



Executive Director's Welcome

Greetings on behalf of OIP. This semester, OIP is hosting many interesting events including a presentation by the recently appointed French Ambassador to the U.S., His Excellency Pierre Vimont who will be speaking on U.S.-French Relations. We recently hosted an information session given by two colleagues from ECU on how they utilize technology in the classroom to partner with international universities giving their students an international experience right at home.

The spring term is one of the Office of International Programs most busy periods. It is during this time that our Office of Education Abroad collaborates with our faculty members to organize the many summer programs that will take our students to all parts of the globe. This year, we are offering 20 program opportunities in 12 countries. These students who participate in summer programs make up the largest percentage of UNC Charlotte students who study overseas. While the number of students participating on semester/year-long programs continue to increase year after year, we are still seeing great interest in spending summer periods abroad.

Like many of you, we are also working on the UNC Tomorrow Commission response for the University. As you may be aware, global awareness was a topic that surfaced time and time again during the course of the Commission's work. We are pleased that our communities recognize that we need to prepare our students with the skills necessary to navigate in today's multicultural and international job market. As OIP continues to support our campus's international efforts, we look forward to collaborating with you to strengthen and enhance the international experiences of each of our students.

As always, we welcome your thoughts, suggestions, and announcements and encourage you to partner with us to reinforce UNC Charlotte's commitment to being a global campus.

2008 International Education Awards

The Office of International Programs and the Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars will be awarding one UNC Charlotte Faculty member and one UNC Charlotte Student a 2008 International Education Award at the International Education Reception on April 16, 2008. Nominations are being accepted for each honor until March 14, 2008.

The Faculty International Education Award recognizes a faculty member for outstanding contributions to the enhancement of the international education experience at UNC Charlotte. Areas of excellence may include: teaching, research, curriculum development, program development, grant writing, university service, and/or community service. To be eligible for this award, individuals must hold a full-time faculty appointment at UNC Charlotte and must have held the appointment for at least three years immediately preceding the year in which the award is made. Individuals may receive the award only once. Deans, chairs, and full-time administrators are not eligible.

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Ambassador of France to visit UNC Charlotte

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is honored to host His Excellency Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the United States, on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. The Ambassador will be giving a short presentation from 10:15-11:00 AM in Room 281 in the College of Health and Human Services.

He is eager to meet the UNC Charlotte community and is particularly interested in interacting with students. Please join us in welcoming Ambassador Vimont to the UNC Charlotte campus.

Ambassador Vimont was appointed to this post by President Nicolas Sarkozy on August 1, 2007. A member of the Foreign Service since 1977, Ambassador Vimont has held various positions during his distinguished career including, Deputy Director General for the Cultural, Scientific and Technical Relations Department, Director of European Cooperation, Ambassador and permanent representative of France to the European Union from 1999 to 2002, and directly prior to his current appointment, he was chief of staff to the minister of foreign affairs.

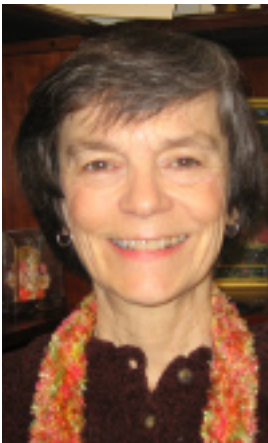


New Scholarship for International Students

The International Student Scholarship is a newly endowed scholarship whose purpose is to acknowledge the presence of international students at UNC Charlotte as well as their particular contributions. The university attracts a vibrant community of international students, and the global feel of campus is unmatched elsewhere in the Charlotte region.

The scholarship is a longtime dream of UNC Charlotte's own Marian Beane (Director, International Student and Scholar Office); it was she who championed the cause over the years and she who recently made the lead gift resulting in the scholarship's endowment. Beane works with international students daily, so she understands the scholarship's special significance. She made her gift in honor of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ercil and Maxine Beane, whom, she says, inspired her. They traveled abroad and, through the years, helped many individuals from other countries come to the U.S. to study, learn and contribute. From an early age, Beane witnessed her parents' personal connections to the international community.

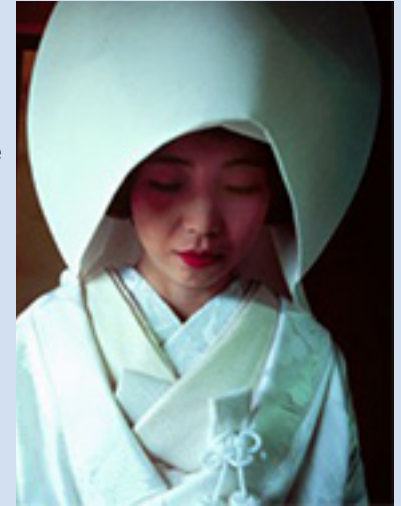
The scholarship has received gifts totaling approximately \$17,000. If you would like to make a gift for the International Student Scholarship, please contact Stephanie Cole (Director, Development Services) at 704-687-2271 or visit UNC Charlotte's online giving site, www.giving.uncc.edu, and click on the "Make A Gift" tab. The process is safe, secure and quick. Once inside the giving form, you will be asked to choose what you want your gift to support. From the drop-down menu, choose "Other" and then type the phrase "International Student Scholarship" in the box labeled "Gift Summary." Contact Cole if you would like to make a gift of securities or an asset other than cash.



Marian Beane

International Women's Day Celebration, March 13

International Women's Day is celebrated worldwide on March 8 to honor the contributions and achievements of women; to connect women around the globe; and to inspire leadership and development related to women's issues. The UNC Charlotte campus community has participated for the past two years in a reception and recognition ceremony acknowledging and celebrating the accomplishments of individuals from the faculty, students and staff who are committed to these issues throughout the year.



Nominations for deserving female faculty, staff and students to be honored at a UNC Charlotte International Women's Day celebration are being accepted online until Sunday, March 9, 2008. A celebration will be on Thursday, March 13 in the Storrs Gallery from 3:30-5:00 PM, sponsored by the Office of International Programs.

For further questions or to make a reservation please contact either Denise Medeiros (Assistant Director, International Student and Scholar Office) at x77784 or dvmedei@uncc.edu or Rebecca Vincent (Coordinator for International Initiatives) at x77305 or rvincen2@uncc.edu.

International Education Awards cont.

Letters of nomination may come from faculty, students, staff, alumni, or members of the community. Nomination is by a formal letter, supplemented, if desired, by additional supportive information. All nominated individuals will be notified of their nomination and invited to submit any pertinent materials. Letters of nomination should be sent to Lyman Johnson, Chair, International Education Award Committee, c/o Office of International Programs.

The Student International Education Award recognizes a student for outstanding contributions to and involvement in international studies at UNC Charlotte. The student must: be enrolled in a full-time degree-granting program at the junior level for undergraduate or be in the second semester graduate students; have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 for undergraduates and 3.5 for graduates; and have had significant involvement in academic, service and/or co-curricular activities with an international focus. A student may receive the award only once.

Nominations may come from any member of the University community and must include a nomination form and a letter stating the student's qualifications for the Award. A seconding letter from a University or non-University individual is encouraged but not required. Nomination forms can be obtained from the International Student and Scholar office at x77781.

For information contact Marian Beane (Director, International Student and Scholar Office) at x77781 or by email at mebeane@uncc.edu.



World Affairs Council of Charlotte Wins National Award

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC) is committed to “providing leadership for global thinking.” This commitment was recognized February 9, 2008 in a ceremony at the close of the World Affairs Councils of America (WACA) Annual Conference. The WACC received the WACA President’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in 2007. The award “...is given annually for extraordinary innovation, growth, outreach, and impact...the World Affairs Council of Charlotte has earned the distinction of being the most dynamic midsize council in the nation this year.”

WACC is affiliated with the Office of International Programs (OIP) and located on-campus in the College of Health and Human Services Building. In addition to providing international programming to the Charlotte area, WACC collaborates with OIP to bring speakers of interest to the UNC Charlotte campus community. Last semester, the WACC and OIP brought Glenn Kessler, author of “The Confidante: Condoleezza Rice and the Creation of the Bush Legacy”, and, to a standing-room only crowd, Aaron Cohen spoke about “Trafficking in Human Persons”. Also, UNC Charlotte students have the opportunity to participate in internships with the Council each semester to include a practical experience in their academic progress.

The collaboration between the WACC and UNC Charlotte continues to strengthen the international opportunities on-campus. This award acknowledges the importance of their involvement in the international programming of the greater Charlotte region.

Vincent is New Coordinator for International Initiatives

Rebecca Vincent has been named Coordinator for International Initiatives for the Office of International Programs (OIP). Vincent worked previously with OIP before accepting a position with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte for the past year. She is also a part-time lecturer with the International Studies Program. Before moving to North Carolina, Vincent worked with the Conflict Resolution Program in Fairfax County Public Schools. She has a M.S. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University and a B.A. in International Studies and Modern Foreign Languages from High Point University.



Rebecca Vincent

The Coordinator for International Initiatives is a new position created to strengthen the programming and assessment capacity of OIP.

International Women's Day



Nominate and Celebrate internationally-minded women of any age on campus whose achievements deserve recognition.

Celebrate!
March, 13, 2008
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Storrs Gallery

Nominations will be taken until Mar. 9
To learn more visit:
www.uncc.edu/oip/intwomensday.htm
2nd Floor CHHS Building

NAFSA: Association of International Educators leadership activities by OIP staff

Joël Gallegos (Executive Director, Office of International Programs) serves on the NAFSA Leadership Development Committee. The committee is charged with identifying and cultivating new volunteer member leaders of the organization.

Marian Beane (Director, International Student and Scholar Office) has been appointed as a Diversity Advisor for the NAFSA Membership Committee.

Susan Lambert (Director, Intercultural Outreach Programs) serves on NAFSA's International Education Leaders Knowledge Community in a three-year term as a member of the Leadership Team and as Training Coordinator. The committee is commissioned with planning appropriate professional development opportunities for international education leaders.

International Student & Scholar Office and Office of Education Abroad present workshops

Understanding International Students & Faculty Workshop

Marian Beane (Director, International Student and Scholar Office) and Denise Medeiros (Assistant Director, International Student and Scholar Office) will be presenting a workshop for UNC Charlotte staff on Tuesday, April 2, 2008 in Colvard North 5092 from 1:30-4:00 PM on "Understanding International Students and Faculty."

UNC Charlotte's staff members play an important role in providing services and programs for the University's growing and diverse international students and faculty. This workshop is designed to assist staff members who interact with international students and faculty in the workplace.

Workshop participants will:

- 1) Consider ways to communicate effectively with international students and faculty;
- 2) Learn about resources at the University and in the community that can be helpful in understanding and working with international students and faculty;
- 3) Have the opportunity for conversation with some international students who study at UNC Charlotte.

If interested in participating or sending your front-line staff you can access the registration information at www.hr.uncc.edu.

Leading Short Term Study Abroad Programs Workshop

The Office of Education Abroad of the Office of International Programs will be hosting a short term study abroad work shop for UNC Charlotte faculty interested in leading academic study abroad programs lasting from 8 days to 8 weeks. Led by Brad Sekulich, the Director of the Office of Education Abroad, these workshops will outline the process planning, recruiting and implementing faculty-led study abroad programs for academic credit.

The workshops will be held from 3:00 – 4:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 2, 3 and 4. Please RSVP your attendance to Brad Sekulich at sekulich@uncc.edu or 77747.

The Office of Education Abroad sends about 450 students to over 30 countries each year. More information about the Office or Education Abroad and its programs can be found at www.edabroad.uncc.edu.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS SUMMER IN LONDON

UNC Charlotte plans a royal summer abroad for students in the international public relations program. Students will engage in a world-renowned seminar at Regent's College, located in the heart of London. Hosted by Ashli Stokes (Assistant Professor, Department of Communications), the four-week program on international public relations is also directed by Alan Freitag (Associate Professor, Department of Communications) every other year.

According to Freitag, the chief purpose of the program is to expose students to public relations in a cultural setting other than their own. Freitag also notes that while the seminar primarily caters to junior and senior communications students, any student who has completed PR Principles and maintains a GPA of at least 3.0 may attend. The trip is first offered to UNC Charlotte students but later opened to universities both nationwide and worldwide. In previous years, students have attended from Memphis University, Southeast Missouri University and Mount St. Vincent University in Canada.

According to Natalia Kassahn, who attended the seminar in the summer of 2007, the program is beneficial in providing students with an edge over other entry-level professionals. "The seminar was more beneficial than any other course I've taken in college," says Kassahn, "Before going to London, I wasn't even sure I wanted to take the international route, and now, I am planning to get a master's in it."

In addition to classroom lectures and guest speeches from British corporate scholars, students get the chance to scour the continent on weekend getaways and visit everything from Stonehenge and Windsor Castle to ancient Roman ruins in Bath, Italy. Students engage in group projects and tour local PR firms, embassies, and internationally-known corporations such as the BBC and HSBC bank.

Kingston University Reunion at UNC Charlotte

On March 29, 2008 Kingston University, in collaboration with UNC Charlotte's Office of International Programs, will sponsor its first reunion for graduates and exchange participants in the United States. The evening will be hosted by Professor Martyn Jones, Pro Vice-Chancellor, External Affairs, Kingston University and will include refreshments, live music and an opportunity for attendees to reminisce about their shared experiences at Kingston University.

Kingston is UNC Charlotte's oldest exchange partner with programs having begun in the early 1980s. Today the relationship is stronger than ever and promises to continue to grow. To learn more about the relationship or to get involved with it, contact Brad Sekulich (Director, Office of Education Abroad) at sekulich@uncc.edu

College Notes

Computing and Informatics

Zbigniew W. Ras (College of Computing and Informatics (CCI), Computer Science) will serve as the general chairman of the 17th International Symposium on Methodologies for Intelligent Systems (ISMIS'08) in Toronto, Canada, May 20-23, 2008. In addition, Ras is the principal investigator for his National Science Foundation grant on "Automatic Indexing of Audio with Timbre Information for Musical Instruments of Definite Pitch" (2005-2008), which involves collaboration between CCI and faculty from the Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology, in Warsaw, Poland. Ras also serves as a co-principal investigator on an American Science Information grant titled "New Tools and Theories for Knowledge Discovery in Databases" awarded to the University of Economics, Prague, in the Czech Republic, 2007-2011.

The College of Computing and Informatics Computer Science Department announced that Dr. Myung Kyun Kim from

University of Ulsan, Korea, will be visiting the Networking Research Lab from February 2008-February 2009. Dr. Kim is a professor of computer engineering and his research areas are real-time communications and industrial communication networks. During his visit of the Networking Research Lab, Dr. Kim will conduct research in reliable and real-time communications in wireless networks.

The College of Computing and Informatics Computer Science Department announced that Dr. Jong Wan Lee of Hallym University, Korea, will be visiting the Games + Learning Lab from January 2008-January 2009. Lee is a professor of physics and will be teaching a physics for games course in the Fall of 2008. During the Summer of 2008 four students from Hallym University will be conducting research in the Games + Learning Lab.

The College of Computing and Informatics' Software and Information Systems Department is currently involved in a program entitled "U.S.-Japan Partnership: Access Control Policy Management among Collaborative Domains." Principals

in the project are Gail-Joon Ahn (Assistant Professor of Software and Information Systems) and Mizuho Iwaihara, Associate Professor of Department of Social Informatics at Kyoto University. The objectives of the project are to seek problem solutions that simultaneously consider access control model and policy issues in collaborative environments, leverage the work done by the access control community on privilege delegation and revocation (Ahn's expertise) to enhance solutions for adaptive document management (a component of Iwaihara's work), and leverage Ahn's work to develop a family of security models and policy frameworks to accommodate issues of collaborative environments, thereby demonstrating confidence in the effectiveness to handle new security properties through assurance arguments addressing techniques, processes, and methodologies to encompass document control for use by Iwaihara's group.

Professor to Present in Washington, D.C, on Global Sustainable Development

Hillary Inyang (Director, Global Institute for Energy and Environmental Systems) will discuss "Global Sustainable Development: Observations and Potential From Expeditions to Various Regions" on April 7, 2008 in Washington, D.C. at the Science and Technology Policy Lecture Series for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The browning of green fields in almost every country has significantly affected global health. Whereas "green" environmental issues tend to be larger in scope and impact, "brown" environmental issues are localized. The brown environmental issues relate to past and/or present activities that are involved in the development, operation and maintenance of infrastructure. Sustainable development requires that all levels of a community create and execute strategies to engage in economic growth, resource utilization and environmental quality.

Inyang, who is the Duke Energy Distinguished Professor at UNC Charlotte, has given more than 110 invited lectures in 14 countries, served on 49 government committees and 73 professional organizations and conference panels. He has chaired and co-chaired 12 international conferences. Inyang has served on the editorial boards of 27 refereed international journals. In addition, he was the Honorary Theme Editor of UNESCO's Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS) and has been honored with numerous professional awards and commendations.



Hillary Inyang

More College Notes

Health and Human Services

Education abroad programs in the College of Health and Human Services are blossoming this spring and summer. The College is launching the first spring break education abroad course in Guanajuato, Mexico. Maren Coffman (Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing) is traveling with thirteen students to Guanajuato over spring break to learn more about the Mexican health and social services systems, the overall health status of Mexicans and the effects of migration in Mexico. In addition, Michael Thompson (Assistant Professor, Public Health Sciences) will be teaching our long-standing education abroad course in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany comparing the healthcare systems in Western European countries to the US. During the summer, Blanca Ramos (Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work) will be teaching the language and cultural immersion course in Puebla, Mexico. This will be the second year for this summer abroad course.

Several faculty in the Department of Social Work are involved in international collaborations and

research activities. In November, Ramos and the department hosted Dr. Lucia Aranda, Dean of the School of Nursing at the Universidad Nacional Pedro Ruiz Gallo, and Professor Aurora Zapata, faculty member in the School of Nursing at the Universidad Catolica Santo Toribio de Mogrovejo. They visited the college and exchanged knowledge and viewpoints on healthcare issues in Peru and the U.S. with UNC Charlotte faculty and students. Jackie Dienemann (Professor, School of Nursing), Lisa Wagnes (Lecturer, School of Nursing), and Maren Coffman (Assistant Professor, School of Nursing) were instrumental in facilitating a rewarding experience for our Peruvian colleagues.

In December, Dennis Long (Chair, Department of Social Work) and Ramos visited Peru to teach an intensive course in their doctoral program in Social Welfare in Chiclayo, Peru. During the spring semester, Ms. Mery Botton, past Dean of the Council of Social Work Education in Peru and a social work faculty at the Universidad Nacional Villarreal in Lima, will visit CHHS in connection with a project funded

by the International Association of Schools of Social Work. During her visit, she will meet with Ramos and Rich Furman (Associate Professor, Department of Social Work) to review curriculum material related to community social work. While visiting UNC Charlotte, Botton will deliver a lecture on healthcare in Peru in the graduate course "International Health" in the Department of Public Health Sciences.

Diana Rowan (Lecturer, Department of Social Work) will be traveling to Botswana and Malawi, Africa to collaborate with faculty at the University of Botswana and the Catholic University of Malawi. Pending IRB approval, Rowan will be conducting a research study comparing U.S. and sub-Saharan African social work students' perceptions and experiences of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. The study is funded by the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and Rowan will be working with three African social work professors.

Internationalization Plan for the College of Arts and Sciences

Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Arts and Sciences) appointed a working group to draft an internationalization plan for the College of Arts and Sciences. This plan will infuse within all areas of the College an awareness of the need to ground our work within an international framework. The group was charged with providing initial baseline data for current internationalization efforts within COAS departments and programs and with making recommendations regarding the meaning and practice of internationalization within a College of Arts and Sciences. Specific areas within the overall charge included the curriculum, student participation, faculty participation and professional development about internationalization, expanding the numbers of our international students and international faculty, extracurricular activities, and incorporation of the College Internationalization Plan in the College Strategic Plan. Members of the group include: Harry Chernotsky (International Studies & Political Science), Carlos Coria-Sanchez (Languages & Culture Studies); Michael Doyle (Languages & Culture Studies) [co-chair], Joël Gallegos (Office of International Programs) [co-chair], Susan Gardner (English), Bill Hill (College of Arts & Sciences) [ex officio], Jerry Ingalls (Geography & Earth Sciences), Kathryn Johnson (Religious Studies), Vivian Lord (Criminal Justice), Yasin Raja (Physics & Optical Science), Tom Rogers (Africana Studies), Steven Sabol (History) and Dena Shenk (Anthropology).

New Education Abroad intern

Angela Wright, a recent UNC Charlotte alum, began her full-time internship in January of this year. Ms. Wright graduated from Western Piedmont Community College in 2004 and from UNC Charlotte last May where she studied International Studies, Spanish and Translation. During her academic studies she traveled with two UNC Charlotte exchange programs: once to Guadalajara, Mexico and later to Santiago, Chile. Her non-academic journeys have led her to destinations such as Jamaica, Alaska, England, Scotland, Wales and multiple cities in Mexico. She has believed for some time that studying abroad was the single, most-valuable professional, personal and academic experience of her undergraduate career and has since chosen to dedicate her career to aiding



others fulfill their own personal journey. Her fondness of travel, interest in international affairs and diversity studies, as well as the value she passionately places on advocating international

education, has led her to pursue a career in this growing field.

Angela's internship duties include but are not limited to marketing and promoting the study abroad programs offered by UNC Charlotte, leading general advising sessions for students interested in studying abroad and facilitating and organizing short-term summer and Spring Break programs. Feel free to stop by room 256B in the College of Health and Human Services to welcome her

Traveling Classrooms

By Sara Freese

Spring is here and if many of UNC Charlotte's students are not already abroad they are hurriedly preparing to be so. The spring and summer breaks are popular times for students to flock to foreign countries to experience the cultural richness the world has to offer, with the help of the Office of Education Abroad. Although students will have fun on their trips, it is still an *education* abroad, and they will be taking classes as well. The Office of Education Abroad facilitates three spring break programs to Europe and Mexico. Students can "Waltz through Time" in Vienna for 10 days studying the history and culture of Vienna and the German language. Others will tour Eastern Europe while learning business strategies of the region. Visits include businesses, legal and financial offices, and major international corporations. Others will be saying *Hola* in Mexico as they study health care and social systems and the role of tradition and culture.

For those wishing for a bit of a longer experience, summer is the perfect opportunity. Students will go to the United Kingdom to study Public Relations, Criminal Justice and culture; to Mexico and Costa Rica to study language and health care; tour Greece, Rome and Istanbul, Netherlands and Belgium for liberal studies and health care in Europe; and this year, architecture students will experience the diverse architecture of China.

Sara Freese studied abroad at the University of Ghana in spring 2007. Now a senior at UNC Charlotte, she is majoring in International Studies with a minor in French. She is currently participating in an academic internship with the Office of Education Abroad.

UNC Charlotte begins new official partnership with Nanjing Medical University in China

In October, Mark Clemens (Vice Chair, Biology), Jane Neese (Associate Dean, CHHS), Robert Reimer (Chair, Languages & Culture Studies), accompanied Joël Gallegos (Executive Director, OIP) to China to meet with colleagues at Nanjing Medical Univ. (NMU). While in Nanjing, the delegation met with senior NMU officials to discuss possible cooperation and exchange in biology, health, languages, and international studies. Dr. Clemens presented on BioMedical Science at UNC Charlotte and Dr. Neese presented on the CHHS programs and research. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed will foster faculty exchange, future student exchange and research cooperation. UNC Charlotte currently receives visiting faculty from NMU in the Department of Biology.

While in China, the delegation also visited Nanjing University and Fudan University in Shanghai. Fudan University is a UNC system partner and is an institution with which the Belk College of Business is developing a relationship.



Robert Reimer, Joël Gallegos, Jane Neese and Mark Clemens from UNC Charlotte and three administrators at Nanjing Medical University

Globalization and Militarism

The Women's Studies Program, along with the Office of International Programs, Department of Anthropology, Department of Sociology and the International Studies Program are co-sponsoring a visit by Dr. Cynthia Enloe on April 4, 2008 in McKnight Auditorium from 1:00-2:30 PM. Enloe will present on "Globalization and Militarism: Feminists Make the Link."

Enloe's research focuses on the interplay of women's politics in the national and international arenas, with special attention to how women's labor is made cheap in globalized factories and how women's emotional and physical labor has been used to support governments' war-waging policies—and how many women have tried to resist both of those efforts. Racial, class, ethnic, and national identities and pressures shaping ideas about femininities and masculinities have been common threads throughout her studies.

Enloe received her Ph.D. from the University of California/Berkeley and has served as chair of Clark University's Government Department and Director of Women's Studies. She is currently a Research Professor in the International Development, Community and Environment Department.



Cynthia Enloe

Spring Study Abroad Fair

The Spring Study Abroad Fair will take place on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM around the Belk Tower (the Lucas Room in the Cone Center is the inclement weather location). The Fair is an opportunity to explore the many global options available to students. Attendees can meet UNC Charlotte faculty members, students who have studied abroad, as well as international students currently studying abroad at UNC Charlotte. Some of the booths will be dedicated to UNC Charlotte reciprocal exchange programs and will be complete with faculty directors, student returnees, photo albums, and enthusiastic stories. In addition, there will be program representatives onsite from study abroad companies. Please stop by to support this aspect of UNC Charlotte's Office of Education Abroad.

ELTI faculty conducts workshops at NAFSA Regional and TESOL conferences

Denise Alvarez (Adjunct Lecturer and Language Lab Coordinator, English Language Training Institute) led a workshop titled "Supporting International College Student Writers in the Mainstream" at the NAFSA Region VII conference in Atlanta in October, 2007. As Coordinator of Composition for International Students at Davidson College for fall 2007, she co-presented the session with Shireen Campbell, Writing Center Director and Associate Professor of English at Davidson.

Alvarez and Campbell will also be presenting a session titled "Initiating Change in College ESL Writing Support" at the international TESOL conference in New York in April, 2008. In conjunction with the session, they have co-authored an article titled "Ripping off the Bandaid: Efforts to Implement an Integrated Model of ESL writing Support at a Liberal Arts College", which will be published in SLW News, TESOL's Second Language Writing Interest Section Newsletter, in July, 2008.

Study Abroad Fair

*Presented by
The Office of Education Abroad*



**Come and learn about the limitless possibilities of studying abroad!
Summer, semester, and year-long programs are available!
Come explore your options!**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2008
10 AM - 2:30 PM**

Around the Belk Tower

(In case of rain, we will relocate to the Lucas Room in Cone Center)

Please contact the Office of Education Abroad in CHHS 256 at (704) 687-7747 or email us at edabroad@unc.edu should you have any questions. You can also check out our website at www.edabroad.unc.edu

Lecture Co-Sponsored with Department of Geography and Earth Sciences

The Department of Geography and Earth Sciences and the Office of International Programs (OIP) co-sponsored a lecture by Dr. Jennifer Hyndman of Syracuse University on Friday, February 22, 2008 on "Waiting for What? The Humanitarian Dilemma of Protracted Refugee Situations." Hyndman spoke to a mixed audience of faculty and students on the responsibilities of the global North, particularly Europe, to finding better solutions for protracted refugee situations.

Engineering Faculty Teaches Course in Korea

Mohamed-Ali Hasan (Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering) spent a month at Kyungpook National University (KNU) in Daegu, South Korea, in July, 2007. He taught a three- credit hour course on “Materials Characterization: Methods and Instrumentation.” The Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) has cultivated a relationship with KNU since 2000 and this opportunity is a product of that initiative. IOP has developed a unique exchange arrangement which enables KNU to send engineering students here and UNC Charlotte to send engineering faculty there.

Upon his return, Hasan said, “The Korean experience was wonderful. KNU is an outstanding institute with highly advanced research capabilities. I have met some excellent students, excellent staff, and wonderful people....Despite my inability to speak Korean and their difficulty in speaking English, I was not met with any major problems while staying there.... Today, Korea is a highly technical country rivaling the Japanese and leading the Asian tigers. Their industry is heavily engaged in supporting education and research.”



Some of his most memorable experiences included his visits to the Korean academic institutions including Hongik University, Hallym University and Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. Supplementing his academic perspective, Hasan also visited one of the largest steel factories in the world (POSCO), temples, countryside, the twenty-four hour market in Seoul and took a weekend trip by sea to Japan.

Please contact Susan Lambert (Director, Office of Intercultural Outreach Programs), at slambert@uncc.edu, if you are interested in teaching a summer course at KNU in 2008.

Come and bring a friend to International Coffee Hour

International Coffee Hour is open to all UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students. It takes place on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the semester while classes are in session from 4-6pm in the Faculty/ Staff Dining Room of Prospector Café.

For more information you may contact Denise Medeiros in the International Student Scholar Office at dvmedei@uncc.edu or 7-7781.



International students taking a brief break from their studies and getting to know one another over refreshments and a game of cards.



International students preparing for another round of 'Jenga' at International Coffee Hour on 1/24/08.

English as a Second Language Advisory Board Established

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Advisory Board was created last fall with encouragement from Joan Lorden (Provost, Academic Affairs), Mary Lynne Calhoun (Dean, College of Education) and Nancy Gutierrez (Dean, College of Arts and Sciences), to whom the Board will report. Its charge is to maintain active connections between the various units at UNC Charlotte that work with ESL and to act as a central resource for ESL matters at UNC Charlotte. Members now include Pilar Blitvich, Elizabeth Miller, and Betsy Cochran (Department of English), Lan Quach (Middle, Secondary & K-12 Education), Linda Lichthart (International Admissions), Heather McCullough (Languages and Culture Studies), Susan Lambert (Intercultural Outreach Programs), Meriam Brown and Jeff Adams-Davis (English Language Training Institute (ELTI)). The Board met twice in the fall and discussed projects that each unit has been pursuing. At the meetings, new interchanges were established, such as setting up internships for Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) graduate students in ELTI programs and conducting research projects in ELTI classes. The Board plans to continue meeting twice each semester. For more information about the ESL Advisory Board, please contact Jeff Adams-Davis at jkadamsd@uncc.edu.

Language Lab Helps ELTI Students Navigate Academic Careers

An important part of the English Language Training Institute's (ELTI) mission is to prepare international students for success in U.S. higher education. In addition to English language learning, this objective includes helping students understand and function successfully within the American system of higher education. When ELTI moved into its new quarters in the CHHS building in spring 2007, the new space included a room equipped with computers that was designed to be the ELTI Language Lab. The lab provides ELTI's students a place where they can learn how to tap into the resources surrounding them and navigate the university environment.

Since the space was made available to ELTI students in summer 2007, it has become a venue for preliminary academic career planning and preparation as well as a place where students can obtain tutorial support for their ELTI class work. A lab instructor is present to help students investigate academic programs at UNC Charlotte, to determine what standardized tests and academic documents are required for application, to help students through the application and test registration processes and to refer them to appropriate offices on campus or elsewhere to gather information. Students can consult the lab instructor to identify self-study resources for ESL practice that supplements their ELTI course work and learn how to use a variety of ESL skills practice websites. The lab instructor also supports ELTI students who are already taking UNC Charlotte classes and transitioning into the university.

Since its opening, almost half the students enrolled in ELTI's program have used the lab. The lab is only available to currently enrolled ELTI students and former ELTI students who are now enrolled in other UNC Charlotte programs. Denise Alvarez has been the Lab Instructor/Coordinator since summer 2007 and can be reached at djalvare@uncc.edu for additional information.

Examining Implications as a Measure of Cultural Competence

Allie Wall (Level 5 Coordinator and instructor, English Language Training Institute (ELTI)) and Denise Alvarez (Level 5 instructor, ELTI), are working with three professors of the English Department, Pilar Garces Conejos, Ronald Lunsford, and Boyd Davis, who are studying the role that implication plays in language. The aim of this project is to carry out a longitudinal study of the acquisition of cognitive pragmatic competence by English as a Second Language (ESL) students. Second language (SL) acquisition research has focused mainly on the acquisition of the grammatical aspects of language. The acquisition of communicative (pragmatic) competence has been considerably less researched.

Much of what people understand in language (both spoken and written) involves implication. That is, listeners and readers always have to understand the context that goes along with the words they hear or read. For example, if a speaker asks, "Would you prefer to have steak or chicken for dinner tonight," the person spoken to might say: "I had chicken for lunch." The words, by themselves, do not answer the question that was asked. However, if one knows that most people don't prefer to eat the same food for lunch and dinner, then he will know that the person has implied an answer: he would prefer the steak.

All languages make much use of implication. However, the various contexts and understandings that make these implications clear differ from language to language. As a part of their study, the researchers will be visiting the ESL students in Level 5 (as they did last semester when the students were in Level 4) about once a month to give the experimental group instruction in how to use and understand implication. They will also be evaluating how the students in both the experimental and the control groups are learning to use and understand implications in English.

The focus of the research is weak (versus strong) implicatures, which the researchers correlate with cultural competence. One of the main working hypotheses of this study is that there is a correlation between the developments of cognitive pragmatic competence, on the one hand, and cultural competence, on the other, and that the ability to interpret implicatures correctly will correlate positively with an increase in the development of intercultural sensitivity. The study will follow these same students throughout two more semesters of ESL study.

Fulbright Scholars coming and going

Visiting Fulbright Scholar with Gerontology and Anthropology

The Gerontology Program and the Department of Anthropology have been pleased to host Dr. Ismail Tufan as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar since August 2007. Tufan is the Chair of the Gerontology Department at Akendiz University, the first Gerontology Department at a Turkish university. He is also the first Editor of GeroBilim, an international peer reviewed journal on social and applied gerontology.

We have developed two collaborative projects that are currently in progress. The first is a comparative study of the effects of an earthquake on older adults in Turkey and Peru. The second is a study of the effects of immigration on the attitudes and expectations of aging of members of the Meshetian Turkish community in Charlotte.

Anyone wishing to meet him has a short time left before he departs on March 28, 2008. For information, please contact Dena Shenk at dshenk@uncc.edu or x74349.

Visiting Fulbright Scholar in Department of Mechanical Engineering

Piotr Zgorniak has been working with The Department of Mechanical Engineering on a Fulbright Fellowship on "Thermal Microscopy of Manufacturing Processes." Zgorniak is with Urząd Miasta Łodzi in Poland and joined the Department in October 2007; he will be leaving at the end of February 2008. The research is investigating the highest resolution thermal imaging of machining processes.

For more information on Fulbright opportunities for faculty and staff please contact International Programs at 7-7755

Fulbright Experience for Career Service Professional

Denise Dwight Smith (Director, Career Services) ventured to Germany and the Czech Republic with the Fulbright International Educational Administrators Seminar (IEA) in October 2006. Armed with documents from the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and anticipating the opportunity to learn about the newly developing career support service network for college students in the two countries, Smith entered the Fulbright program with only the second group that included career service professionals.

Changes within the European higher education system have challenged career service professionals in Germany and the Czech Republic. The program allowed Smith to discuss strategies with her counterparts for reconciling shifts in labor market expectations and student demographics. In addition, she learned about the different dynamics in relationships between universities, corporations and their chamber of commerce equivalent. She said, "...what amazes me the most is the heart and persistence of the people in still another vast sea of change immersing the higher educational institutions, the family and the landscape."

Smith returned with a renewed commitment to encouraging students to incorporate an international experience into their academic and career planning. She discussed her experience to groups at UNC Charlotte and in the broader community. Just recently one of her colleagues in California applied for the program in 2008. A year and a half later, UNC Charlotte and the Fulbright program continue to benefit from Smith's experience of a few weeks in a world outside her own.



Denise Dwight Smith (far left), Director, UNC Charlotte Career Services with fellow career services professionals at the Fulbright Educational Administrators Seminar in October 2006

Upcoming Events

International Women's Day Celebration

March 13, 3:30-5:00
Storrs Gallery

International Coffee Hour

March 20, 4:00-6:00
Prospector, Faculty/staff dining room

"Understanding International Students & Faculty" Workshop

April 2, 1:30-4:00
Colvard North 5092
Register at www.hr.uncc.edu

Spring Study Abroad Fair

April 2, 10:00-2:30
Belk Tower (rain site is Lucas Room, Cone University Center)

"Leading Short Term Study Abroad Programs" Workshop

April 2, 3 & 4, 3:00-4:00
College of Health & Human Services building,
Location TBA
RSVP to Brad Sekulich at sekulich@uncc.edu
or 704-687-7747

International Coffee Hour

April 3, 4:00-6:00
Prospector, Faculty/staff dining room

Speaker Dr. Cynthia Enloe on "Globalization and Militarism"

April 4, 1:00-2:30
McKnight Auditorium, Cone University Center

International Education Awards reception

April 16, 3:30-5:00
SAC Salons

International Coffee Hour

April 17, 4:00-6:00
Prospector, Faculty/staff dining room

Speaker His Excellency Pierre Vimont, Ambassador of France to the US

April 22, 10:15-11:00
CHHS 281

World Affairs Council of Charlotte Luncheon with His Excellency Pierre Vimont

April 22, Noon
Location TBA
To make reservations contact WACC at
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