



GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

An Office of International Programs newsletter

Welcome
from the
Assistant
Provost



This year has been another year of growth for campus and also for OIP. At the end of each academic year, I reflect on the various aspects of the work we do and, as always, I remain enthusiastic with our institution's ongoing and increasing commitment to internationalization. Many of us coming from a variety of departments and colleges are all engaged in the same goal of encouraging, and inspiring our students to stretch beyond their comfort zone to learn and to interact with other cultures and peoples. As each year goes by, I see more and more of our campus becoming "international" and look forward to these continued successes.

As you peruse our last Global Perspective newsletter of the academic year, be mindful of new and exciting ways we can continue our efforts and strengthen the collaboration between OIP and the campus community. Have a wonderful summer and we will look forward to an exciting fall semester full of international activity and programming which contributes as always to our ever changing culturally diverse landscape.

Grant Awarded for Fulbright Pre-Academic Program

Susan Lambert, Director, and Maureen White, Coordinator, of Intercultural Outreach Programs have been awarded a grant for IIE/Fulbright's Pre-Academic Program. The Institute of International Education, in accordance with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, selected UNC Charlotte to host this three-week pre-academic orientation program for incoming Fulbright grantees, August 2-22, 2009.

The program is designed to cover an orientation to the U.S. academic system, English language training and field-of-study preparation. The program is also aimed at building a basic understanding of current issues in U.S. society and a solid foundation of U.S. social values, both of which are necessary for successful intercultural communication in their host communities. Fulbright programs in general are not only intended to promote grantees' professional development but also - and very importantly - to promote mutual understanding among peoples.

The grantees will come from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds, however all participants will arrive with strong academic credentials and will already have secured academic admission to U.S. institutions for advanced study. Their fields of study will range from the humanities to business and management and from the social sciences to the sciences and technology.

More than 40 UNC Charlotte faculty and staff members from over 24 departments, centers and units across campus will be involved in providing them with the academic, language and graduate student life preparation necessary to ease their transition into the world of U.S. graduate studies. In addition, numerous UNC Charlotte undergraduate and graduate students will serve on panels and interact with the Fulbright grantees in many other meaningful ways.

Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program aims to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills. Sponsored by the United States Department of State, the Fulbright Program provides funding for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools. A mainstay of America's public-diplomacy efforts, the Fulbright Foreign Student Program brings citizens of other countries to the United States for Master's degrees or Ph.D. study at U.S. universities or other appropriate institutions. The program has brought some of the world's finest minds to U.S. campuses and offers program participants insight into U.S. society and values.

History on Display at Atkins Library in June

On June 24, 1948 Joseph Stalin ordered all supplies for West Berlin to be terminated in response to growing political conflict between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers of the United States, Great Britain and France. Access to basic necessities such as water, food, coal, and fuel was now blocked to over 2 million men, women and children already living in devastated areas due to post-war conditions. Lives were again at stake even though WWII had ended just a few years before.

The United States and her Allies would not allow further suffering. An innovative idea was born, resulting in one of the most amazing humanitarian efforts in history: the Berlin Airlift. C-47 and C-54 military aircraft, once used to drop bombs during WWII, were now used for a much different mission. They dropped critical supplies to the waiting people of West Berlin, ensuring they would have what they needed to survive the blockade. At midnight on May 12, 1949, the Soviets gave in. They reopened land and water routes into Berlin ending the 322-day blockade. Airlift missions ended in September 1949.

Today, the Republic of Germany and the United States are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift through the awe-inspiring **Friends Always: The Berlin Airlift Traveling Museum Exhibit**. UNC Charlotte is honored to display this exhibit, free to the public, from June 1 through June 24 in the J. Murrey Atkins Library. The community will observe approximately 60 large panel photographs with descriptive text, depicting images from the Berlin Blockade and Berlin Airlift. Additionally, Atkins Library's Special Collections will display its related materials of the Berlin Airlift and WWII for public viewing.

This exhibit is due to the generosity of the German Embassy, Germany's Honorary Consul Kurt G. Waldthausen, UNC Charlotte Academic Affairs, the J. Murrey Atkins Library and several other sponsors. According to Consul Waldthausen, "This exhibit will remind both Germans and Americans in the Charlotte Region of this heroic humanitarian mission that saved the lives of over 2 million people in Berlin. Furthermore, it is an opportunity for the many German people who have made the Charlotte Region their home to express their gratitude to their American friends and co-workers."



Thomas Rogers receives Fulbright Fellowship

Thomas Rogers has received the Fulbright Fellowship and the American Philosophical Society's Franklin Research Grant for his new research project: Hunger and Environmental Destruction in Brazil's Forgotten Ethanol Boom, 1971-1990. The study will examine the growth of Brazil's sugar cane ethanol industry over a twenty-year period and its relationship to workers' decreasing stability, and deteriorating work conditions and degradation of the environment. It is anticipated that Rogers' study will provide the first comprehensive and fine-grain historical understanding of how the global energy crisis has

impacted the national policy, human capital, natural resources, the environment, and the quotidian lives of the rural populace in a major Latin American country. His findings will surely inform the ongoing debates on the efficiency, political ecology, and social implications of biofuel as an alternative energy source in the global economy.

Rogers is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Africana Studies and a core faculty in the Latin American Studies program. His forthcoming book, *The Deepest Wounds: The Laboring Landscapes of Sugar in Northeast Brazil*, will be published by the University of North Carolina Press.

The Belk College grows global every year

This year has seen a 24% jump in the number of Belk College business students studying abroad, including a group of five in Hong Kong for the semester. Hong Kong is also the location of one of the Global EMBA programs. Additionally, the number of International Business majors has also risen by the greatest percentage in the college. Both of these increases can be partially attributed to the diligent work of Lee Vang, who worked in the OIP office while studying at UNC Charlotte and is now the Program Coordinator for Global Business Programs (GBP). The Belk College's Global Business Programs office awarded scholarships totaling \$26,750 this year to students studying abroad, based on where they were studying and for how long.

The GBP office also helped fund travel by 17 faculty to international conferences and overseas teaching opportunities. Dr. Jennifer Troyer will be presenting a paper at the 7th World Congress on Health Economics in Beijing, China. This conference is the premier research conference on health economics. Dr. Richard Buttner presented a paper at the Second International Think Tank on Housing Wealth, and House Prices Risk in Melbourne, Australia. Five faculty attended the International Conference on Information Systems in France. Attendance by UNC Charlotte faculty at these conferences not only gives them opportunities to gain new information and network with global colleagues but increases our visibility globally.

Michael Daopanich is a Belk College student



studying in Hong Kong. He has been posting to a blog about his experience at <http://www.edabroad.uncc.edu/blogs/>. Michael has found his Hong Kong experience to be a changing point in his life.

Conference highlights Mexican Art and Architecture

The conference, "Journey to Mexico: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Travel to Mexico as Reflected in Art and Architecture of the 16th-21st Centuries," was held in the Rowe building at UNC Charlotte on April 24-25, 2009. The conference was a joint collaboration between the Universidad Iberoamericana and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. It brought together an international group of scholars from multiple disciplines to explore physical, mental, and spiritual migration to, from, and within Mexico as recorded in Mexican art and architecture of the 16th to 21st centuries. In different centuries and in different locations, "Mexican" and "Mexico" takes on varied meanings. Conference participants examined the "Journey to Mexico" in a fluid way that explored early recorded migration histories as well as later ideological journeys.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Elizabeth Hill Boone of Tulane University. She spoke on "This New World Now Revealed: Cortes, the Conquest, and Tenochtitlan's Journey into the Heart of Europe." The conference was coordinated by Angela Herren, Assistant Professor in the Department of Art and Art History. Herren recently returned from a Fulbright program with Universidad Iberoamericana.

The conference was supported by: The Duke-UNC Mellow Endowment's William Wilson Brown Jr. Conference Fund, Universidad Iberoamericana, and the following UNC Charlotte units: College of Arts and Architecture, Department of Art and Art History, Latin American Studies Program, and the Office of International Programs.



Visiting Researcher Blends French and Japanese

The Language Resource Center and the Department of Languages and Culture Studies welcome Kazuko Ichinoseki, a visiting researcher from Université of Franche-Comté Besançon, France. Ichinoseki is completing her master's degree in Project Management in Distance Language Learning and is working in the Language Resource Center on an internship project.

Over the past two months Ichinoseki has met with faculty and instructional support staff from many departments to learn how faculty at UNC Charlotte use instructional technology to enrich the teaching and learning process. She is also sharing her knowledge of distance education for language learners by serving as a consultant on a project to redesign elementary Spanish. This project is a collaborative effort between the Languages and Culture Studies Department and the Center for Teaching and



Learning.

Prior to coming to UNC Charlotte, Ichinoseki participated in the Linguistic and Intercultural Exchange Program in Distance Learning. In this program, an exchange program between the Universidad Libre in Colombia and the Université of Franche-Comté, Ichinoseki served as an online tutor of French. While at UNC Charlotte, Ichinoseki regularly participates in the International Coffee Hour hosted by OIP. She also assisted the Japanese faculty with the Japanese language program's recent trip to Duke University where UNC Charlotte students of Japanese competed in a Japanese language contest.

Upon earning her master's degree, Ichinoseki plans to work as a project manager and develop a language learning program for students of French and Japanese.

Computing and Informatics Welcomes Visiting Scholar from China

Mr. Liwei Shen, a visiting scholar from Fudan University, Shanghai, China, is working with Seok-Won Lee, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Software and Information Systems in the Knowledge-intensive Software Engineering (NiSE) research group in the College of Computing and Informatics. The Knowledge-intensive Software Engineering (NiSE) Research Group performs research to improve the understanding, representing, and modeling of the complex problem domain from the universe of discourse (UoD), for the design, development and analysis of the software-intensive systems within socio-technical environments. Their work places an emphasis on delivering state-of-the-art research and transferring innovative ideas into practice to build the next generation of software systems.



Student Fulbright Workshop Held

On Tuesday April 16th, the Office of Education Abroad held a Fulbright Workshop for students who were interested in the Student Fulbright program. This workshop was conducted by Paul Youngman, a Fulbright Scholar who spent January – July 2008 in a small town outside of Hamburg, Germany called Reinbek. He was awarded the Junior Faculty Research Award to finish a book called We are the Machine: The Computer, the Internet, and Information in Contemporary German Literature, due to debut in September 2009. Please visit <http://www.iie.org/> or contact Brad Sekulich at sekulich@uncc.edu for more information on the Student Fulbright program.

Case Receives Award for International Education

Judy Case, Director of Administration in the Office of International Programs, received the Martha Fitch Trigonis Individual Award from the North Carolina Association of



International Educators (NCAIE) for excellence in service and leadership in international education on Friday, March 13, 2009. “Judy’s 35-year career in international education has involved most aspects of our field and offered her a unique perspective on the development

of international education in North Carolina and the United States,” according to Mr. Joël Gallegos, Assistant Provost for International Programs.

Judy’s accomplishments are extensive. Her contributions include: coordinating the first Southeast’s Student Conference on Careers in International Business in 1987; co-directing the annual UNC Charlotte International Festival, the longest and largest on-campus event and three times recognized by the Southeaster Tourism Board as “One of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast”; and, conducting numerous cross-cultural training workshops on-campus and in the Charlotte community.

Martha Fitch Trigonis, for whom the award is named, was a student at UNC Charlotte and a personal friend of Judy’s. She later became a trusted colleague at UNC Greensboro.

When asked about her passion and commitment to international education, and particularly to welcoming international students and staff to UNC Charlotte, Judy recounts her own experience of living abroad. She did not have the benefit of orientation, inter-cultural training or guidelines on the stages of cultural adjustment. She credits her survival to the caring people who took her in and helped her to appreciate the reality of living in a different culture. “I’ll never forget how much that meant,” she says. And when she returned to the United States she promised, “If I ever have the chance to return the favor, I will.”

Indeed, the favor has been returned to the international students and faculty on campus; the UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students; and, her peers and colleagues across the state who honored her with this award.

Maureen White appointed to Carolina International School Board

Maureen White, Program Coordinator, Intercultural Outreach Programs, has been elected to the Board of Trustees for the Carolina International School. This internationally-focused charter school in Harrisburg, North Carolina, houses more than 450 students in grades K-10. The school’s mission is “to nurture students’ natural curiosity and joy of learning while they achieve academic excellence through a challenging, interdisciplinary, international curriculum.” The international curriculum is embedded in the NC Standard Course of Study and spans the disciplines and infuses each subject area with global awareness through class partnerships with Sister Cities around the world, international guests and programs and hands-on environmental studies on the 36-acre school grounds complete with forest and wetlands.

White served on the school’s Academic Standards Committee for 3 months before being elected as a member of their Board of Trustees. She began cultivating a relationship with the school as a way to encourage connections between Charlotte community members and the students who visit as part of Intercultural Outreach Programs. The partnership will increase OIP’s visibility in the community as White acts as a resource to this community institution.



15th Annual International Education Reception Honors William (Bill) Gay and Stephanie Miller

The 15th Annual International Education Reception, held on April 15, 2009, was a culminating event for the Office of International Programs at UNC Charlotte. At the event, William (Bill) Gay (Department of Philosophy) and Stephanie Miller (International Studies Program) were recognized as the recipients of

UNC Charlotte. He has published and presented extensively on the former Soviet Union and current Russian Federation. Gay's involvement and interests extend far beyond regional specialty; his work in topics relating to war, peace, justice and nuclear weapons extend his impact beyond borders. Gay received the 2009 International Education Faculty Award for his research, teaching, writing and community service reflecting a passion which he succinctly sums up as: "In my work, I try to promote positive peace and social justice."

Miller was recognized for her passion and pursuit of excellence in international engagement. She is a double-major in International Studies and Theater with a minor in Russian language.

program and active involvement with the UNC Charlotte Russian club. Miller further enhanced her international involvement in Charlotte through an internship with International House. Through this opportunity she reached out to international visitors from around the globe and helped to coordinate events designed to engage Charlotte in its international community. She was honored not only for her ability to deftly juggle commitments in many areas, but for her intentional pursuit of opportunities to apply her academic work with practical experience. Miller makes international education a daily focus.

Gay and Miller received plaques commemorating their recognition and stipends of \$2000 for Gay and \$500 for Miller. The International Education Awards are sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Mu chapter of Phi Beta Delta with generous support from the Belk College of Business. 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.



the 2009 International Education Awards for Faculty and Students respectively.

Gay was rightfully described as a "scholar without borders" in his nomination letter. His participation in a delegation of U.S. philosophers at the Soviet Academy of Science's Institute of Philosophy in Moscow in 1988 fostered a relationship that survived the disintegration of the Soviet Union and resulted in a negotiated agreement to send ten UNC Charlotte faculty and the Chancellor to the Institute of Philosophy in Moscow and then members of the Institute came to

Her commitment to academic achievement has earned her recognition on the UNC Charlotte Chancellor's list each semester, induction into several honor societies and recognition as a recipient of the Phi Kappa Phi's Dean's Scholar Award. Her ambition to understand and engage with Russian language and culture led her to St. Petersburg, Russia for an intensive language



International Women's Day Celebrated at UNC Charlotte

On Thursday, March 26, 2009 UNC Charlotte held its fourth annual International Women's Day Celebration in the College of Health and Human Services, room 281, sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Multicultural Resource Center. Students, faculty, and staff attended the event honoring individuals who have made an impact on the lives of women locally and globally. Zainab al-Shamer, a UNC Charlotte student from Saudi Arabia spoke of her experiences as a female student in the U.S. The UNC Charlotte women's choir also performed a piece in celebration of the day.

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-

one women with different backgrounds, cultures, and roles on campus were nominated by peers and colleagues and all were recognized individually in the ceremony.

Honored this year were:

Students: Zainab Al-Shamer, Community Counseling; Elisabeth Bridgewater, Social Work; Megan Gandy, Social Work;

Faculty: Deborah Bosley, English; Robin Coger, Mechanical Engineering; Meredith DiPietro, Educational Leadership; Gloria Elliott, Mechanical Engineering; Claudia Flowers, Educational Leadership; Helene Hilger, Civil

& Environmental Engineering; Tao-Hsien Dolly King, Finance & Business Law; Blanca Ramos, Social Work; Rosemary Schmid, English Language Training Institute; Sylvia Smith, Languages & Culture Studies;

Staff: Kathy Buckingham, University Development Office; Patricia Espinoza, Global Institute for Energy & Environmental Systems (GIEES); Sarah Moyns, Cone University Center; Judy Rose, Athletics; Melissa Watkins, Office of Education Abroad; Angie Williams, English; Pat Winter, Electrical Engineering

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; Coral Wayland, Women and Gender Studies Program; and Zainab Al-Shamer of Community Counseling.



Spring Study Abroad Fair 2009

The Office of Education Abroad (OEA) would like to thank those faculty, staff and students who helped set up and support the Spring Study Abroad fair. Although the weather was uncooperative for a traditional outside event, OEA was able to set up in McKnight Hall and continue to promote study abroad to UNC Charlotte students. Visiting the campus this semester were former OEA Director, Liz Adams from AustraLearn; former OEA Advisor, Melissa Chambers from Arcadia; Kristi Parker from UNCEP; and, Jenna Jones from International Studies Abroad (ISA). A big thank you is extended to those who participated. OEA invites UNC Charlotte to join us for our Fall Study Abroad Fair on September 15th, 2009.

Computing & Informatics welcomes group from South Korea

Four students from Hallym University in Gangwon-do, South Korea will again be visiting the College of Computing and Informatics for one month during the summer of 2009. The students will be engaged in a project with the Department of Computer Science Games+Learning Laboratory where they will be working on a Game Design and Development Project. The Games+Learning Laboratory will teach them the necessary skills to complete their assigned gaming project.

This program is coordinated and directed by the Intercultural Outreach Programs office and this will be the fourth year for a group to come from Hallym University to participate in this program.

“Crossing Borders” Writing Contest Winners Announced

The 2009 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.

From the first place winner in the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) student category, Seden Yapa of Turkey wrote, “Apart from all differences I felt happy about being here. I got rid of the shadows of my suspicions. I welcomed the new sun rising to my new life. After some time I realized that it was imaginary borders of prejudice which made me afraid of being here. There are a lot waiting to be discovered. I realized that I wined in and out of unknown lives, cultures and cities with a big anxiety this year. Even some places, I can’t forget, will call me back some day when I go back to my country.”

Honorable mentions in the ELTI category included: Thao Nguyen of Vietnam and Bo Young Kim of South Korea.

From the first place winner in the undergraduate student category, Amy Mitchell of the USA, “India taught me to be a better person, to appreciate things Americans usually take for granted, to be more independent and to understand different ways of life. My new perspectives and understandings are tools that I will be able to use throughout my life. They give me an advantage in everyday situations as well as in bigger, more serious situations. I would even argue that it is the single most important thing that I did in my college career.”

Honorable mentions in the undergraduate student category included: Jieun Bae of South Korea and Bradley Griffin of the USA.

From the first place winner in the graduate student category, Onyewuchi Obirize of the United Kingdom, “International experience is an excellent part of human development and privilege. I have been exposed to different places, peoples and cultures by interacting with individuals and communities. By sharing their lives and experiences some views have given way to new ones thereby increasing my skills and knowledge. These skills and knowledge are welcome values which are seamlessly used to continuously engage at personal and professional levels. Views are made, changed and entrenched as a result.”

Honorable mentions in the graduate student category included: Syed Haque of India and Sushma Srikanta Murthy of India.

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, College of Computing & Informatics, College of Education, Department of Africana Studies, Department of Biology, Department of Electrical Engineering, Department of English, Rick Lejk, Robert Reimer, Inna Sokolova.



Public Relations Seminar to London

The Public Relations Seminar to London is in its seventh year and more popular than ever, attracting students from across the nation. 20 students are participating from UNC Charlotte, Marquette University and Southeast Missouri State University. These students will be spending three weeks in the center of London exploring one of the most cosmopolitan and vibrant cities in the world, while gaining exposure to important issues in the field of

public relations. The academics of the seminar are rigorous, but it is the experiential learning that makes the program so special. Scheduled for this summer are visits to IBM, the U.S. Embassy, Ketchum Public Relations, other private firms, and nonprofit organizations. Through these tours, discussions, and briefings, students will be given the opportunity to explore the field of public relations up close and in person. They depart on May 18.

International Students Compete for Jobs

Job searches will be trying for any recent college graduate in the months to come. The natural concern of future employment is compounded by the financial crisis and, for international students on F1 visas in the U.S., anxiety is raised due to strict immigration regulations. Three international students sat down to share the efforts they are making and the concerns and hopes they have. Xiaojia Wang, originally from China, will be graduating with an M.A. in Geographical Information Science; Osareime Omokaro, from Nigeria, will graduate with an M.S. in Software and Information Systems; and, Swapna Boppana, from India, will graduate with an M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The three women have done everything asked of them and taken time to tap the resources available. Boppana regularly uses the databases provided by the Career Center and actively solicits feedback and instruction on resume and interviewing techniques. Omokaro has been networking extensively at targeted conferences in D.C.

and Las Vegas, but continues to hear that businesses are only collecting resumes for 2010. In a couple particularly poignant interactions she was plainly told that the business could not hire international students. Wang skipped an opportunity to go home for the holiday break so she could apply to postings; her work was recently rewarded with a job offer in Delaware. As she readily points out, this was not the case



for many of her friends both here and at other universities.

Their families have been supportive of their extra work and effort in pursuing education in the United States and staying

for work experience. The women are keeping doors open for career development and have not ruled out returning to their home countries in a few years. For now, the work experience in the U.S. is a valuable component of their long-term education. If the women do not find employment within 90 days of their authorized period of employment, they will be forced to return to their home countries and the prospects of

stagnant entry-level positions. Still, they are optimistic and open. Each of the women have pursued the job hunt in ways more specific to their strengths and fields, and they all consider other solutions, such as continued graduate study, to be part of their options. The skills of resourcefulness, persistence and problem-solving are being well honed.

International Career Panel: Perspectives from Young Professionals

On April 14, four young professionals from UNC Charlotte and the Charlotte community shared their career experiences and insights with thirty students preparing to enter the job-market. The program, co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs, International Studies Program and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, allowed audience members to ask questions regarding their career goals. The UNC Charlotte Career Center provided resources and staff to answer questions and supplement panel information.

Participating panelists included: Jennifer Armentrout, Director of Education for the World Affairs Council of Charlotte; Paula Broadwell, a Research Associate at the Harvard Center for Public Leadership and a PhD candidate at Kings College

War Studies Department, University of London, and a major in the U.S. Army reserves; Jayson Jenkins, a Human Resources Consultant with Bank of America; and, Melissa Watkins, Lead Advisor in the Office of Education Abroad at UNC Charlotte and enrolled in the M.A. in Latin American Studies program. Rebecca Vincent, Coordinator of International Initiatives, moderated the panel.

The panel answered three general questions to provide basic information and context. Topics were graduate school versus work experience, skill development and networking. After panelists provided their perspectives on these areas, the audience directed the conversation with their own questions and took the opportunity for some informal networking after the presentation.

Intercultural Outreach Programs Brings Five Groups to Campus This Summer

Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) is gearing up for another busy summer. With five programs in the works, Director Susan Lambert and Program Coordinator Maureen White are preparing to welcome up to 120 people to UNC Charlotte. Among the potential groups slated to visit this summer are graduate and undergraduate students as well as professionals from Korea, Japan and India, along with 35 Fulbright grantees from various countries.

Intercultural Outreach Programs welcomes opportunities to facilitate academic or social interaction between program participants and the campus community. UNC Charlotte students, faculty, and community members are invited to meet with individuals or groups of participants in a variety of settings such as panel discussions, guest lectures, meetings, receptions, campus and lab tours, or cultural excursions during their program dates listed below. For more information, please contact Susan Lambert, slambert@uncc.edu, 7-7765 or Maureen White, mwhite93@uncc.edu, 7-7764.

- Lovely Professional Institute (6-14 – 7/11) – a group of 68 MBA graduate students from India will participate in an *International Business Institute* and interact with local professionals and businesses. This is the largest program IOP has hosted to date.
- Hallym University (7/5-8/1) – a small group of computer science students will be on the UNC Charlotte campus for four weeks in July.
- Fulbright Scholars (8/2-22) – participants will travel from multiple countries to be part of this month-long graduate school preparation program in August.
- Japanese-English Immersion (8/2-22) – in an innovative, dual-language immersion program, co-designed with faculty from the Department of Languages and Culture Studies, a group of students from Japan will join with UNC Charlotte Japanese-language students in early August.
- Japanese Teachers (8/5-15) – a small group of Japanese teachers will visit for a short course on teaching methodology and an internship in Union County Public Schools.

Education Abroad Scholarships Awarded

Each year, the Office of Education Abroad offers qualified students the opportunity to apply for various scholarships. Although there were fewer scholarships available this year due to the economic downturn, acceptance letters were sent out the first week of April and awards will be dispersed at the time of departure. One example, the Halton Scholarship, is generously donated by Dale Halton, with whom the Office of International Programs has a long-standing relationship. Below is an excerpt of an essay written to Ms. Halton thanking her for generous donation to international education.

“Studying abroad, to me, has meant so much more than seeing new places and meeting new people. I had waited my whole life to see the country I’ve always treasured from afar, and the donation you so graciously gave to me has been the beginning of my love affair with travel. I plan to spend the rest of my life finding ways to see the world. Thank you so much, truly from the bottom of my heart.”

Thank you to Ms. Halton and to all our donors for giving so that our students may enjoy an experience that changes them significantly.

Kathleen Ledford
Regent’s College, United Kingdom



The English Language Training Institute has two newly published authors this spring.

Instructor Kim Rodriguez co-wrote an article entitled "The Business Apprentice" which was published in the newest volume of the TESOL Classroom Practice Series, *Language Games: Innovative Activities for Teaching English*. Rodriguez and Vanderbilt University's Susan Barone discuss their usage and modifications of the popular TV reality show "The Apprentice," in which they guide students through the processes of creating marketing campaigns and making presentations to pitch their products. The project helps future university students be better prepared for common school tasks (which are typically not practiced at universities in other cultures) such as group presentations, case studies and peer reviews.

Kelly Franklin, Director of the English Language Training Institute



(ELTI) is the author of the newest addition to the International Student + Scholar series of folios put out by NAFSA: Association of International Educators. "International Parents Guide to Undergraduate Study in the USA" is a 35-page pamphlet designed to be distributed by universities to the parents of incoming new students. It covers issues such as the visa issuance process, classroom expectations, expenses and budgeting and health and safety concerns. Franklin is also the author of a chapter in another upcoming NAFSA release (due in May) focusing on international student recruitment. His chapter deals with the recruitment of students into intensive English programs such as ELTI. The program currently services about 150 students each semester, with many of those students preparing for further studies in undergraduate and graduate programs at UNC Charlotte.

Reflections from recent graduate, Jessica Wilkinson

Greetings from Daegu

I have been in Daegu, South Korea, for almost four weeks enjoying the liveliness of the city and its people. As a Program Assistant with Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) office during Hongik University Summer Institute 2008 and the Kyungpook National University (KNU) Winter English Institute 2009, I met some interesting and outgoing Korean students who made me want to explore another part of the world. South Korea had always fascinated me, though I have to admit I knew very little about it.

Since I have been in Daegu, the KNU students have been extremely welcoming. The students have translated and interpreted for me on a daily basis since the main challenge I face is my inability to understand the language. Throughout this past month, I have tried to learn Korean, though it has proven to be difficult due to its grammatical structure. The students have made an effort to get me to try every type of Korean traditional dish, which consist of foods I have never seen or heard of before. I reluctantly tasted chicken gizzard for the first time and have enjoyed eating various types of kimbab and kimchi. They have also taken me to many of their favorite restaurants, karaoke rooms, and neighboring cities. This past weekend some of the students took me to visit the city of Gyeongju, known for its beautiful landscape composed of a seemingly endless amount of cherry blossom trees.

As a way to spend more time together and learn from each other, some of the KNU students and I have started an English Conversation Group that meets every Wednesday night. The students take this time to practice their English speaking skills and I have the opportunity to learn about Korean culture, which is the topic of our discussions. I have also been in contact with Hongik University students who I plan on seeing the second week of April. They have also been very helpful in planning my trip to Seoul and I am extremely excited about our meeting. This experience has been eye-opening, and I know I will never forget it. I know that it will be hard to leave in June since I have grown accustomed to the dynamic hustle and bustle of Daegu with its neon lights and crowds of people coming and going in a hurry. I have undoubtedly made some really good friends and will always treasure this experience. I am very grateful to the IOP for opening the door to this wonderful opportunity.



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