



## Welcome from Assistant Provost for International Programs

Dear Colleagues,

The Office of International Programs (OIP) and UNC Charlotte is excited to share the lineup for International Education Week 2013 to be held November 18-22. While our campus community recognizes the importance of international education throughout the year, this week is a formal opportunity for us to showcase the accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students. The present special edition of Global Perspective highlights a variety of programs and initiatives taking place during International Education Week (IEW).

OIP is offering several sessions as well as cosponsoring with various departments a number of events around campus related to the importance of global interconnectedness. Of special note is the culminating event of the OIP Immigration Today: Film and Discussion Series, featuring Saul Flores' reflections on the

Walk of the Immigrants on Wednesday, November 20, at 5:30pm in Fretwell 100. Students, faculty, staff, and community members have engaged in discussion over the past six weeks regarding immigration relationships between the United States and countries within South/Latin America and the Caribbean, as part of a Chancellor's Diversity Grant. See page 6 for additional details.

Invited guests are also welcome to attend the annual meeting and induction into the Phi Beta Delta international honor society. On this occasion, we invite members of our faculty, staff, and student body who have made contributions to the internationalization of our campus to become members. At this event, we also recognize an outstanding member/organization of our community who has contributed not only to the internationalization of UNC Charlotte but to the greater Charlotte Mecklenburg region.

Please join us in recognizing and celebrating the importance of international, intercultural, and global connections on the UNC Charlotte campus during IEW. As always, we invite you to encourage student attendance as well.

Best wishes,

# INTERNATIONAL

# EDUCATION

# WEEK

# Events of Interest

## International Speaker Series: Dr. Carlos Henrique de Brito Cruz, Scientific Director of the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

### *Science and Technology in São Paulo, Brazil*

**Monday, November 11 9:30am - 11:45am**

**Harris Alumni Center, Allen Tate Great Hall**



As Scientific Director at FAPESP, one of the main research funding agencies in Brazil, Dr. Brito oversees the rigorous review of 18,000 research proposals each year submitted for funding. His own research focuses on the field of ultrafast phenomena in physics including using femtosecond pulse lasers to study fast processes in condensed matter and quantum-dots in a glass matrix.

FAPESP is an independent public foundation with the mission to foster research and the scientific and technological development of São Paulo, Brazil, through the support of research projects carried out in higher education and research institutions, in all fields of knowledge.

Faculty are encouraged to reserve space to attend with their classes and/or arrange for an extra-credit sign-in sheet for students. For more information, contact the Office of International Programs at 704-687-7755 or [international@unc.edu](mailto:international@unc.edu). Visit [oip.unc.edu/calendar/international-speaker-series](http://oip.unc.edu/calendar/international-speaker-series) for updates.

Presented by UNC Charlotte's Atkins Library, the College of Computing and Informatics, the Bioinformatics Research Center, the Department of Global, International and Area Studies, the Office of International Programs, the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, and the Brazil Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars.

## Performing the Mediterranean World of Shakespeare and Cervantes



From October 28-31, three dance and theater professors from Kingston University in London, England, visited the UNC Charlotte campus as part of an innovative performance project. Together with

Maryrica Ortiz Lottman, Associate Professor of Spanish at UNC Charlotte, they were creating a student theatrical production that combined a 45-minute version of Cervantes' *The Sultan's Queen* (La gran sultana) with a 45-minute version of Shakespeare's *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*.

Themes and plot elements common to both of these early modern plays are paired to highlight Cervantes's and Shakespeare's shared roots and interests. The workshops served as an introduction to a study abroad program and a performance opportunity in London.



For more information, see [clas-pages.unc.edu/maryrica-ortiz-lottman/projects](http://clas-pages.unc.edu/maryrica-ortiz-lottman/projects).

## Multicultural Resource Center's Programming Explores Global Topics

Among the many programs hosted through the Multicultural Resource Center, the Office of International Programs is pleased to share those below which support students' growth in self and cultural awareness. For a full listing of events, see [mrc.unc.edu](http://mrc.unc.edu).

### Let's Talk About It: Language

Wednesday, November 6 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Student Union 263

Explore how words within language may be barriers to equality. Join the conversation and note that seating is limited.

### Let's Talk About It: Citizenship

Wednesday, November 20 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Student Union 263

What does citizenship mean on our campus, in our community, in the United States? Come prepared to share your thoughts and learn other perspectives as well. Note that seating is limited.

### World AIDS Day

Monday, December 2 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Student Union 261, 262, 263

Join the campus commemoration of World AIDS Day 2013. This event offers the opportunity to learn about current rates of infection and ideas about the disease as well as optional HIV testing.

**MON 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Short Term Study Abroad  
Program Development Workshop**  
11:00am-12:30pm  
CHHS 207

\*RSVP to Kimberly Kuhn at kkuhn3@uncc.edu

**Where in the World?  
Trivia Contest and Language Tables**  
12:00pm-2:00pm  
Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda

**Interested in Becoming a  
Foreign Language Teacher?**  
3:00-4:00pm

College of Education Room 110

**Immigration Today: Film and Discussion Forum**  
5:30-6:30pm  
Student Union Theater

**TUE 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Where in the World?  
Trivia Contest and Language Tables**  
12:00pm-2:00pm  
Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda

**Internships Abroad Workshops**  
12:00-1:00pm in CHHS 145  
and  
4:00-5:00pm in CHHS 147

**Ferdowsi and Shahnameh:  
The Great Book of Kings**  
7:00pm-9:00pm  
SAC Salons

**THUR 21<sup>th</sup>**

**Where in the World?  
Trivia Contest and Language Tables**  
12:00pm-2:00pm  
Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda

**Study Abroad Workshop for  
Academic Advisors**  
3:00-4:30pm  
CHHS 145

**International Coffee Hour**  
4:00pm-6:00pm  
Faculty/Staff Dining Room of Prospector

# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2013

**WED 20<sup>th</sup>**

**International Coffee and Tea Tasting**  
11:00am-12:00pm  
Atkins Library Café

**Where in the World? Trivia Contest**  
12:00pm-2:00pm  
Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda

**ELTI Talks: Speed Friending!**  
3:30pm-4:30pm  
CHHS 145

**PBD Annual Meeting and Induction**  
3:30pm-5:00pm

\*This event is by invitation only

**Saul Flores, Keynote Speaker to Immigration  
Today Film and Discussion Series**  
5:30pm-6:30pm  
Fretwell 100

**NOVEMBER 18-22**

International Education Week 2013 (IEW) is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. At UNC Charlotte, IEW is an opportunity to highlight our commitment to global and international understanding. The following daily listing details the week of events. We welcome you to attend events of interest and to encourage your students to celebrate International Education Week as well.

Please check the IEW website [oip.uncc.edu/IntEdWk](http://oip.uncc.edu/IntEdWk) for the most updated calendar of events and contact [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu) for more information or to arrange a sign-in sheet for course credit at any of the events.

**FRI 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Faculty Promoting Global Education  
in the University Classroom**  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
College of Education Building, room # TBD

**Where in the World?  
Trivia Contest and Language Tables**  
12:00pm-2:00pm  
Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda

**ALL WEEK**

**International foods showcased in Campus Crossroads dining hall  
International coffee and teas available in Atkins Café**



# IEW Events for Monday, November 18

## Faculty-Designed Education Abroad Experiences

**CHHS 207 11:00am-12:30pm**

Faculty who are interested in learning how to develop, implement, and lead a short-term program abroad are invited to join the Office of Education Abroad for this workshop on short-term program development.

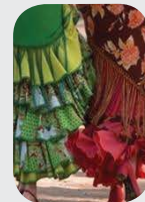
To confirm your attendance, or for more information, please contact Kimberly Kuhn, OEA Coordinator of Short Term Programs in the Office of Education Abroad, at [kkuhn3@uncc.edu](mailto:kkuhn3@uncc.edu).



## “Where in the World?” Trivia Contest and Language Tables

**Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda  
12:00pm-2:00pm (Monday - Friday)**

Test your global knowledge for a chance to win prizes! And speak your favorite language – or learn a bit of a new one – with members from various language clubs in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies. Monday features French, Farsi, and Japanese tables: *Venez parler français!* *تب‌حص‌ی‌س‌راف‌ای‌ب* *نی‌نک Nihongo de Hanaso!*



## Interested in Becoming a Foreign Language Teacher?

**College of Education room 110  
3:00pm-4:00pm**

In an era of internationalization, globalization, and multiculturalism, the need for young US Americans to be able to communicate in another language is clear. This realization is reflected in growing enrollment in K-12 foreign language programs nation-wide.



Accompanying such renewed interest is the need for more qualified foreign language teachers, but studies indicate school systems are already facing shortages in qualified language instructors. In

fact, as the state's 2nd largest producer of new teachers, UNC Charlotte does not graduate enough foreign language teachers graduate each year to meet the local demand.

Encourage students interested in pursuing a career as a foreign language teacher to attend this one-hour information session to explore the UNC Charlotte minor in foreign language education.

For more information, Contact Scott Kissau at [spkissau@uncc.edu](mailto:spkissau@uncc.edu).

## Immigration Today Film and Discussion Forum

**Student Union Theater  
5:30pm-6:30pm**

Join us for the final discussion session in the five-week Immigration Today Film and Discussion Forum based on *Harvest of Empire: The Untold Stories of Latinos in America*, a documentary exploring the history of US connections to seven countries and current immigration relationships between the USA and these countries.

Dr. John Cox will discuss the political connections between the USA and both Guatemala and El Salvador which shaped immigration patterns historically and currently. Cox has written and lectured extensively on conflict and violence in the Americas and elsewhere as well as lived briefly in Nicaragua during the wars in the region in the 1980s.

This installment follows four other weekly discussions. The first installment of the series was a discussion on Cuba led by Dr. Greg Weeks to a select audience on October 21. The series continued with a discussion on the relationship between the US and Mexico led by Dr. Jurgen Buchenau on October 28. Graduate student Juan Pimentel-Otero discussed Puerto Rico on November 4 and Dr. Ann Gonzalez led a discussion on Nicaragua on November 11.

The series is made possible through a Chancellor's Diversity Grant.





# IEW Events for Tuesday, November 19

## “Where in the World?” Trivia Contest and Language Tables

**Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda**  
**12:00pm-2:00pm (Monday - Friday)**

Test your global knowledge for a chance to win prizes! And speak your favorite language – or learn a bit of a new one – with members from various language clubs in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies. Tuesday features a Chinese table.

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## Two Information Sessions on Internships Abroad

**12:00pm-1:00pm in CHHS 145**  
or  
**4:00pm-5:00pm in CHHS 147**

Two workshop sessions are available to assist students who may be interested in completing an internship abroad. Placements in a variety of locations are available and can offer credit and non-credit opportunities. Encourage interested students to attend. For more information regarding this event, contact the Office of Education Abroad at [edabroad@uncc.edu](mailto:edabroad@uncc.edu).



## Ferdowsi and Shahnameh: The Great Book of Kings

**7:00pm-8:30pm**  
**SAC Salons**

Hear from Persian poet and renowned linguist Richard Davis during this evening of Persian music and poetry. Reception and book signing to follow keynote address from Richard Davis.

For more information, contact Dr. Taghi Mostafavi, Associate Professor of Computer Science, at [taghi@uncc.edu](mailto:taghi@uncc.edu).



## International Alumnus Spotlight: Internship Leads to Employment After Optional Practical Training

In Summer 2013, Akshay Aggarwal, M.S. in Computer Science who is originally from India, completed an internship at HP Vertica, an analytic database management software company involved in emerging technologies surrounding analysis of big data and headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. During his internship, Aggarwal collaborated with a team to implement a beta version of a ‘Pulse Pack,’ a feature-based sentiment analysis tool to run on large datasets such as Twitter and Amazon Product Review.



Aggarwal credits the academic experiences in the early part of his graduate studies with his preparedness for the competitive internship. “I concentrated on Database Systems and Data Mining during my first two semesters at UNC Charlotte and it helped me a lot to grow technically and professionally,” said Aggarwal.

Aggarwal was offered a full-time position and will begin work with HP Vertica after his graduation in December 2013. Aggarwal will be eligible to remain in the USA for one year of employment after graduation through the Optional Practical Training (OPT) component of his international student visa. OPT authorizes F-1 international students a certain period of time for work eligibility in the United States after graduation to gain experience relevant to the student’s field of study.

Many international students apply to participate in an OPT experience after graduation to gain valuable experience before returning to their home countries, according to Tarek Elshayeb, Director of the International Student/Scholar Office.

“According to U.S. federal regulations, international students are not eligible to receive federal or state financial aid to pursue their education in the United States,” notes Elshayeb. “Although there are few restricted options to work off campus, our international students capitalize on any internship opportunities to gain work experience prior to their return to their home countries.”

# IEW Events for Wednesday, November 20

## International Coffee and Tea Tasting

**Atkins Library Café**  
**\*11:00am - 12:00pm**

\* presentation time



Savor different international blends of coffee from Costa Rica, Colombia, Africa and the Pacific as well as teas from China, India, and Japan and learn about their origins. Sample tasting is free. Selections will be available all week.

## “Where in the World?” Trivia Contest

**Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda**  
**12:00pm-2:00pm (Monday - Friday)**

Test your global knowledge for a chance to win prizes! And speak your favorite language - or learn a bit of a new one! Friday features German and Russian language tables. Kommen Sie ein bisschen Deutsch sprechen! Приходите, поговорим по-русски!

## PBD Annual Meeting and New Member Induction (invitation only) SAC Salons 3:30pm-5:00pm

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars has as its main purpose the recognition of the international education experience, related academic scholarship, and achievement. It also serves as a means for encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration and networking among faculty and students involved in international endeavors.



UNC Charlotte’s Mu Chapter inducts qualified students, faculty and staff at its annual member meeting in November and recognizes with honorary membership an individual or organization who has contributed to the internationalization of the Charlotte community.

See [pbd.uncc.edu](http://pbd.uncc.edu) for more information and future membership opportunities.

## ELTI Talks: Speed Friending

**CHHS 145**  
**3:30pm - 4:30pm**

How many friends from how many different countries can you make in an hour? It is probably more than you think!

Encourage your students to join the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) for refreshments and conversations with international and internationally-minded students.

For more information, contact ELTI at [elti@uncc.edu](mailto:elti@uncc.edu).



## Saul Flores, Keynote Speaker to the Immigration Today Film and Discussion Series

**5:30pm - 6:30pm Fretwell 100**

Photojournalist Saul Flores will recount his 5,320 mile journey walking through 10 countries in Central and South America to raise awareness of socio-cultural issues in those countries. His efforts to photo-document his experience resulted in a collection of over 20,000 photos which he culled to shape a gallery of images known as the ‘Walk of the Immigrants.’

Flores’ perspectives aim to personalize the history of political connections explored through the five-week Immigration Today Film and Discussion Forum. Five installments of the discussion forum were based on *Harvest of Empire: The Untold Stories of Latinos in America*, a documentary exploring the history of US connections to seven countries and current immigration relationships between the US and these countries.

The speaker and the film series were made possible through a Chancellor’s Diversity Grant.



# IEW Events for Thursday, November 21

## “Where in the World?” Trivia Contest and Language Tables

**Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda**  
**12:00pm-2:00pm (Monday - Friday)**

Test your global knowledge for a chance to win prizes! And speak your favorite language – or learn a bit of a new one – with members from various language clubs in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies. Thursday features German and Russian tables: *Kommen Sie ein bisschen Deutsch sprechen!* *Приходите, поговорим по-русски!*



## Study Abroad Workshop for Academic Advisors

**CHHS 145**  
**3:00pm-4:30pm**



This workshop is for academic advisors, faculty, and staff at UNC Charlotte who would like to learn more about the opportunities students have to study overseas.

This session serves as a “myth-buster” and will cover topics such as academics, cost, program options, and other non-study experiences such as internships and volunteering abroad. For more information regarding this event, contact the Office of Education Abroad at [edabroad@uncc.edu](mailto:edabroad@uncc.edu).

## International Coffee Hour

**Faculty/Staff Dining Room of Prospector 4:00pm-6:00pm**

Meet people from around the world, share ideas, and relax with coffee and refreshments. This event is sponsored by the International Student/Scholar Office and is open to all international and US students, faculty, and staff. Bring a friend or meet a new one there!



## My International Awakening: A Student’s Reflection on her Journey Toward Self and Cultural Awareness

*Student employees often contribute to the operations within the Office of International Programs. Sophomore Betty Shaffer reflects on her global journey with OIP.*



As a freshman at UNC Charlotte, college life was entirely new to me. I was excited to broaden my knowledge and submerge myself into an entirely new culture. In the past year or so, not only have I been able to discover more about the academic and social culture here at UNC Charlotte, I have been

exposed to a wealth of culture and global knowledge. There are several experiences that lead me to become more open-minded and culturally diverse. These include my freshman International Enrichment Seminar, the International Festival held annually on campus, my job here in the International Student/Scholar Office, as well as my involvement in events such as International Coffee Hour.

It was as if my entire freshmen experience was a series of events directing me to become more globally aware. My interest and appreciation for other cultures has grown tremendously since stepping foot on this campus. It began with my Seminar course,

where we were encouraged to push our limits, attend events, study, and converse with people of all backgrounds. This class quickly became more than a grade to me. In fact, by the time the semester ended it was second nature. I sought out cultural experiences, testing my comfort zone and truly reflecting on how my perspective began to change.

During International Festival 2012 I ‘traveled the world’, receiving stamps from countless countries along the way. By this time I was hooked; I wanted to learn more. I wanted to travel and meet people from around the world.

I was fortunate to be offered a job working in the International Student/Scholar Office, helping with student orientations and interacting with our university’s population of international students on a daily basis. Now that I am a sophomore I have many new goals, but I know that my life will always include this desire to share cultural differences and similarities. Whether it is over a cup of coffee at International Coffee Hour, or through a study abroad experience, I intend on using my cultural interests to expose others to the rewards of a global mind.



# IEW Events for Friday, November 22

## Faculty Promoting Global Education in the University Classroom

College of Education Building, room TBD

10:00am -12:00pm

This two-hour program brings Dr. Elmer Poe, Vice Chancellor of Emerging Academic Initiatives from East Carolina University, the UNC system leader in distance learning, to discuss innovations in global connections in the classroom.

The program will offer faculty attendees informative lessons learned from Poe's collaborative development of a world cultures course that uses real time video and chat to bring students from around the world together. The structured experiences in that course provide a venue for the development of global perspectives and an appreciation for diverse cultures. The program will discuss those experiences and will offer the opportunity to formulate and plan for implementation of course-specific activities.

For more information, including location information, contact Dr. Pam Shue at [pshue1@uncc.edu](mailto:pshue1@uncc.edu).



## “Where in the World?” Trivia Contest and Language Tables

Student Union 1st Floor Rotunda

12:00pm-2:00pm (Monday - Friday)

Test your global knowledge for a chance to win prizes! And speak your favorite language - or learn a bit of a new one!

Friday features Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Farsi language tables with members from various language clubs in the Department of Languages and Culture Studies. Venite a parlare italiano! Venha falar português! Vengan a hablar español!

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## Kruckeberg Receives International Honor

Dr. Dean Kruckeberg recently received the Public Relations Society of America's Atlas Award for Lifetime Achievement at the association's international convention in Philadelphia. This award "recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the practice and profession of public relations on a global scale."

At UNC Charlotte, Kruckeberg and the Department of Communication Studies have made significant contributions to the internationalization initiatives within their College, which include the continuation of long-running exchange programs for graduate students, an active partnership with the Office of Education

Abroad (OEA) on curriculum integration initiatives, and the continuation of the successful summer "Public Relations in the United Kingdom" seminar course abroad. Kruckeberg will lead the summer education abroad seminar for the third time in summer 2014.

Dr. Alan Freitag, a Public Relations specialist in the Department of Communication Studies and the Director of the London seminar, says "It would be difficult to overstate the significance of this award. That UNC Charlotte is directly associated with this honor is of considerable merit."

The Office of International Programs (OIP) and OEA work with departments in all seven of UNC Charlotte's Colleges to provide internationalization opportunities at home and abroad for faculty and students. For more information on how to utilize these offices in your department's global efforts, please contact OIP at [international@uncc.edu](mailto:international@uncc.edu).







### Academic Class Standing

- 2 freshmen
- 18 sophomores
- 6 juniors
- 2 seniors

### Country of Citizenship

- 1 citizen of the United Kingdom
- 1 citizen of Nepal
- 5 citizens of Japan
- 21 internationally-minded citizens of the USA

### Countries in which students have lived, studied, or traveled to

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bahamas            | Italy             |
| Belize             | Jamaica           |
| Canada             | Japan             |
| Cayman Islands     | Mexico            |
| China              | Netherlands (The) |
| Czech Republic     | New Zealand       |
| Dominican Republic | Nicaragua         |
| France             | Switzerland       |
| Germany            | Taiwan            |
| Greece             | Turkey            |
| India              | United Kingdom    |
| Israel             |                   |

## The Inaugural Global Gateways Residential Community Officially Open for Enrichment!



UNC Charlotte officially opened the Global Gateways residential community with a celebratory Open House on September 18th. The Gateways House is home to 28 women committed to expanding their international awareness. Comprised of United States domestic and international students who are studying at UNC Charlotte, the Global Gateways community is comprised of residents with 23 countries of connection and 15 different academic majors representing four of the seven colleges.

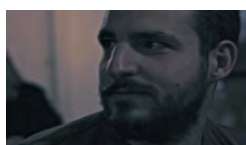
Within the community, all residents are responsible for contributing through various committees charged with incorporating an international emphasis into their programming. Committees include social engagement, outreach initiatives, community service, PR/marketing, and academic enrichment.

The Global Gateways committee programming launched with the Academic Engagement Committee's film viewing of a WWII Japanese anime feature, *Grave of the Fireflies* (*Hotaru no haka*).

A mix of 20 Global Gateways residents and guests from the Japan Club and HRL Phase V gathered for film viewing, traditional Japanese snacks, and discussion exploring issues from cinematography to war. Five of the Global Gateways residents are from Japan.

Faculty/staff interested in exploring programming partnership can contact OIP Associate Director, Dr. Christina Sanchez at [c.sanchez@uncc.edu](mailto:c.sanchez@uncc.edu).

## New Faculty Member Specializes in Global Literature



Dr. Juan Meneses, Assistant Professor of Postcolonial and World Literatures in the Department of English, joined UNC Charlotte this fall from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Meneses' work focuses on

the literatures of the global periphery in the English- and the Spanish-speaking worlds. He is also highly interested in issues of globalization and transnationality as represented in works of world literature and film, which he is exploring in one of his current projects.

As a teacher, Meneses encourages his students to reflect on what it is to be a foreigner. He has a distinct and comprehensive notion of what this means. "One of my goals is to make students

realize that they are foreigners themselves in their own country, in their own state, in their own town," says Meneses.

"By engaging with works of literature, films, or comics produced in other places and times, and thinking through the experience of foreignness that some of them explore, we can begin to reconsider our place at home as well as in the world, and establish productive relationships with that which we are not familiar with, with the unknown."





## Intercultural Outreach Programs Welcomes new Director

Ms. Jessica Siracusa joins the Office of International Programs as the new Assistant Director of the English Language Training Institute (ELTI) with primary duties to lead Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP), the division of ELTI that develops and implements short-term training programs.

Siracusa will be adding to the portfolio of programs facilitated through IOP, which currently includes programs in business and education for Australian university students who arrive in January, various programs for Japanese universities that focus mainly on English language learning, and internships with two Japanese exchange centers.

Siracusa is most recently from the University of Albany (SUNY). She holds an M.S. in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other

Languages) from University of Albany and a range of professional experiences that make her an ideal choice to lead IOP—she has worked in study abroad, English language instruction, and educational administration.

Siracusa and her husband have relocated to the Charlotte area after having spent the past 10+ years in upstate New York. She enjoys gardening (and is excited about having the extra months of warm weather to enjoy this and other outdoor activities), cooking, hiking and traveling—something that will be essential in her role as chief recruiter for new programs and new students in IOP and ELTI.

“I am thrilled to be joining such a dynamic, energetic, and accomplished group of professionals,” Siracusa said. “This position is one to which I will bring much enthusiasm, knowledge, and leadership, and one which I believe is a perfect match for my skill set.”

## ELTI Welcomes New Instructors

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) employs a strong core of full-time faculty members as well as several key adjunct instructors who often remain at UNC Charlotte for several terms.

As experienced ESL instructors are able to find a job nearly anywhere in the world, ELTI and OIP are delighted for the five new adjunct instructors listed below to join our team.

If you are interested in connecting with ELTI language instructors and/or students, please contact Kelly Franklin, Director of ELTI, at [KFranklin@unc.edu](mailto:KFranklin@unc.edu). For more information on ELTI, visit [elti.unc.edu](http://elti.unc.edu).



**Kisha Medina Whitney**  
B.A. Linguistics and Spanish and  
M.Ed. TESOL, University of Buffalo  
(SUNY)

Whitney has taught ESL for 11 years in New York and North Carolina. In addition to teaching, Whitney is also a professional photographer and shares a studio with her husband.



**Marcella Smith**  
B.A. French and M.A. in Performance  
Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles  
in Belgium

Smith holds a Cambridge English Language Assessment teaching certification earned while teaching business and general English courses in Mexico City and Querétaro, Mexico. She enjoys running, singing, cooking, and spending time with friends.



**Sherlen Tanner**  
B.A. English Language  
Translation Studies, Bosphorus  
University, Istanbul, Turkey

A native of Turkey, Tanner taught English as a Foreign Language in Istanbul and at the City Colleges of Chicago and Elgin Community College in the United States. She is completing her M.A. in TESL coursework at UNC Charlotte. She enjoys reading, traveling, and cooking Mediterranean cuisine.



**Cheryl Tarr**  
M.Ed. in TESL, Notre Dame  
College, New Hampshire

Tarr’s teaching experience includes adult pre-employment, community-based programs, intensive English programs, and public school. She enjoys reading, writing, playing Sudoku, and spending time with her family.



**Kelly Zientek-Baker**  
B.A. Journalism and  
Communications, and M.A. French,  
Bowling Green State  
University

Zientek-Baker has been teaching ESL since 2006, first as a volunteer, and most recently, with The Language Company (a national proprietary intensive English program). She enjoys reading, writing, running, and devoting time to her two cats.

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