



## Welcome from Assistant Provost for International Programs



Dear colleagues,

As the end of the spring semester quickly approaches, it provides a perfect opportunity to reflect on our campus' internationalization accomplishments over the 2012-2013 academic year. I do so with great enthusiasm as we as a campus community have had many.

From record numbers of faculty-led study abroad programs to the highest ELTI enrollments ever, OIP takes great pride in supporting our inbound and outbound student mobility programs. And while critical to our overall internationalization efforts, our mobility programs are but only a snapshot of the impressive scope of work we do as a campus to advance global thinking.

Our participation in the Institute for International Education's International Academic Partnership Program in India, the development of our Global Gateways program, a robust faculty Fulbright program, and a portfolio of on campus programs and guest speaker series designed to encourage and inspire our students to engage in the multicultural world around them, are all components of our increasingly international university. While our work is not and should never be complete, it is extremely energizing and encouraging to collaborate with on-campus colleagues including faculty and staff across institutional divisions to create an international environment within our campus community.

We in OIP look forward to an even better 2013-2014 academic year and to strengthening the support we provide to our faculty, staff and students.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to our continued partnership in the upcoming year.

Joël A. Gallegos  
Assistant Provost for International Programs

## 19th Annual International Education Reception Honors Maren Coffman

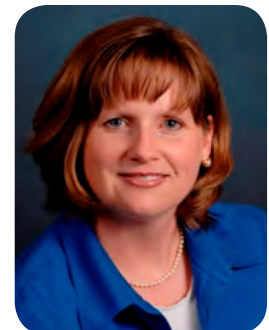
Maren J. Coffman, Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing, was recognized as the recipient of the 2013 International Education Faculty Award at the 19th Annual International Education Reception on April 17.

In one of several letters of support for Coffman's nomination, Dr. Owen Furuseth, Associate Provost for Metropolitan Studies, writes: "Dr. Coffman is an actively engaged scholar who works to improve healthcare outcomes for our Latino community. She is a leader and a mentor for bringing students and the community together in ways that enrich both. She is a passionate advocate for the undocumented and poorest members of our city and county. Taken together, Dr. Maren Coffman epitomizes the values of an international education in the 21st century."

In complement to her research focused on Latino health with awareness on self-management, health care access, and health literacy, Coffman has led groups of students to Central American countries to study Latino culture and healthcare systems. Her curriculum development includes the facilitation of the University's first faculty-led study abroad experience in Havana, Cuba, in March 2013. Coffman was instrumental in efforts to establish an internationalization committee within the College of Health and Human Services, and has served on this committee since its inception in 2008 as well as on the Office of International Program's University Council.

Coffman received a plaque commemorating her recognition and a \$2,000 stipend award. The faculty international education award is sponsored by the Belk College of Business, the Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, and the Office of International Programs.

The International Education Reception celebrates international education at UNC Charlotte and recognizes faculty, staff, and students for outstanding contributions in international scholarship, research, study, and service. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta.



# India Initiatives

## Institute of International Education's International Academic Partnership Program 2012-2013 Focus Country: India



Through the efforts of the Office of International Programs (OIP), UNC Charlotte was selected to participate in the Institute of International Education's (IIE) International Academic Partnership Program (IAPP) 2012-2013 Focus Country: India.

The IAPP is an initiative developed through support by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Facilitated through IIE, the IAPP allows international education professionals from each of the five U.S. institutions selected to participate in a series of webinars, workshops, and site visits to implement and sustain partnerships with institutions in India which may include joint programs, student exchanges, or faculty linkages for collaborative research and teaching.

The purpose of the IAPP initiative is to develop a strategy for creating, implementing, and sustaining partnerships with institutions in India for UNC Charlotte. OIP identified broad campus representation including both faculty members and staff to serve on a steering committee for the India Initiative. Three steering committee meetings in addition to various meetings with individual faculty as well as an India Summit hosted by general administration were held during Spring 2013.

Assistant Provost for International Programs Joël Gallegos says, "The end result will be a document that will guide the University and better inform our campus community of opportunities in India. OIP will certainly serve as the lead unit on campus to draft the document but input and feedback from the colleges and other areas on campus is critical to moving forward. I hope that this program will help support our various units, colleges, and departments to be better equipped to develop strategic partnerships based on specific area needs."

The IAPP India 2013 Steering Committee is chaired by Gallegos and members include: Anita Easterling, Theatre; Harish Cherukuri, Engineering; Bob Johnson, Engineering; Shanti Kulkarni, Social Work; Suzanne Lamorey, Special Education and Child Development; Vivian Lord, Criminal Justice and Criminology; Ritika Prasad, History; Jay Raja, Senior Associate Provost; Angela Rajagopalan, Art and Art History; Chandrasekar Subramaniam, Business Information Systems; Johnna Watson, Graduate School; and Dan White, Religious Studies; and Marian Beane and Christina Sanchez with the Office of International Programs.

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## International Academic Partnership Program Moves Ahead Through Study Tour to India

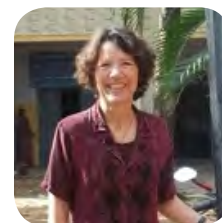


Senior Associate Provost Jay Raja and Assistant Provost for International Programs Joël Gallegos took part in a recent study tour to seven campuses in India to explore the Indian higher education system and meet with potential partner campuses as part of UNC Charlotte's participation in the International Academic Partnership Program (IAPP) 2012-2013.

Raja and Gallegos visited Anna University and Madras Christian College in Chennai; Jawaharlal Nehru University, Indraprastha College for Women, and Indira Gandhi National Open University in New Delhi; Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University in Ahmedabad, and Indian Institute of Technology in Gandhinagar.

## Lord Continues Fulbright Fellowship in India

Vivian Lord, Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, traveled to Chennai, India in November 2012 as a Fulbright-Nehru Teaching and Research Scholar at the University of Madras. Lord's research explores issues surrounding women police in India. "With additional colleagues in Turkey, my findings will culminate in a comparative study across three cultures," said Lord.



In addition to her research, while in India Lord also teaches in graduate criminology courses of colleague and research partner Dr. M. Srinivasan. Lord also has had the opportunity to present at several conferences and seminars across India, including the Indian Society of Criminology held in New Delhi, a Human Rights seminar in Mangalore, Issues on Women conference in Mandurair, and two conferences in Chennai, one focused on Globalization and Challenges of Governance and one focused on Mediation for the Dr. Ambedkar Law University, both in Chennai.

Lord's husband Allen Cowan teaches journalism at the Asian College of Journalism and English at the University of Madras. Lord and Cowan also work with a local NGO helping street children. Lord will remain in India until the end of May 2013.

Lord maintains a blog of her experience, Fulbright In Chennai, and posts updates and photos regularly. To read more about her experiences, visit <http://fulbrightinchennai.blogspot.com>.

Lord's experience in India will be instrumental in her role on the UNC Charlotte steering committee, which guides the institution's participation in the International Academic Partnership Program.

# Kingston Connections

## Long-standing Exchange Program Creates a New Model for Engagement

Kingston University is one of UNC Charlotte's longest international exchange partners with programs running for nearly 30 years. During this timeframe, traditional types of institutional exchange have flourished, including student exchange, faculty/staff exchange, and a UK-based-faculty-in-residence program. An initiative emerged over the past three years to expand the KU exchange program, involving academic/student affairs staff engagement focused on underrepresented student change-agency objectives.

In 2011 and 2012 UNC Charlotte hosted delegations from Kingston University including representatives from academic and student affairs interested in learning more about retention strategies and student support initiatives for underrepresented student communities. In addition to administrators, the 2012 delegation included a small group of student leaders eager to learn about the student experience at UNC Charlotte. Based on the success of the delegations, Associate Provost for Academic Services Dr. Cindy Wolf Johnson collaborated with Assistant Provost for International Programs Joël Gallegos to organize a UNC Charlotte delegation to visit Kingston University.

Goals for the March 2013 spring break delegation visit included, but were not limited to, enhancement of the institutional partnership, review of modified UNC Charlotte retention models in a KU context, exploration of pre-college and early-engagement student support initiatives, identifying avenues for assessment of academic success, and review of KU predictive analytics.

Seven students and seven academic/student affairs staff members participated in the site visit that was supported by the Provost and OIP. The group is in the process of compiling lessons learned and identifying a follow-up action plan based on the key takeaways, with particular emphasis on learning and teaching strategies as well as programs to enhance access, retention and student success.

For more information about the delegation visit and/or the University's partnership with Kingston University, contact the Office of International Programs at [international@unc.edu](mailto:international@unc.edu).



## Visitors from Kingston University Engage Across Campus

As a complement to the march 2012 visit UNC Charlotte students and academic services staff made to Kingston University's campus, three colleagues from Kingston University visited UNC Charlotte during the Spring semester. The faculty/staff exchange is a component of the long-standing institutional exchange agreement between our universities. Information on the visitors' positions at Kingston and their goals for the visit as well as the UNC Charlotte units engaged during the visit is listed below. For more information on the exchange or the recent visits, contact the Office of International Programs at [international@unc.edu](mailto:international@unc.edu).

### Rebecca Blake, International Officer



In her role, Blake defines policies related to international students and advises the University on international markets, specifically Nigeria, Norway, Russia, Taiwan ROC, and Mauritius. In an effort to better understand international marketing, communications, recruitment, and student support services within U.S. higher education, Blake met with members of Admissions, the Division of University Advancement, and the Graduate School while here.

### Louise Shepherd, Alumni Relations and Marketing Officer



Shepherd explored UNC Charlotte's models of alumni relations and fundraising including a focus on student and young alumni engagement. Shepherd met with members of the Division of University Advancement including Development and Alumni Affairs while here.

### Mukesh Limbachiya, Head of School of Engineering and Construction and Director, Sustainable Technology Research Centre



The College of Engineering served as primary host for Limbachiya's visit. The main purpose of his visit was to further dialogue for development of academic and research collaboration, including possible connectivity regarding graduate student research/advising. While his engagement was largely with faculty in the Department of Engineering Technology and Construction Management, he also connected with representatives from Civil and Environmental Engineering, Energy Production and Infrastructure Center, and Intercultural Outreach Programs while here.

## German Language and Culture Foundation Awards \$60,000 in Scholarships

The German Language and Culture Foundation (GLCF) recently awarded 30 UNC Charlotte students scholarships to study in Germany during the summer of 2013 and the 2013-2014 academic year.

The scholarships support UNC Charlotte students majoring in German language to undertake immersive language study in a German-speaking country at one of the Goethe Institute sites offering home-stay opportunities for the students. The GLCF award of \$2,000 per student heavily supplements the cost of these study abroad experiences, which are typically four weeks long.

Kurt Waldthausen, founder and president of the GLCF, awarded the students with the scholarships on campus on March 15 and presented a check for \$60,000 to UNC Charlotte. Waldthausen has been instrumental in the partnership between the GLCF and UNC Charlotte Office of Education Abroad along with

Anabel Aliaga-Buchenau, Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature.

More than 50 UNC Charlotte students have studied abroad through the GLCF scholarships. More information on the GLCF can be found at <http://germanfoundation.com/>.



## Public Health Week Featured Internationally-Focused Events

Two internationally-focused events were part of the recent campus observation of Public Health Week. For more information on this week of events, see <http://publichealth.uncc.edu/national-public-health-week>.

### *Mission to Health: Gifts from the Poor*



As a kick-off event to the week, surgeon and educator Glenn Geelhoed, M.D., shared insights on medical missions to the poorest parts of the globe to treat patients at no cost and train locals to dispense care. The event was sponsored by the Department of Public Health Sciences in the College of Health and Human Services and the Levine Scholars program with co-sponsorship from the CHHS Internationalization Committee and the Office of International Programs.

### *The Cuban Health Care Paradox: Achieving Good Health Outcomes with Limited Resources*

This multi-faceted program began with reflections from students of the recent study abroad program led by Dr. Maren Coffman to Havana, Cuba, which focused on the Cuban health care system. See page 8 for more reflections on this faculty-led program. Dr. Sarah Laditka then moderated a panel discussion with students from the Masters in Health Administration program. Posters prepared by members of the Cuban Study Group from Nursing and Social Work were also on display.



## College of Computing and Informatics Faculty to be Featured at International Conference

Dr. Daniel Janies, the Carol Grotnes Belk Distinguished Professor of Bioinformatics and Genomics in the College of Computing and Informatics, will be a featured speaker at the Second International Congress on Pathogens at the Human-Animal Interface: One Health for Sustainable Development conference to be held August 14-17 in Porto de Galinhas, Brazil.

Janies will focus on use of bioinformatics to study molecular epidemiology of foodborne, nosocomial, and vector-borne infectious diseases of global significance.

The idea behind One Health is partnership among disciplines and government settings to work collaboratively across disciplinary and administrative boundaries.

For more information on the conference, see <http://www.onehealthglobal.net/>.



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

## International Hydrail Expert Visits Campus

Herbert Wancura, an international leader in the fields of fuel cell, hydrogen, and hydrail technologies, visited UNC Charlotte in March. Based in Graz, Austria, Wancura is a leader in clean mobility and fuel cell fields according to visit organizer, Dr. Keith Baarson, Faculty Fellow with IDEAS Center (Infrastructure, Design, Environment, and Stability Center) within the William States Lee College of Engineering.

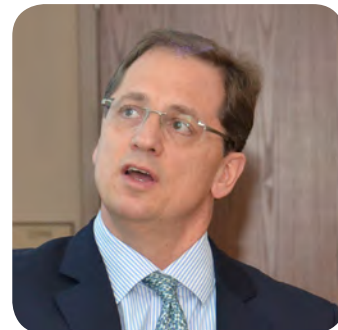
During the visit, Wancura shared his expertise in hydrogen-powered transportation initiatives with UNC Charlotte students and faculty in three open lectures. Specific faculty also engaged in a half-day workshop with Wancura to explore possibilities at UNC Charlotte around the development of transportation energy and infrastructure with respect to hydrogen power.

Wancura also connected with several community partners and industry leaders including representatives from John Deere

& Company, the Mooresville Rotary Club, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Rail Division in Raleigh, among others.

Wancura's visit and the lecture series were sponsored by the IDEAS Center, the Center for Transportation Policy Studies within the Urban Institute, and the Office of International Programs.

For more information on the visitor of hydrail-related initiatives, please contact the IDEAS Center at (704) 687-1933.



## Reimer Returns to Faculty Position



The Office of International Programs (OIP) congratulates Dr. Robert Reimer upon the conclusion of his service as Chair of the Department of Languages and Culture Studies. Reimer has been a tireless supporter of OIP's internationalization efforts to develop and nurture international partnerships with universities abroad.

Reimer joined the faculty at UNC Charlotte in 1971. As a professor of German, he served as Interim Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages from 1991-1993 and Chair from 2006-2007. After returning to full-time teaching for a number of years, he was selected again to serve as Chair of Languages and Culture Studies in 2010. Some highlights of his OIP partnerships include serving as faculty director of the UNC Charlotte education abroad program in Kingston, England in 2002-2003, and as a Fulbright Senior Lecturer in 1984-1985 at Pädagogische Hochschule (College of Education), Ludwigsburg, Germany, where he also spent the fall semesters of 1997 and 2005 as an exchange professor.

Reimer has been a champion for international education and taught courses in German language, literature, and film and in other European cinemas. In addition to his numerous publications and research on German film, New German Cinema, and the effect of subtitles on viewer reception of film, Reimer also holds a popular interest in movies and serves as vice president of the Charlotte Film Society.

OIP would like to thank Robert Reimer for his contributions as Chair and looks forward to continuing this long-time partnership in his faculty role to further develop and strengthen international education at UNC Charlotte.

## Faculty Fellows Program through IAU College in Aix-en-Provence, France

The Office of International Programs is pleased to provide information on a Faculty Fellows Program available through IAU College in Aix-en-Provence, France, and designed for visiting professors on sabbatical leave from their home institutions for the 2013/14 academic year. Collaborative teaching opportunities between home institution and IAU College are also possible.

Selected Fellows choose to participate in the IAU College program of their choice for a semester or the full academic year (fall and spring semesters), promote intellectual and cultural exchange through a series of public lectures in their field of expertise, conduct smaller seminars and discussions with students and faculty, or develop their own research. Fellows receive full access to all IAU academic resources and a Resident Fellow apartment in Aix.

Applications for Fall 2013 are due June 15, 2013 with the Resident Fellow announced by June 30, 2013. Applications for Spring 2014 are due October 15, 2013.

Additional information, including the IAU Resident Fellows Application available at [www.iaufrance.org/Programs/ResidentFellows](http://www.iaufrance.org/Programs/ResidentFellows).



## Changes to Fulbright Scholar Program Competition

The Fulbright Program announces a new award category as well as changes to the application criteria for their Fulbright Scholar Program. According to Fulbright, “the program has introduced several innovations to the 2014-2015 program in order to meet the changing needs of academia and develop new options to better accommodate the interests and commitments of today’s scholars, including: [Fulbright Flex Awards](#), [Fulbright Postdoctoral/Early Career Awards](#), [Salary Stipend Supplements](#), and [Teaching English as a Foreign Language Awards](#).”

Of particular note are the Fulbright Flex Award Grants. According to Fulbright these grants were developed to engage U.S. scholars unable to spend extended periods of time abroad. Funding through Flex Grants can be applied to multiple stays of one to three months over a period of two to three years with total proposed visit to equal approximately one semester of exchange.

The Fulbright Scholar Program offers teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards in over 125 countries and opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others.

Application deadline for most 2014-2015 awards is August 1, 2013. U.S. citizenship is required. For other eligibility requirements and detailed award descriptions visit [http://www.cies.org/us\\_scholars/us\\_awards/](http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/).

The Office of International Programs is pleased to offer support to any faculty or administrator interested in pursuing international exchange opportunities including the Fulbright programs, reciprocal department exchanges, and exchanges based on agreements between UNC Charlotte and foreign institutions of higher learning. For more information on these resources, see <http://oip.uncc.edu/resources/resources-faculty-and-staff#FacultyExchanges> or contact OIP at [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu) or 704-687-7755 to request a meeting with Assistant Provost Joël Gallegos or Associate Director Christina Sanchez.



## Faculty, Staff, Students Honored at International Women’s Day Celebration, March 28



Thirty-one UNC Charlotte faculty, staff, and students were nominated by their peers and honored as UNC Charlotte celebrated International Women’s Day (IWD) on Thursday, March 28. This annual event includes historical and cultural information and a recognition ceremony to acknowledge all individuals nominated for their impact on the lives of women locally and globally. In a new element of the program, a nomination review committee highlighted three specific nominees in each of the faculty, staff, and student categories.

Undergraduate students Wanda Clary and Mary Jose Espinosa and graduate student Martha Plumley were highlighted from the student category; Melody Harris, Business Officer for Student Union, Activities and Recreation, Diane Hancock, Office Manager for the English Language Training Institute, and Tamara Johnson, Research Associate for Academic Planning and Analysis in the Office of Academic Affairs were highlighted from the staff category; and Julie Doppel Hicks, Lecturer in the Honors College, Kim Jones, Assistant Professor of Dance, and Lori Thomas, Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work, were recognized from the faculty category. Special recognition was given to Provost Joan Lorden who was nominated by a faculty member on behalf of colleagues across campus.

The UNC Charlotte Women’s Glee, under direction of Ginger Wyrick, performed a piece entitled *Will the Circle be Unbroken* by J. David Moore. Co-director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women’s Summit Susan Jetton spoke and the organization was presented with a certificate of recognition. Additionally, representatives from three student organizations focused on social justice issues highlighted their work: The Association for India’s Development, the Native American Student Organization, and Amnesty International.

IWD is recognized by the United Nations on March 8 and celebrated in countries around the world to honor women’s achievements and to inspire leadership and development related to women’s issues. The UNC Charlotte campus community has celebrated IWD since 2006. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Multicultural Resource Center with support from Women’s and Gender Studies Program in College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and Women’s Programs in the Dean of Students Office. For questions, contact the Office of International Programs at [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu).

## Student Documentary to Focus on Immigration Narratives in Charlotte

The Office of International Programs is pleased to support Hannah Levinson, second-year M.A. student in Ethics and Applied Philosophy, as she produces a 30-minute documentary film as her non-traditional thesis project.

The film explores the impact of legislation and immigration policies on undocumented immigrants in Charlotte through interviews and individual narratives of Charlotte residents caught in deportation procedures, high school and college-age students who have lived in the US since childhood as well as children born as US citizens to undocumented parents.

For Levinson, the project is a fusion of her personal and professional interests around migrant rights and advocacy.

“So often in the dialogue about undocumented immigrants and immigration reform, those at the center of the conversation are regarded merely as statistics. True pictures of their lives, hopes, struggles, and dreams are sometimes never communicated,” Levinson said. “My film seeks to give a voice and face to the people falling through the gaps of proposed immigration reforms in order that we might craft a better American landscape through diversity and a greater depth of understanding.”

In addition to funding from OIP, support also comes from UNC Charlotte’s Center for Professional and Applied Ethics and the Departments of Philosophy, Communications, and Latin American Studies. Community partnerships for production of the film include the Latin American Coalition, North Carolina’s largest immigrant advocacy organization, Charlotte-based filmmakers Haberdashery Films, and the Cyrus M. Johnson, Sr. Scholarship Fund for Peace and Social Justice.

The film will premiere May 3rd at a free public showing in UNC Charlotte’s Center City building.

For information about the film, the screening, or the IndieGoGo crowdfunding campaign, contact Hannah Levinson directly at [hrlevinson@gmail.com](mailto:hrlevinson@gmail.com).



Jessica Contreras speaks at an immigration reform rally in downtown Charlotte. Photo credit: Matthew Shearer/Haberdashery Films

## Volunteers Offer a Welcome to International Students through Conversation Hours



Free lunchtime conversation is available to students in the English Language Training Institute (ELTI), thanks to a cadre of volunteers donating time and energy to help students from around the world practice what they are learning in ELTI, the Carolina’s largest, non-credit, intensive English program housed in the Office of International Programs.

Jacqueline (Jacqui) Linning, Maritza Torres, and Maryam Zabadneh each spend just a few lunchtime hours every week meeting with ELTI students, but their work provides a welcoming note to the 235 ELTI students from over 25 different countries.

Linning comes to UNC Charlotte with a strong international background. She is from London, met her Australian husband Richard in Hong Kong, and has lived in Belgium. Her husband’s role as Scholar-in-Residence at the Center for Global Public Relations in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, provided an opportunity for Linning to volunteer at UNC Charlotte. Linning says “I approached the first meeting with some trepidation, but the students are so friendly and our conversations so interesting, that now I really look forward to each session.”

Torres, a freshman International Business major from Mt. Airy, North Carolina, says, “the students are amazing and extremely welcoming, and I’ve been given the opportunity to learn things that I would have never been exposed to if it weren’t for ELTI.”

The newest volunteer is Zabadneh, an English teacher from Syria prior to coming to the United States. “The students who come (for conversation practice) are really knowledge seekers,” she says, “and since I used to teach ESL overseas, I know some ways to make ideas simpler for them.”

ELTI has facilitated similar volunteer opportunities in the past, but the efforts of Jessica Rosa, former Administrative Assistant in ELTI, to promote and coordinate the program have enabled increased success. A 2012 UNC Charlotte alumna, Rosa understands well the position of the ELTI students, as she spent one of her undergraduate years in Japan through exchange programs offered by the Office of Education Abroad.

“When I was in Nagoya, I found it difficult to interact and converse on a regular basis with many Japanese, so it’s been a joy working with these eager volunteers, and to see how happy our students are to have this extra practice,” said Rosa.

For more information on ELTI or to become involved as a conversation partner or volunteer language tutor, contact [elti@unc.edu](mailto:elti@unc.edu). Students are encouraged to become involved.

## Faculty-led Education Abroad Programs Blaze New Paths this Spring and Summer

During Spring 2013, 75 students and seven UNC Charlotte faculty members explored three continents through programs facilitated by the Office of Education Abroad (OEA). Six programs offered students opportunities to enhance their academics with faculty-led programs in the United Kingdom, Italy, Germany, Poland, Malawi, and Cuba. Two of those programs are highlighted below.

Looking ahead to Summer 2013, OEA is working with faculty from several Colleges to send over 200 students on similar study abroad experiences. New programs offered this summer include *Architecture and Landscape in Scandinavia*, *Real Estate in Brazil*, and *Business in Italy*. Summer 2013 celebrates the 21st anniversary of an academic excursion to Costa Rica; Mary Frances Castro, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Language and Culture Studies, directs the long-running *Spanish Language and Culture in Costa Rica* program.

For more information on these programs or to explore opportunities to develop short-term study abroad programs abroad, contact OEA at [edabroad@uncc.edu](mailto:edabroad@uncc.edu).

### **Cuban Healthcare Paradox**

Dr. Maren Coffman, Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing, led UNC Charlotte's first program in Cuba which focused on the Cuban health care system in Havana. Dr. Coffman and 14 students examined the government-run National Health System and attended presentations by faculty from University of Havana and the Cuban Ministry of Public Health. The students also explored the practice of santería, which includes traditional chants and drumming to heal. "The Cuban people taught us the power of community," shared Melissa Alzate, a graduate student participant in the program. "We are grateful to the Cuban people for lessons in humility, friendship, and love of life."



### **NGOs and Social Development in Malawi**

One year after the 2012 inaugural program, Dr. Diana Rowan, Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work, once again led students to Malawi for this course focused on strategies for social development in sub-Saharan Africa. The 12 students who participated undertook fundraising projects prior to their departure to support extracurricular projects in the communities they planned to visit. "[The] students raised over \$1,000 in cash donations and took over 700 pounds of specialized in-kind donations to support projects in the rural communities they visited," said Rowan.



## Summer Study Abroad to Connect Current Students with University Alum Working Abroad



Led by Dr. Alan Freitag, Professor, Department of Communications, the *Public Relations in the United Kingdom* summer study abroad program explores the complexities of public relations practice in an international setting. The course is based on the campus of Regent's College in London, England, and academic coursework is supplemented by lectures from public relations practitioners and educators as well as visits to public relations firms and related organizations.

In a unique element of the 2013 program, the group of 20 UNC Charlotte students will connect with University alum and previous participant of the Center for Global Public Relations' study abroad program, Juan Galvez. Galvez will provide a practical perspective on his career. Since graduation from UNC Charlotte, he completed his master's degree in fashion journalism with the London College of Fashion and worked in fashion journalism and public relations in South Africa and Paris.

Through Galvez, the group will visit the London College of Communication (LCC), which is allied with the College of Fashion, for an afternoon of presentations and discussions on issues related to global public relations practice. Students will also learn about opportunities for graduate study in communication in London. The afternoon will conclude with a networking social with UNC Charlotte students, LCC students, LCC faculty, and recent LCC alumni who are now working in London.

"Juan's journey since completing the London International Public Relations Seminar a few years ago is not surprising. The London experience instilled in him a keen interest in global issues, which he has combined with his deep interest in the fashion industry," said Freitag. "I'm very pleased that he'll be meeting with this year's class participants so they can see from Juan the unlimited possibilities available to them."

For more information on the program, see <https://edabroad.uncc.edu/programs/europe/public-relations-united-kingdom>.



## Faculty, Staff Resources for International Travel Available on OIP Webpage

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is committed to supporting faculty and staff in their work to increase our international connectedness and global awareness at UNC Charlotte and around the world. To that end, OIP is pleased to have recently strengthened the breadth of information available to the campus community by creating Faculty and Staff International Travel Resources page.

Amidst ever-changing travel regulations, OIP aims to keep the information current, with a goal to assist with your international travels. Topics include protocol for international travel—including import/export control notice, technology reminders, insurance information, UNC Charlotte presentations/gifts, exchange/partnership interests, country/culture guides, and travel grants. Visit <http://oip.uncc.edu/resources/resources-faculty-and-staff> for more information. For additional questions related to faculty/staff travel abroad, contact OIP at [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu) or 704-687-7755.

## UNC Charlotte Campus Partnership, OIP Expertise Featured at State Conference for International Educators



Over 175 international educators in areas such as study abroad, international student advising and cross-cultural programming, and global engagement gathered for the

annual conference of the North Carolina Association for International Educators (NCAIE) at North Carolina A&T in March. UNC Charlotte was represented by nine individuals from the Office of International Programs as well as Betty Coulter, Director, Office of Risk Management & Insurance.

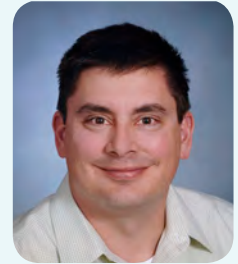
In a cross-campus partnership, Coulter joined Brad Sekulich, Director, Office of Education Abroad, to present a session entitled *Furthering Campus Internationalization with Collaboration between Education Abroad Offices and Offices for Risk Management*.

In addition to Sekulich, OEA staff members, Annie Hooper and Angie Wright, as well as OIP Coordinator for International Initiatives Maureen White Gibson shared presentations on topics related to student health and safety abroad and campus engagement.

Two staff members from OIP hold seats on the NCAIE board; Denise Medeiros, Assistant Director of the International Student/Scholar Office, serves as Immigration Representative for International Student and Scholar Services, and Kimberly Kuhn, Coordinator of Short Term Programs in the Office of Education Abroad, serves as Study Abroad Representative.

## Sekulich Receives Award for International Education

Brad Sekulich, director of the Office of Education Abroad, received the Martha Fitch Trigonis Individual Award for excellence in service and leadership in international education at the North Carolina Association for International Educators (NCAIE) annual conference in March on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University.



The Martha Fitch Trigonis Award is presented annually to honor a professional in the field of international education who has made contributions at the state, regional, and/or national level.

“Brad’s consistent contributions to the field, including his work supporting international education at UNC Charlotte and representing our University and region to a host of partners and professional organizations both locally and nationally, make him a deserving recipient of this award” said Joël Gallegos, assistant provost for international programs.

Highlights from Sekulich’s career include his current role as Chair of the NAFSA Education Abroad Knowledge Community, an elected role which provides leadership for education abroad professionals among the nearly 10,000 members of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, widely regarded as the leading professional organization in the field of international education. Sekulich has served as the NAFSA Chair of Region VII, the seven-state region of which North Carolina is a part. Notably in that role, Sekulich developed and facilitated a bi-regional conference for international educators held in Puerto Rico, a first for the organization.

Sekulich has served as director of the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) at UNC Charlotte since 2005. OEA strengthens the international dimension of UNC Charlotte’s campus by promoting international understanding and awareness through education abroad opportunities.



“International educational experiences broaden a student’s understanding of both the world at large and the society from which they come in a way not possible by staying home,” said Sekulich. “It is imperative that our students better understand the world around them and I am thrilled to help provide them this opportunity in an educationally relevant way.”

## Save the Date: Retirement Celebration for Cathy Thompson



Join the Office of International Programs to recognize the contributions made by Cathy Thompson, Senior Accounting Technician, during her 23 year career at UNC Charlotte.

**Thursday, May 16, 2013**  
**Student Union Art Gallery**

**2:30-4:30 pm**

**Refreshments will be served**

**RSVP to [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu)**

## ISSO Announces Winners of International Student Scholarship

Now in its third year, the International Student Scholarship has been awarded to two international students in recognition of outstanding contributions made to the UNC Charlotte campus community. Each award is \$1,000.



The Morrow Scholarship for International Students is awarded to an international undergraduate junior or senior. The 2013 winner is Jingjing Zhao, a Math & Finance major in the Belk College of Business, who is from China. Zhao is also an alumnus of the English Language Training Institute. Her breadth of involvement in service and her strong academic credentials were very impressive. Her personal essay described clearly how she has developed her language skills and gained a keen appreciation for cultural understanding through her experience at UNC Charlotte.

The Graduate Scholarship for International Students is awarded to an international graduate student who has been enrolled at UNC Charlotte for at least one semester. Johanna Claire Schuch, a Ph.D. student in Geography and Urban Regional Analysis in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences who is from the Netherlands, is the 2013 winner. Schuch described how she gained strength and perspective through her interactions with colleagues from diverse cultures.



The 2013 selection committee consisted of Regena Brown, Assistant Director for Multicultural Student Organizations, Multicultural Resource Center; Katherine Hall-Hertel, Assistant Dean, Graduate School; and Maureen White Gibson, Coordinator of International Initiatives, Office of International Programs.

## Sophia University Students Attend English for Scientific Purposes, Participate in Language Exchange

Students from one of UNC Charlotte's exchange partners, Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, visited UNC Charlotte recently for a three-week program, English for Scientific Purposes. The 23 undergraduate students held a variety of majors in the STEM fields, including Material and Life Science, Genetic Engineering, Computer Science, and Organic Chemistry.

While at UNC Charlotte the students engaged in over 40 hours of English language instruction focused on scientific topics and communication skills, provided in collaboration with the English Language Training Institute. Their program included laboratory tours, site visits to local STEM field businesses, and special presentations by UNC Charlotte faculty members.

In addition to their language exchange, interaction with 33 UNC Charlotte Japanese language students who participated in a language exchange program with the Sophia University participants offered opportunities for cultural exchange. The program began three weeks prior to the visiting students' arrival as the UNC Charlotte students wrote emails to the Sophia University students using Japanese, and the Sophia University students returned emails in English. UNC Charlotte exchange partners then attended a welcome reception for the students from Sophia University held on their first full day in the United States and were invited to join activities throughout their stay.

"I enjoyed my time with the Sophia University students. It is so much fun engaging with them," shared Kristin Shattuck, exchange partner and UNC Charlotte senior. "I picked up on some Japanese words and loved learning about their culture while taking them to different places throughout Charlotte." Shattuck is the current President of the Education Abroad Student Association (EASA). EASA members were involved in several cultural exchange opportunities with the visiting students, including a night of board games and a trip to watch the Charlotte Checkers ice hockey team.



## Global Job/Internship Resource



Over 1,300 students have used the Going Global database for information on working or interning abroad to strengthen their résumé, linguistic abilities, and cultural understanding. As graduation nears, encourage students with interest in international work opportunities to consult the website.

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is continuing its partnership with the University Career Center (UCC) to make the Going Global online database of international jobs and internships available to UNC Charlotte. In addition to internship information, the site provides country-specific and U.S.A.-city-specific employment resources including 89 country career guide collections. Free monthly training sessions are available to students to navigate the database and find a fit for their interests.

Access is available through the UCC website as well as through the OIP website at <http://oip.uncc.edu/studentinfo.htm>. Questions about international internships can be directed to the Office of Education Abroad at [edabroad@uncc.edu](mailto:edabroad@uncc.edu) or the UCC at [career@uncc.edu](mailto:career@uncc.edu).

## Annual International Speaker Series Concludes



As part of the 5th Annual International Speaker Series, the Office of International Programs was pleased to continue long-standing partnerships with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, Atkins Library, and the Department of Global, International, and Area Studies

to host five speakers during the Spring 2013 semester to engage with students and faculty around global topics.

Spring 2013 speakers are listed below and more information, including past speakers, can be found at <http://oip.uncc.edu/intlspeakers.htm>.

*Philip Auerswald, economist and author of "The Coming Prosperity: How Entrepreneurs are Transforming the Global Economy"*

*John Beale, Ambassador of Barbados*

*Stephen Brereton, Consul General of Canada to the United States*

*Eli Groner, Israel's Minister of Economic Affairs to the United States*

*Gilles Noghès, Ambassador of Monaco*

## You Are Invited! Study Abroad Student Photo Exhibit Opening Reception

Celebrate the opening of the 4th annual Study Abroad Student Photo Exhibit featuring photography from UNC Charlotte students taken while abroad and entered into one of five categories: Defining Moment, Landscape, Portrait, Self Portrait, and Travelling 49ers.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. The exhibit will be shown in Student Union until May 11, 2013. RSVP to the Office of Education Abroad at [edabroad@uncc.edu](mailto:edabroad@uncc.edu).

**Tuesday, April 30  
4:30-6:30 pm  
Student Union, room 200**

*Nancy-Jennifer Kempa, winner of the 2012 Study Abroad Student Photo Contest for her submission into the Self-Portrait category, looks out over the city of Paris, France during her study abroad experience.*

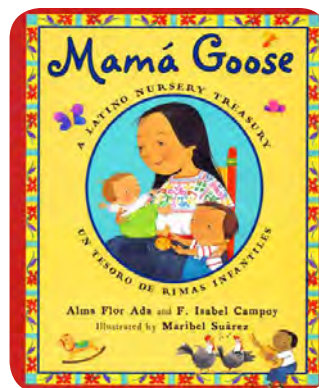


## The Mamá Goose Project Offers Bilingual Performances to Local Audiences

Admission is free to any of seven bilingual public performances as part of this multi-faceted school and community arts education initiative and research project emanating from the UNC Charlotte Department of Theatre and facilitated in collaboration with several community and campus partners, including the Office of International Programs.

At the heart of the project is a theatre adaptation of Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Campoy's book, *Mamá Goose: A Latino Nursery Rhyme Treasury/Un Tesoro De Rimas Infantile*.

Ada and Campoy will visit UNC Charlotte on April 18 for a presentation in the College of Education and a colloquium on engaging diverse child audiences.



More information, including performance schedule and locations available at <http://coaa.uncc.edu/academics/departament-of-theatre/mama-goose-project>.

## Kristin Shattuck Receives International Education Student Award



Kristin Shattuck, a senior with majors in both International Studies and French, was awarded the 2013 Student International Education Award on April 17.

Shattuck currently serves as the president of the Education Abroad Student Association (EASA) and as an intern in the Office of Education Abroad where she is an integral part of many study abroad events including pre-departure orientations, re-entry events, and other EASA programming, including events to highlight the education abroad experience to students in the community.

The Student International Education Award recognizes one student each year for outstanding contributions to and involvement in international studies at UNC Charlotte. Nominees can be either undergraduate or graduate students and nominations must speak to significant involvement in academic, service, or co-curricular activities with an international focus. The winner receives a cash prize of \$500.

The Student International Education Award is sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Mu Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society.

## Crossing Borders Student Writing Contest Winners Announced

The annual *Crossing Borders* student writing contest asks students to reflect on how their international experience affected their view of the world. Excerpts from winning papers in three categories are included below. Full readings can be found online at <http://pbd.uncc.edu/crossing-borders-writing-competition-winners>.



**English Language Training Institute Student Winner: Ghader Hussain Al Rabaan, Saudi Arabia**  
**Essay title: "Crossing Borders"**

"My International experience provided me with a great inspiration, an inspiration that turned me into an undaunted girl who faces challenges bravely. I have recognized that communicating with other nations well is the perfect strategy to know, understand and acknowledge them in addition to avoiding stereotyping them."

Honorable mentions in this category: 1) Kenny Mayiflua Mvutuela (Democratic Republic of Congo); 2) Jose Martinez (Venezuela)

**Undergraduate Student Winner: Uyanga Ganbold, Mongolia**  
**Essay title: "Joy of Life"**

"Living in a different country opened my eyes and my mind. A baby bird opened her wings for the first time and learned how to fly. I can confidently say that crossing the border was crossing the gate of my dream."

Honorable mentions in this category: 1) Sarah Walz (Germany); 2) Mohammed Zwayyer (Iraq)

**Graduate Student Winner: Reshma Babu Reddy, India**  
**Essay title: "Crossing Borders"**

"Everything's changed by this one decision I made... which changed my entire sense and perspective about how I look at people and things around me with love and compassion and sense of touch of independence... crossing borders and flying a million miles only to realize, there is more to life than just the four closed walls which you were in. "

Honorable mentions in this category: 1) Jaclyn P. Wright (USA); 2) Elizabeth Ashley Ward (USA)

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The "Crossing Borders" writing competition is a joint project of the Mu chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars and the International Club. The 2013 awards are made possible through the generous contributions of the Chancellor's Office; Provost's Office; The Colleges of Arts and Architecture, Computing and Informatics, and Education; the Departments of Africana Studies, Biology, Computer Science, Educational Leadership, Electrical Engineering, English, International Business, Languages and Culture Studies; Mr. Mike Hawley, Dr. Dean Kruckeberg, Dr. Rick Lejk, and Mr. Kurt Waldthausen.

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