor a wonderful speaker series with WACC and the International Studies Program, with our first speaker joining us on September 30, 2008; we will sponsor an exciting International Education Week November 17-21; and do not forget to attend one of our University's oldest traditions, the annual International Festival on September 27, 2008 in and around the Barnhardt Student Activities Center.

In other OIP news, we are pleased to welcome two new members of our staff. Lisa Baum is the new Assistant Director in the Office of Education Abroad and started on September 8; Kelly Franklin will join the English Language Training Institute as the new Director in October. I hope that the campus will join us in welcoming them to our University community. As always, our goal is to create a climate on our campus where "internationalization" becomes an integral component to each of our students' experience with us. We are looking forward to working with our longtime supporters as well as with our new faculty and staff. In fact, we strongly encourage our new colleagues to join us in our programming and become involved in any way that you can. Have a wonderful academic year 2008-2009.

Noel A. Gallegos

International 'Niner' Tradition

Did you enjoy the Parade of Nations during the 2008 Olympics in Beijing? You have an opportunity to enjoy another 'Parade of Nations' in the festive display of native costumes at



UNC Charlotte's 33rd annual International Festival on Saturday, September 27. In addition to this highlight event there will be culture displays by more than 50 countries with many of them offering samplings of

their native foods. Dance performances, ethnic bands, face-painting, a giant earth balloon, the kid's passport project and an international magic show will be among the other events and opportunities to celebrate our University and community's ethnic diversity. A complete listing of Festival events is located on page 8 of this newsletter and is posted on the UNC Charlotte website (www.ifest.uncc.edu)



Superlatives and accolades abound for the Festival. It is the longest-running UNC Charlotte on-campus event. It has been named three times one of the Top Twenty Events in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society. It is estimated to attract 10,000 people.



We hope that you, your family, including children, and friends will join us for this annual celebration. The setting for IFEST is the Student Activity Center (SAC) and the time is 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM. See the world in a day!

Parking for the event is free and the festivities will be held rain or shine.

Chancellor Visits Australia

Chancellor Philip Dubois and Lisa Lewis Dubois visited two Australian Universities with Joël Gallegos (Executive Director of the Office of International Programs). The trip was facilitated to explore greater engagement in Australia for UNC Charlotte, partially in response to an increasing amount of interest expressed by students for education abroad opportunities.

Phil and Lisa Dubois and Gallegos visited Macquarie University initially. Macquarie is located in Sydney and is ranked in the top 200 universities in the world. Officially, it is the one university with which UNC Charlotte has established an agreement. The visit included a tour of campus, a tour of Sydney and multiple meetings with Macquarie's leadership.



Lisa Dubois, Bill McGaw, Director of International Programs at Macquarie University & Chancellor Phil Dubois

LaTrobe University is based in Melbourne, Australia. Earlier in the year, Debra Langton, Director of the International Office at LaTrobe visited UNC Charlotte for a city and campus visit. This reciprocal visit included a similar schedule and meetings with senior representatives of LaTrobe University.

The two tours are positive steps toward providing more options for UNC Charlotte faculty and students to conduct research or study in Australia.

ELTI Director Retired

Jeff Adams-Davis has retired from the position of Director for the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) effective August 29. Adams -Davis has worked at UNC Charlotte for 24 years. He began his career as a lecturer in the English Department for five years before coming to ELTI as a Program Coordinator. He was appointed Director in 1991 and has served in that capacity for the past 17 years. Adams-Davis received his undergraduate degree from UNC Charlotte in Biology and English before earning his graduate degree from UNC Chapel Hill in Linguistics.

Of his decision, Davis said, "I'll miss working with fabulous people and meeting students from all over the world, but I'm looking forward to a change of pace, new relationships and doing more teaching."

A retirement reception was held Friday, September 5, in appreciation of Adams-Davis's significant contributions to the campus. Rather than a traditional retirement rocking chair, Adams-Davis was presented with a beach chair to enjoy in his new, relaxed life at Laguna Beach, CA. In addition, Adams-Davis was presented with an iPod loaded with special memories from his friends and colleagues at UNC Charlotte.

U.S. Passport Day

UNC Charlotte's Mail Services Department, in cooperation with the United States Post Office, is holding a U.S. Passport Fair on Friday, September 26 in the Lucas Room of the Cone Center from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Processing agents will be available to assist with the application process and photo services will be available for \$15. The opportunity is open to all faculty, staff or students who will be traveling or would like the chance to travel internationally. For more information, visit the U.S. Department of State web site at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html.

Lorden Visits Universities in China

Provost Joan Lorden visited five universities on a trip to China in late May, 2008. The universities included Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing Normal University, Fudan University, Tonji University and Suzhou University of Science and Technology.

These visits included meetings with faculty and administrators, roundtable discussions on areas of common interest and meetings with university leadership. Each was designed to explore potential for future collaboration and involvement with UNC Charlotte.

Two events of particular significance occurred. During her visit to Beijing Normal University, Lorden met with University administrators to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between UNC Charlotte and Beijing Normal University. While in Shanghai, Lorden was then able to meet with students from UNC Charlotte's School of Architecture who were involved in the 2008 China Study Program entitled "Metamorphosis: Architecture in the Age of Transformation."

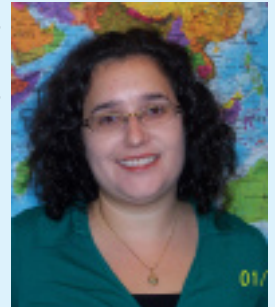
NEW FACES IN OIP

The next time you visit OIP you may notice some new faces among the staff. We are happy to welcome several new staff members.

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) is pleased to announce the hiring of **Kelly Franklin** as the new Director. Franklin comes to UNC Charlotte from State University of New York New Paltz. He was selected from a national search as the best candidate to lead ELTI into its next phase of growth and development. He has previous experience as a director of an ESL program, director of an international services office and has several years of teaching background in Japan. Franklin has an M.A. from Ohio University and a B.A. from Rice University.

As the Director of ELTI, Franklin will be responsible for faculty recruitment, program development and operational management. ELTI provides intensive English instruction for international students planning to attend U.S. American universities or colleges as well as for those providing professional training in the United States.

Lisa Baum joined the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) on September 15, 2008. After a national search and extensive campus interviews, Baum was selected from several highly-qualified applicants for the position. She joins OEA from San Jose State University in California. Baum has eight years of experience in the fields of student services and international education and brings new energy to education abroad initiatives at UNC Charlotte. Baum has an Ed.M from Harvard University and a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College. She has studied, lived and traveled extensively.



As Assistant Director for the Office of Education Abroad, Baum's duties will include overseeing the office's advising program, processing student grade and credit issues, organizing and managing the two principal study abroad fairs and work with the Director to develop new recruitment and program initiatives.



Maureen White has been named Program Coordinator for Intercultural Outreach Programs. Prior to her arrival at UNC Charlotte, White conducted cultural and educational programs for international students at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where she earned her B.A. in Communication and M.A. in English. She also holds a certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language and has taught ESL in high school, university and community programs. Further, White spent eight months living and working in Thailand where she taught English and American culture. As Program Coordinator for the Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs, White is responsible for many aspects of program planning and implementation and acts as a key resource for program participants, faculty and staff.

Charlotte Klopp is the new Director of Programming and Development for the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. She has been a member and volunteer with the Council for four years before formally joining the staff in April 2008.

Klopp spent three and a half years as an immigration case manager with Tin Fulton Greene & Owen and Greene & Associates. Prior to that, she worked with career management services coordinating international internships at Old Dominion University with brief stints in public relations with Barker Campbell Farley & Mansfield and Fenton Communications. In addition to her work with the Council, Klopp teaches ESL classes at Blair Road Methodist Church.



Klopp has a M.A. in International Studies and a B.A. in Communications from Old Dominion University. She has traveled extensively and hopes to use her international experience to encourage the community to become more involved in international affairs through the Council.

Although not exactly a new face, **Dan Harmon**, ELTI adjunct faculty, is spending part of his day now assisting in the International Student and Scholar Office in coordinating projects and programs that allow for greater interaction among international students and U.S. American students as well as developing programs for enriching the UNC Charlotte international student experience.

UNC CHARLOTTE INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER SERIES

First International Speaker Series Announced

The Office of International Programs and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC), in conjunction with the International Studies Program, are delighted to announce the first International Speaker Series at UNC Charlotte. The fall semester includes Tim Weiner of *The New York Times* on September 30, Senator Chuck Hagel on October 30 and Dr. Marshall Goldman on November 18.

Weiner is a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for *The New York Times* and has covered the CIA for the past twenty years and reported in eighteen countries. From 1993 to 1999, as the Washington bureau reporter covering the CIA for *The New York Times*, Weiner broke more than 100 front page stories on the Agency and its troubles. His book, "Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA" covers and challenges the history of America's primary intelligence agency. Weiner will be discussing the monograph and his extensive experience with the organization on Tuesday, September 30. His lecture will be held at 3:30 PM in CHHS 281.



Hagel is serving his second term in the United States Senate as a representative of Nebraska. He is a member of four Senate committees: Foreign Relations; Banking; Housing and Urban Affairs; and Intelligence and Rules. He is the author of "America: Our Next Chapter." Before his election to



the Senate, Hagel served in the private sector in various capacities. He is the recipient of multiple awards and honors, including the USA Engage Congressional Leadership Award, United Nations Association of the United States of America's Congressional Leadership Award, the Horatio Alger Award from the Horatio Alger Association and the Commander's Cross with Star of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland.

Goldman is Professor of Economics Emeritus at Wellesley College and Senior Scholar at the Davis Center for Russian Studies at Harvard University. An internationally recognized authority on Russian history, politics, and economics, he has met with Mikhail Gorbachev and interviewed Vladimir Putin, and has advised former President George H.W. Bush and President George W. Bush on Russia. Goldman has written for publications such as *Foreign Affairs*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic Monthly*.



Confirmed speakers for the spring semester include Dr. Sergei Krushchev in January, Ambassador Linda Tarr-Whelan in February and Dr. Kelechi Ohiri in April.

The WACC was founded in 1983 as an outreach extension of the Office of International Programs at UNC Charlotte, and now operates as an independent 501(c)3 with offices at UNC Charlotte. As a regional center for education and discussion of world affairs, the Council seeks to provide leadership for global thinking.

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. If you would like to bring your class to one of the lectures or for more information, please contact Rebecca Vincent at 7-7305 or Rebecca.Vincent@uncc.edu.

Global Engineering and the Future of Engineering in America

The Honorable Jeffrey S. Merrifield, currently the Senior Vice President of the Shaw Group's Power Division, will be addressing Lee College of Engineering students on Friday, October 31 from 11:00 AM -12:15 PM in Woodward Hall room 106 as part of the College's Professional Development course. Merrifield will be speaking on the topic of Global Engineering and the Future of Engineering in America. The campus community is invited to attend.

As a member of the Power Group's executive team, Merrifield is focused on enhancing the group's external relationships including government affairs, marketing and communications, customer relations and strategic planning. Merrifield has been particularly involved in supporting the group's nuclear related efforts.

For more information on this event, please contact Linda Thurman, Faculty Associate for Student Professional Development at x74415 or lthurman@uncc.edu.



Professors in Pakistan

In May 2008 three professors set out to Pakistan "with the spirit of international outreach." Ray Tsu (Electrical and Computer Engineering), M. Yasin Akhtar Raja (Physics & Optical Science) and Mohamed-Ali Hasan (Electrical and Computer Engineering) were invited speakers for three different international workshops/seminars on nanotechnology and photonics organized by three different universities in three different cities.

Their first stop included a workshop on "Topics in Semiconductor Materials and Nanodevices" at the Islamia University Bahawalpur (IUB). While the 250 in attendance was an impressive number, Tsu, Raja and Hasan were most struck that nearly 40% of that number was female students and faculty. Next, they visited the National University of Science and Technology (NUST) for a one-day "Nanophotonics International Workshop". During this time they were able to call upon the Rector of NUST who had visited UNC Charlotte in 2007. Finally, Hasan and Raja finished the two-week trip at the National Institute for Lasers and Optronics (NILOP), a constituent of Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS University).



The ambitious travel and academic schedule did not prevent them from experiencing the local culture and hospitality. They were followed by a herd of camels on the National Highway to Bahawalpur where they were met by two vehicles with armed men dressed in special uniforms and carrying Kalashnikovs. They were reassured by their host "this is the guard of honor which is tradition of Bahawalpur to welcome the special guests." The host from IUB took the professors on a desert safari in "Choolistan" before returning them to Islamabad. Also, Hasan, Raja and Tsu were able to visit many of the famous sites of Lahore, including the Shahi Qilah (Imperial Fort) and the BaadShahi Masjid (Imperial Mosque).



Student Leader Completes Internship with Human Rights Action Center

With a single project, a renowned mentor and Congress a brief distance away, Jay Patel's summer internship with Human Rights Action Center (HRAC) as part of the UNC in Washington Study and Internship Program had all the elements of a unique professional opportunity.

Patel and another intern were charged with getting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) printed on every U.S. Passport. Together they created a plan for raising awareness and interest in the idea. Patel visited with his Senators to discuss the initiative, letters were sent to U.N. Permanent Representatives and all U.S. Senators and ideas were generated to engage students on U.S. university campuses. He found his own ideas about democracy challenged through the attempts to persuade politicians to support the program. Through it all, Patel was reminded by Jack Healey, Director of HRAC, to develop perseverance and patience. This particular initiative had been going on for fifteen years; their efforts were part of a much longer process.

In addition to professional experience, the internship was a resource of networking opportunities. On behalf of Healey, Patel was able to attend the birthday party given for Aung San Suu Kyi as part

of an awareness campaign on the crisis in Burma. In addition, he sat in on a session of the Foreign Relations Committee discussing "Emergency Aid and the Reluctance to Do So", after which he spoke briefly with Vice Presidential candidate Joe Biden. Other events, meetings and programs completed an ambitious schedule to provide Patel with multiple opportunities to interact with top leaders.

Patel is a senior at UNC Charlotte and the President of the award-winning Model United Nations team on campus. He entered as a transfer student from CPCC and will graduate with a double major in Political Science, Philosophy and a minor in History. While he enjoys the opportunity to articulate positions and perspectives on world events and issues, it is also clear that Patel values listening to the experiences and ideas of others to better influence his own world view. Through his internship and experiences at UNC Charlotte he has taken advantage of many opportunities to do both.

If a student is interested in an internship opportunity through the UNC in Washington program, please contact Denise Dwight Smith (x72231), Al Maisto (x77197) or Annette Parks (x74217). The deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 1.

International Studies Program Update

The International Studies Program (INTL) will welcome its largest group of students to the program this year, including many who have taken the initiative to be enrolled in the History/International Studies Freshman Learning Community. A full calendar of supplemental programming, in conjunction with the International Studies Student Association (ISSA), is also planned to engage students throughout the academic year.

There are also some faculty-

related changes. Charles Houck joined the program as a full-time Lecturer after teaching part-time for several years. Houck received his Ph.D. from Tulane University and has interests in archaeology, Latin America and cultural complexity. In addition, the structure of the Affiliated Faculty was reconstituted over the summer in order to provide more opportunities to affiliated faculty to be directly involved with the Program.

International Studies continues

to be engaged with the Charlotte community. In early October, seniors from the Academy of International Studies at Independence High School will be at UNC Charlotte to learn about the program and to have an opportunity to interact with International Studies students.

Global Business Programs: Focus on Mexico

Global Business Programs in the Belk College of Business again held its highly-successful Global Business Management Certificate program this summer, hosting 24 students from the Tecnológico de Monterrey, representing students from several of its campuses throughout Latin America. The students visited various business organizations in Charlotte including Bank of America, Bank of America stadium, the Federal Reserve, and the BMW plant in Greenville, SC. The graduation ceremony held on campus featured the Honorary Consul of Mexico, Wayne Cooper, and the Director of the Latin American Coalition, Angeles Ortega-Moore. Three students from the thriving dual MBA degree



program with Tec de Monterrey's graduate business school, EGADE, took classes on the UNC Charlotte campus during the second summer session.

Additionally, Alan Shao, Associate Dean for Professional and Global Programs, traveled last spring with 32 state government, academic and business leaders to participate in the North Carolina Center for International Understanding's "Global Business Networking Initiative 2008." The group traveled to Mexico City and Pueblo, Mexico where they met with government officials, listened to business lectures, and toured various sites including the Volkswagen Plant, Bimbo Bakery factory, IPODERAC (model of social enterprise), and Coyula, a small village experiencing vast migration. The initiative was funded by a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.



Fall 2008 International Student Orientation

The International Student/Scholar Office held an International Student Orientation Program on August 20-21 for international students who have recently arrived at UNC Charlotte. In attendance were approximately 65 undergraduate students, 25 exchange students and 170 graduate students from about 30 countries.



Topics included adapting to a US educational system, adjusting to US campus life and understanding immigration regulations. Current international students talked about other relevant topics based on their experience as well. Throughout the week students were able to participate in additional sessions such as opening a bank account, working on-campus, English Placement testing, SOAR and Graduate School Orientation. There were additional opportunities for social activities such as shopping, dinner, a tour of Charlotte and a welcome party.

2008 International Festival Events



- 10 AM – 6 PM Ethnic group displays
Giant 22' earth balloon
Face painting
- 10 AM – 5 PM Passport project for children
- 10 AM Loch Norman Pipe Band (Scottish)
- 11 AM Obakunle Akinlana- African Folk Tales

11 AM – 6 PM Ethnic foods from a variety of countries available

11 AM – 4 PM Alborado (Andean Music Group)

11 AM – 3 PM Steel Vibrations Band

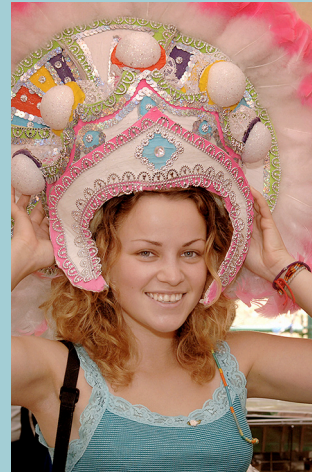
12 noon Festival of Music and Dance – Part 1

12 noon – 2 PM Strolling Accordion

1 PM – 2 PM A Different Drum (South African Township/Brazilian Samba)
Corky Magic show

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM Corky Magic: animal balloons for children)

2 PM Parade of Nations – Ethnic Costume Review



2:15 PM - 2:45 PM Turkish Ritim (Turkish Band)

3 PM Celtic Folkers (Irish Band)
Capoeira (Brazilian martial art performance)
Performance by Arty the Clown
Corky Magic show

3:45 PM Festival of Music and Dance – Part 2

5 PM Manny y Sus Trabucos
(Afro-Cuban/ Caribbean Music Group)

Upcoming Events

September 26

International Passport Day
Lucas Room, Cone University Center
9:00 am - 3:30 pm

September 27

International Festival
Barnhardt Student Activity Center
10:00 am - 6:00 pm

September 30

International Speaker Series: Tim Weiner
CHHS 281
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

October 2

International Coffee Hour
Prospector Cafeteria
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

October 8

Global Perspective Lunch Series
CHHS 207
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

October 16

International Coffee Hour
Prospector Cafeteria
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

October 30

International Speaker Series: Chuck Hagel
CHHS 281
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

October 31

Global Engineering Lecture
Woodward 106

November 5

Global Perspective Lunch Series
CHHS 207
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

November 17 - 21

International Education Week
Detail to be announced

November 18

Phi Beta Delta New Member Induction
Salon A, Barnhardt Student Activity Center
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

November 18

International Speaker Series: Marshall Goldman
CHHS 281
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

For more information on these and other OIP events, please contact Mary Zink at 7-7755 or mbzink@uncc.edu.

Faculty Resources

- NSF Office of International Science and Engineering: funding opportunities for faculty support, postdoctoral researchers and graduate and undergraduate students. For more information, visit www.nsf.gov/oise.
- Profiles of nearly 400 overseas research and applied development projects at more than 60 public universities are now posted on the NASULGC website as part of the International Research and Development Project Database. For more information, visit www.nasulgc.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=776&srcid=884.
- Globalization 101: a web site covering the impact of globalization on a variety of areas (including human rights, energy, technology and investment). Though not designed for in-depth analysis, the site provides general information as a starting point for further conversations. It may be useful for introducing globalization to students and/or as an initial resource for their own exploration of the topic. For more information, visit www.globalization101.org.

Student Selected as ISEP Ambassador

Margo Villarosa, a UNC Charlotte junior, has been selected to be an International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) Ambassador. Villarosa, a Psychology major and Women's Studies minor, studied abroad through ISEP during the Spring 2008 semester at Aalborg University in Aalborg, Denmark. As a Student Ambassador, Villarosa will represent ISEP at the Fall 2008 Study Abroad Fair and



act as a campus advocate for Study Abroad throughout the 2008-09 academic year.

If you would like Villarosa and the Office of Education Abroad to present to your class, please contact Melissa Watkins at mkwatkin@uncc.edu or 7-7747. More information on the International Student Exchange Program can be found at www.isep.org. Look for Villarosa's study abroad testimony in the UTimes later in the Fall semester.

Tradition and Innovation with Korea Programs

The Intercultural Outreach Programs' office provided programming support for two groups from South Korea over the 2008 summer. One program, from Hongik University, made its twelfth visit to UNC Charlotte for a program on Global Citizenship. The other group, from Hallym University, participated in a joint program with UNC Charlotte's Department of Computer Science's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program. These students were the first international group to be integrated into an REU program at UNC Charlotte.



Hongik University, located in Seoul, South Korea, came to campus for a four-week program. The "Hongik University Summer Institute" combined English language classes and American cultural activities to provide a comprehensive experience centered on the theme of Global Citizenship. The visiting students had the chance to discuss issues surrounding global responsibility with people both on and off campus. Helene Hilger (Associate Professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering) was one of the guest lecturers and presented on environmental sustainability. Students also had the chance to meet and forge friendships with students in the Office of International Programs' English Language

Training Institute. According to one Hongik student, meeting ELTI students "was a good opportunity to make international friends and have conversations... I felt my vision of the world getting wide from this opportunity." Over 200 Hongik University students have participated in UNC Charlotte's Summer Institutes since 1991.

The "Hallym University Summer Internship" program welcomed computer game design students from Hallym University, in South Korea, to participate in a joint program with UNC Charlotte's Department of Computer Science's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program. These students lived on campus and worked with other REU participants in the Games + Learning Lab under the direction of Tiffany Barnes (Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science). The 2008 program was funded by a grant that Hallym University received from the Korean Ministry of Education. It culminated with a research presentation seminar at which the Hallym students displayed the computer game they had designed.

Watkins Promotes UNC Charlotte in Mexico

Melissa Watkins (Lead Advisor, Office of Education Abroad) accompanied the University of North Carolina Exchange Program (UNC-EP) to the IIIX ITESM International Fair in Mexico. UNC-EP is the official system-wide student exchange program of the 16-campus of UNC. Its purpose is to establish and facilitate the regular exchange of students between UNC institutions and overseas institutions. Watkins, along with other UNC-EP representatives, participated in the International Fair visiting several campuses including Monterrey, Guadalajara and Querétaro.



Scholarships Awarded to Study Abroad

The Office of Education Abroad is pleased to announce that 76 students will be studying abroad in over 16 different countries during the Fall 2008 semester. This year, a record number of students were awarded Scholarships, both national and local. Brian Noon, Tony Solodyankin, and Kenneth Wicks were each awarded a Benjamin Gilman Scholarship in amounts between \$4000 and \$5000. They will be studying in Japan, Cyprus, and Germany, respectively. Biology major, Tuan Nguyen, was awarded the Freeman Asia Scholarship in the amount of \$7000. Tuan will be spending a year in Japan,

attending Oita University.

Last February, the Office of Education Abroad received 100 scholarship applications and granted 51 awards, averaging \$1000 a piece to students studying abroad during the 2008-2009 academic year. Additionally, many students were awarded departmental scholarships, including the Belk College of Business SUCCESS Scholarship and R.L. Stowe Scholarship for Merit. For more information about Study Abroad scholarships and application information, contact the Office of Education Abroad at 7-7747.

Language and Culture Studies Welcomes Four Visiting Instructors

Language and Culture Studies (LCS) has four visiting instructors contributing to the program for the 2008-2009 school year. Joan Elies Adell Pitarch, from Universitat Oberta de Catalunya in Barcelona, will be teaching a course in creative writing for the Spanish M.A. Chikako Mori has been here for two years but will this year be supported by a grant from the Japan Foundation. Bianca Potrykus will teach in the German program and is being sponsored by a DAAD fellowship. Finally, Zuo Yingjuan will be teaching Chinese for LCS and researching methods of teaching English as a foreign language.

Languages and Culture Studies Chair Presents Paper

Robert Reimer (Chair, Languages and Culture Studies), and William Davis, Graduate Student in MALS, presented a paper "Subtitling and Dubbing as Film Adaptation" at the conference *Cultures of Translation: Adaptations in Film & Performance* at Glamorgan University in Cardiff, Wales, June 26 - 28, 2008.



Japanese Teacher Visits for Sixth Year with Program

Mr. Susumu Ikemura returned to Charlotte for his sixth consecutive visit for the 'Mini-Internship for Japanese Elementary Teachers' program, which offers professional development, English language training and cultural experiences to visiting Japanese teachers. This annual teacher development and immersion program is in its 22nd year and is designed to deepen and broaden the participants' understanding of American education, culture and school life. The Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs worked with Union County Schools and Walter Bickett Elementary School to organize the program again this year. Overall, the program has had over 450 Japanese teachers participate since 1986.



As a new feature of this ongoing program, this year's participants were offered the chance to stay in the home of an American elementary school teacher. The visiting teachers extended their understanding of American culture to include home and work environments and the hosting family was able to get to know the visitor outside of the classroom.

Two Weeks in Bolivia By Angie Wright, Intern, Office of Education Abroad

As someone who has traveled moderately around the globe, particularly in Latin America, I had become quite comfortable with Hispanic culture. I unconsciously assumed that since I spoke the language and was knowledgeable in the basics of living in a developing nation, I was not going to be impacted as dramatically as some of the other members of the team. This thought evaporated the second I stepped on the plane to Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

I sat down beside a lovely Bolivian couple and, with some trepidation, attempted to begin a conversation in hopes of getting that general "What you need to know about

Bolivia" tutorial from the locals. That was until the man began to speak to me in a language that was unlike any Spanish I had heard. The third time I asked him to repeat himself, he stated that I must not understand very much Spanish. On the contrary, I was the only interpreter for 22 other Americans, and it was beginning to look like I was in big trouble!

This small event came to symbolize my time spent in rural Bolivia providing free eye exams, glasses and optical surgeries for citizens of Montero, Bolivia. Along with twenty-one optometrists, ophthalmologists, nurses, contractors and construction volunteers of different ages and from various parts of North Carolina,

I had the privilege of spending two weeks in South America's least developed country. Montero is a town made of, among other things, brick and stone roadways, three-toed sloths, wild boar, sugarcane fields, empanadas, monkeys, coca tea, open air meat markets, speedy motorcycle taxis and one Internet server for the entire town. Each day was a new adventure which only proved to me that you have never really seen it all.



OIP Presents at Conference for International Educators

The Office of International Programs contributed a session on "The Value of a Strong Support Team for Campus Internationalization" to the annual North Carolina Association of International Educators (NCAIE) conference on the campus of UNC Wilmington.

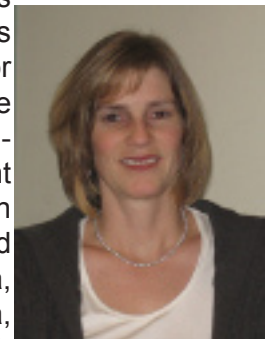
The panel of support staff, chaired by Denise Medeiros (Assistant Director, International Student/Scholar Office), spoke from their experiences about the importance of collaboration and a strong network; their contributions

toward office goals and objectives; how their work impacts campus internationalization; and how they stay motivated in their work. Esther Hollington (Administrative Coordinator, Office of Education Abroad), Cathy Thompson (Accounting Technician, Office of International Programs Administration) and Debbie Wilson (Administrative Assistant, International Student/Scholar Office) participated on the panel.



Medeiros Selected as Professional Trainer

Denise Medeiros (Assistant Director, International Student/Scholar Office) has been selected to serve as a trainer in the Trainer Corps for NAFSA: Association of International Educators. In this position, she will be part of a team of trainers which conducts workshops for Region VII in the area of F-1 non-immigrant student issues. Region VII is composed of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Trainer Corps members are expected to train up to two workshops each year for a term of three years.



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