This semester has been very busy for UNCG in the international arena. Beyond our normal fall international activities (such as International Education Week—highlighted in this edition), we have established implementation teams for the recommendations made by our ACE internationalization taskforce. Among the recommendations to be implemented is the integration of global learning outcomes into the curriculum. These global learning outcomes have been incorporated into a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) proposal “Global Engagement”, and this topic (along with four other topics) has been selected for further development in the next phase of our QEP process. We look forward to developing the idea further in the coming months.

As the semester comes to a close, we would like to thank everyone for their contributions in making UNCG a Global University. With our December graduates on their way into the world and exchange students heading home to their families to and from abroad, IPC wishes everyone safe travels and a happy holiday season! We look forward to greeting you in the New Year.

In November Provost David H. Perrin traveled to China for the 60th anniversary celebration of the Shanghai University of Sport (SUS). Accompanying him on the trip were UNCG alumna, Dr. Jo Safrit, and Kinesiology faculty members, Drs. Ang Chen and Cathy Ennis. Dr. Chen, an alumnus of SUS, has been instrumental in building the UNCG relationship with SUS including establishing a Kinesiology Lab and inviting research scholars to work with him at UNCG. No less than five UNCG Kinesiology faculty have taught short courses at SUS in the last four years. While at SUS, Provost Perrin gave one of three keynote speeches about preparing students to be community engaged citizens as a part of the President Summit for the celebration. Dr. Safrit was surprised with an Honorary Doctorate from SUS presented by Dr. Jiancheng Zhang, Professor and President of Shanghai University of Sport. The delegation also had the pleasure of spending time with two UNCG alumni who are studying for their master’s degrees at SUS through scholarships offered by SUS: Debranna Cook and Robert Johnson. UNCG wishes SUS another 60 years of prosperity and success!
Paulina Flasch: Graduating IPC Graduate Assistant

Paulina Flasch, an international masters student in the UNCG Counseling program, from Lund, Sweden, is graduating this December. She has been working as a graduate assistant at IPC for two-and-a-half years. Her primary responsibility during her time at IPC has been to help Tom Martinek, Jr. (Assistant Director of Study Abroad and Exchange) develop the Curriculum Integration Project (CIP) which aims to integrate study abroad opportunities into all departments by working with key faculty to create departmental advising sheets that are then readily available to all faculty.

During July and August of 2011, she was also the Counselor-in-residence for the German-American Fulbright Summer Institute at UNCG. One of her favorite parts about working at IPC has been the close-knit community atmosphere. “IPC is such a warm, amazing place to work,” she said. “I love the international spirit here. I really feel connected with the rest of the world.” She has also enjoyed seeing CIP come together and the difference it has made in students' lives. In addition to traveling between Sweden and the US over the past twelve years, Paulina also studied abroad during the summer of 2011 in San Jose, Costa Rica, as part of the Global Perspectives in Counseling program. During her time there, she worked with people living in poverty in San Jose, particularly refugees from Nicaragua. She participated in various service projects as well, including helping to renovate schools and build bunk beds and roads. She lived with a host family, with whom she still keeps in touch.

In the future, Paulina hopes to pursue a career as a counselor, either with a community agency or a private practice, working with individuals, families, and couples. She also wants to continue to travel and grow as a global citizen. Paulina wants to thank everyone at IPC for the opportunities they have given her, and she says she will miss her IPC family very much.

Sarah Pickett: Graduating IPC Intern

Sarah Pickett, a senior Business Administration major at UNCG, is one of our Fall 2012 undergraduate interns for Study Abroad and Exchange (SAE). During her time at UNCG, she has developed a specific interest in student affairs, and worked as a Resident Advisor (RA) for UNCG Housing and Residence Life during her sophomore, junior, and spring semester of her senior year. After studying abroad at Mannheim University in Mannheim, Germany during Fall Semester 2011, she became interested in student affairs on a more international scale, which inspired her to work at IPC. As an SAE intern, she works primarily with Kaitlin Ritchie (Incoming Exchange Coordinator), and her duties include processing new exchange student applications and assisting with orientation preparation. Her favorite part about working at IPC is her involvement in community programming, which includes recruiting exchange students to give presentations about their home countries and cultures at both UNCG and local elementary schools. “While planning these presentations, I get to interact really closely with the international students, so I get to learn a lot about their cultures,” she said.

In addition to interning at IPC, Sarah also works as a volunteer with Amanda Pelon, Coordinator for International Student Services and Lecturer at the Bryan School of Business, helping to recruit students in the Bryan School to study abroad. Her own time abroad reshaped her global perspective, and she wants to encourage others to experience life abroad.

After graduating, she plans to apply to graduate school to study international student affairs, and she is considering pursuing a career in career counseling. She says her time as an intern has definitely helped prepare her for the road ahead. Specifically, it has helped hone her communication skills, both with fellow staff members and the international students she works with. More travels are also in her future: in addition to returning to Germany and visiting Australia, she also wants to visit Turkey.
Danny Gobel: Graduating IPC Intern

Senior Danny Gobel, a Communications Studies major at UNCG, has been one of the Fall 2012 undergraduate interns for Study Abroad and Exchange (SAE). He wanted to work at IPC after studying abroad at the University of Jyväskylä in Jyväskylä, Finland. He chose to study in Finland because he had fallen in love with the Finnish folk song “Ievan Polkka,” as performed by Finnish quartet Loituma.

Danny was inspired by his experiences abroad to help international students at UNCG make the most of their own study abroad experience. In addition to working with international students and UNCG students going abroad, Danny has been busy organizing group events and trips—both with IPC and on his own—to give international students a sampling of many different facets of American life and culture. He has taken groups of international students to Boone, Raleigh, Wilmington, the North Carolina Zoo, a rooftop party at Studio B in downtown Greensboro, and even a burlesque show. “I want to help inspire a love of different cultures,” he said. For Halloween, he also helped IPC put together a Zombie Movie Night in Sullivan 101, a screening of two of the best-known zombie classics, Night of the Living Dead and Dawn of the Dead. This “double creature feature” turned out to be a huge success. Danny has also made himself available as a resource for international students in need. For example, he has volunteered to meet nearly eighty incoming international students at the airport over the course of his involvement with IPC. As far as future plans go, Danny has several. Academically, he hopes to earn a master’s degree in “Empathy in a Cross-Cultural Context,” a major of his own design, then go on to earn a PhD. He also sees himself opening a combination tea shop-and-hostel, which would function as a multi-cultural hub, hosting performances, artists, festivals, and other cultural experiences for and by its patrons. His favorite parts about working at IPC have been interacting with international students and the friendly, accepting atmosphere. “It’s like a family here,” he said, “And I really feel like we’re all doing something important.”

IPC New York Trip Fall 2012

By Junyi Hu, UNCG International Graduate Student

On November 20, 2012, nearly ninety international students boarded two buses to embark on an exciting trip to New York City. After about ten hours on the road, we arrived at the Hostelling International New York, where we began our NYC journey. Hostelling International New York is considered one of the best hostels in the world. They provided us great accommodations, including a variety of facilities. The staff was extremely kind to us, especially the manager, Mr. Smith, who was very friendly and helped with our luggage upon our arrival.

Compared to Greensboro, the weather in New York was chilly when we arrived, so we had to dress warmly in winter coats, sweaters, stockings, and boots. Considering “Superstorm Sandy” had just swept across the city in late October, we weren’t sure what to expect when we arrived, but we were glad to see that New York was well along the road to recovery. Many of the main parts of the city had returned to being a lively, bustling metropolis.

Many of the students had never been to New York before, so they were eager to discover what was beyond the hostel walls. Before the trip, the students had already planned and scheduled numerous activities, such as visits...
to the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, Times Square, Central Park, the Empire State Building, Fifth Avenue, and more. It was an exciting experience, and for many of the participants, to visit these places was to fulfill a lifelong dream.

On Thanksgiving Day, the students rushed out to take advantage of the holiday sales. Many of them also went to the annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade where they took a lot of pictures of the awesome performances and the giant balloons that filled the sky. Thanksgiving evening, we gathered together at the Ulysses Folk House for a very delicious traditional American Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey, vegetables, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and dessert.

We left the hostel and the city that never sleeps on Saturday to head back to Greensboro. On the way home, the students recollected their best memories before drifting off to sleep.

While the students’ energy seemed spent, they were still excited to share the happy moments in NYC with friends and family back home through photos and Facebook posts when they arrived at UNCG the next morning.

We would really like to encourage other international students to take advantage of the trips organized by ISA and IPC. They are a wonderful opportunity not to be missed!

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**International students celebrate the end of the semester at the ISA Semi-Formal**

On November 28, 2012, more than 100 international students celebrated the end of the semester at the biannual International Student Association (ISA) Semi-Formal. The event was held at the Lotus Lounge, a club in downtown Greensboro that was rented and decorated especially for the occasion. After arriving at the club in two luxury limousines, the attendees danced the night away, singing along to their favorite songs. In addition to being an end-of-term celebration, the semi-formal was also a send-off, as some of the international students are returning home after exams. IPC would like to congratulate everyone on completing the semester, and to wish everyone who is leaving a safe voyage home!

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International students pose in Battery Park. From left to right: Alec Drake, Faton Behrami, Nicola Ross, Abbie Moran, Puneet Wadhwani, Colette Brooks, and Reed Sheffield

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The International Students Association provides many opportunities for students interaction.

Want to be involved in International Students Association (ISA) events contact IPC at ipc@uncg.edu or drop by our Center in 207 Foust Building
International Education Week (IEW) 2012 a Success!

IPC had another successful International Education Week (IEW) from November 12-16, 2012. IEW is a joint venture of the US Department of State and the US Department of Education that celebrates the benefits of international exchange and education worldwide. The annual initiative was first held in 2000 and today is celebrated in more than 100 countries. The goal of IEW is to promote study abroad and exchange programs that prepare students from the US to live and work in a global environment while attracting future leaders from abroad to study in the US. The event aids in developing mutual understanding and respect, building leadership abroad, and investing in future relations between the US and people from around the world.

Throughout the week, the International Student Association (ISA) also distributed country buttons in the Elliott University Center (EUC) Commons, which are given out each year to everyone as a way of visually recognizing UNCG’s international spirit. Students, faculty and staff passing through the EUC commons could also cast their votes in the Study Abroad Photo Contest, which highlighted photography taken by students traveling both abroad and in the US. The winners were announced during the special Friday Fest on November 16 (see article below).

IEW 2012 Highlights: African Night kicks off this year’s International Education Week

To kick off this year’s International Education Week, the UNCG African Student Union (ASU) presented African Night, a celebration of African culture. The event was held on Saturday in the Elliott University Center (EUC) Auditorium. An annual event, African Night is meant to both celebrate and educate others about African culture. This year’s theme was “Africa—Shining Its Light,” highlighting the strides Africa has made towards modernizing and integrating itself into the global community.

In line with this theme, the event featured many dance performances that incorporated both traditional African dance and the latest dance crazes in Africa. Performers

ISA members man the country buttons booth in the EUC Commons

UNCG student Michael Johnson puts a traditional spin on Beyoncé’s “Single Ladies” choreography

A model shows off traditional African clothing during the Africa Night fashion show
included the Mwaski Kitoko female dance troupe, the L’hommes D’Afrique male dance group, and Michael Johnson, a UNCG student who put a traditional spin on Beyoncé’s megahit, “Single Ladies.” The night also featured a fashion show that showed off both the colorful nature of traditional African clothing as well as Africa’s current gravitation towards modern fashion designs.

In addition to the dance performances and fashion show, the ASU students also put together several skits and presentations meant to dispel common stereotypes and misconceptions about Africa and its people and to highlight the continent’s literary, scientific, artistic, and technological achievements. For example, one skit featured a tribute to 26-year-old Verone Mankou, who developed “Way-C,” the first African tablet to “rival” the iPad. Another skit worked to dispel the “African-as-scam-artist” stereotype, which is derived from the notorious Nigerian scams that started becoming prevalent in the 1980s. Several informational videos were also shown—for example, one video talked about a breakthrough treatment for malaria developed by scientists in South Africa while another video informed the audience about Africa’s economic gains (Africa is currently ranked sixth out of the ten fastest growing economies in the world today). Africa’s booming music industry was also highlighted, as several African artists, such as Nigerian singer-songwriter D’banj, are gaining global popularity. ASU and IPC would like to thank everyone who helped make African Night a success!

IEW 2013 Highlights: UNCG Staff Involvement

On November 8, Nell Pynes (Associate Provost), Nor Othman (Program Coordinator), and Lamar Gibson (INTERLINK Program Assistant), were invited to the Staff Senate meeting to share IPC’s programs and events that UNCG staff can contribute to and participate in to help our international student and scholar community adjust better to the American way of life as well as gain a more memorable and meaningful educational aboard experience. This opportunity not only helped the IPC team inform the Staff Senate members about the IEW celebration that were taking place in the week after, it also helped IPC promote the ESP Workshop on “Intercultural Sensitivity” which took place on Monday, November 12, 2012.

Apart from sharing with Staff Senate members the kinds of programs and events that IPC hosts and organizes, Staff Senate members were also invited to select a Country Button to wear during the International Education Week to show their support. IPC team and Staff Senate members had a lot of fun selecting country buttons of their ancestral origins and identifying flags which were not familiar to them. In addition, IPC team distributed brochures on the programs and an article from NAFSA’s International Educator magazine entitled “Local Connections: Helping International Students Find a Welcoming Place within the Local Community” so that Staff Senate members understand how their involvement with UNCG international students and scholars make a lot of difference and positive impact to the students’ lives and their educational experience abroad.
ESP Workshop on “Intercultural Sensitivity: Looking Through Other Eyes”

On the first day of International Education Week Nell Pynes (Associate Provost) and Denise Bellamy (Director of Study Abroad and Exchanges) conducted an intercultural workshop for faculty and staff. The three-hour workshop is designed to help participants increase awareness of their own cultural background and heighten their intercultural sensitivity (which is a lifelong learning experience). The workshop centers on Milton Bennett's Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity (DMIS), a model of the development of one’s worldview structure. According to Bennett, "The underlying assumption of the model is that as one's experience of cultural difference becomes more sophisticated, one's competence in intercultural relations potentially increases." This workshop fulfills the ESP elective credit and the Interpersonal Communications and Diversity credit. The next workshop will be held on April 25, 2013. Please register with the HR Office.

IEW 2012 Highlights: Global Leadership Program (GLP)

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Could you be a global leader?

The Global Leadership Program (GLP) offers students an extracurricular opportunity to hone leadership skills in preparation for global and multicultural careers.

Interested in participating? A new cohort of GLP scholars begins every semester! Email glp@uncg.edu for more info about enrolling.

Mark your calendars for next spring’s core colloquia! More events to come in the meantime.

Cross-Cultural Understanding January 30, 5:15-7:30, 255 McIver Building
Leadership in a Global Context February 6, 5:15-7:30, 255 McIver Building
Beyond Borders: Global Citizenship February 13, 5:15-7:30, 255 McIver Building
IEW 2012 Highlights: Study Abroad

Bryan School of Business Study Abroad Fair

As part of International Education Week (IEW), the Bryan School of Business and Economics held a Study Abroad Fair. The purpose of the event was to inform students within the Bryan School who are interested in studying abroad about the many options and opportunities available to them. Attendees were able to peruse a series of colorful displays that highlighted several of UNCG's partner countries that have universities with business programs, including Germany, South Korea, France, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Australia, Japan, China, Scandinavia, and the United Kingdom.

Senior Sarah Pickett, who works both as an intern for IPC Study Abroad and Exchange and a volunteer for the Bryan School International Student Services, helped oversee the event and was available to answer interested students' questions. Senior Katie Delizza, an International Business (Marketing) major with a double minor in Sign Language and Spanish, was also available to talk to students during the event. In Spring semester 2012, Katie studied at the Universita Carlo Cattaneo (LIUC) in Castellanza, Italy. “I am Italian and have always wanted to go to Italy, so what better way to do so than to live there and study,” she said. She wanted to help with the Study Abroad Fair because she had a very positive study abroad experience, and she wanted to “pay it forward” by encouraging others to do the same. “I think it's important to study abroad because it allows you to learn about other cultures and ways of life. I think if we could all have that experience, we would all get along better and be more understanding as a global community.”

Marcus Girardeau, a UNCG sophomore working on a double major in Business Administration (Entrepreneurship) and Theater, was one of the students in attendance. “I really want to go to South Korea,” he said. “I've always been fascinated by the culture.” Marcus was able to discuss his options with Sarah, who showed him course descriptions within the Business Program at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea.

Seminar for Graduate Students on International Engagement Abroad

On Wednesday evening, UNCG graduate students interested in studying abroad were invited to attend a seminar to learn more about graduate and research opportunities abroad. The seminar was led by Dr. Penelope Pynes, Dr. Catherine Holderness, Tom Martinek, Jr., and Steve Flynn. The students in attendance hailed from different departments and programs, including Business, History, Public Health, Applied Geography, and Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations. Topics discussed included the application process, transfer credits, international
internship opportunities, financial aid, and scholarships. Many students were particularly interested in the Fulbright scholarship, which offers grants to post-graduate students around the world who are interested in studying, teaching, or conducting research abroad.

Julia Greer, a Masters student in the Applied Geography department, was one of the students in attendance. When asked where she would like to study, she said, “It’s a toss-up between a country that exhibits excellent natural resource conservation, like Sweden, or a country that is struggling with it, like Botswana.” The former would offer her an opportunity for research, she said, while the latter would offer an opportunity to educate. “I didn’t get to study abroad while I was in undergrad, and I have since realized how important it is to have an international perspective. Being able to understand the work you do within a global context is essential, no matter what career you’re pursuing,” she said. By studying abroad herself, she also hopes to encourage other students within her department to do the same.

IEW 2012 Highlights: Career Services, Legal and Immigration Talks

On Friday, degree-seeking international students were invited to attend a workshop entitled “Visas after Graduation” to learn more about employment and other options beyond Optical Practical Training (OPT). OPT is an F-1 international student benefit that gives eligible students one year or more of work authorization to gain valuable experience in their field of study. Art Serratelli, immigration attorney from Vandeventer Black LLP in Virginia, and Chad Collins, Assistant Director for Student Employment at UNCG Career Services, were guest speakers at the workshop. Chad provided students with helpful tips on how to be successful while searching for a job, using real-life examples and scenarios to illustrate his points. Topics discussed included resume writing and interview skills. Chad, who has presented at this workshop for several years, is available to help international students throughout the year.

Art, who offers the workshop and advice pro bono, discussed details about H-1B, L-1, O-1, and other non-immigrant employment immigration status options, as well as immigrant categories such as adjustment of status to permanent residency. On Saturday, Art met with interested students about personal immigration issues.

IEW 2012 Highlights: Special Friday Fest, Photo Contest Winners, and the IEW 2012 Reception

IEW 2012 concluded with a special Friday Fest featuring South Korea followed by the IEW 2012 Reception. The basement of the I-House was packed as UNCG and international students gathered for Friday Fest: South Korea. The presentation was given by seven South Korean students studying here at UNCG and covered many different facets of Korean life and culture, including the Korean alphabet (Hangul), cuisine (e.g., kimchi, or seasoned vegetables), traditional clothing (known as Hanbok), places to visit (e.g., Seoul, the capital; Jeju-do Island; and Busan, the second largest city), and entertainment (e.g., K-pop). The presenters made special mention of Psi, the K-pop star who has garnered international fame with his song “Gangnam Style,” and showed an excerpt from one of his interviews. After giving a basic overview of their country, they asked the audience a series of true-or-false questions. Those who answered the questions correctly were awarded prizes. Following the presentation, students were invited to sample some delicious traditional Korean food, including topokki, or rice cakes with a spicy red pepper sauce, and bulgogi, or marinated beef.

Sungwoo Lee, one of the presenters, said that he really enjoyed presenting his country at the IEW Friday Fest. “Friday Fest is the perfect opportunity to meet people from other countries,” he said. “I was really glad to see so many people wanted to learn more about Korea.”

The following photos were on display in the I-House basement during Friday Fest and the IEW Reception! Congratulations to all! After Friday Fest, IPC staff and all other IEW participants were invited to attend the IEW 2012 Reception, which was also held in I-House. Those in attendance enjoyed light refreshments while reminiscing on the week’s events. IPC staff would like to thank everyone who helped make IEW 2012 a success!
The winners of the IEW Photo Contest were also announced during Friday Fest:

1. **Cityscapes and Architecture**: Megan Stevens (studied at Yonsei University, Korea)
2. **Landscapes and Natural Beauty**: Samantha Belletete (studied at ESDES, France)
3. **People and Culture**: Savannah Page (studied in Stellenbosch, South Africa)
4. **Humorous and Outrageous**: Dustin Craft (studied at Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong)
5. The United States (as seen by students studying at UNCG): Rachel Ladics (from Australian Catholic University)

Still want to know more about study abroad and exchange? Visit the SAE website at [http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/sae/study_abroad_exchanges.html](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/sae/study_abroad_exchanges.html).
Salamanca University Invites You to Study Abroad!

By Francisco José Zapatero Belinchón and Alejandro Martín González, International Exchange Students from the University of Salamanca, Spain, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Our names are Francisco José Zapatero Belinchón and Alejandro Martín González. We are international exchange students from the University of Salamanca in Spain. We are the first exchange students who have come from Salamanca to UNCG, and we would like to encourage more UNCG students to study abroad at our University.

Salamanca University has a long history behind it: it is the third oldest university in the world. The city of Salamanca owes a lot of its growth to the university, much like Greensboro. Since Salamanca is a “student city” (i.e., college town), you feel the academic atmosphere wherever you go. Spanish students are friendly and easy-going, so you will feel at home in a couple of weeks! All the university buildings are within or walking-distance from downtown, and the main square is a popular hangout for students. As a student city, Salamanca also has a great nightlife with a variety of options ranging from going to the movies to hanging out with friends at one of the many bars or clubs downtown. But not everything is a party! Salamanca University has a rich and engaging academic life as well, and many good students graduate from our university every year. To sum up, Salamanca is very keen to welcome you, so please consider studying abroad there!

UNCG is also a great place to live. We have received such a warm welcome. Everybody has been very nice to us, and we are already feeling a part of your culture. We are very impressed with both UNCG’s premises and faculty. Every day brings a new experience thanks to the many events held daily on campus. We enjoy all aspects of campus life here, whether we are playing indoor basketball or drinking coffee in the EUC Starbucks or simply chilling out in our dorm rooms. We are happy to be here with all of you!

We definitely encourage all of you to study abroad. Being an international student is much more than living and studying far from home. It is also about gathering meaningful cultural, academic, and personal experiences. International programs will open your mind and make you see other ways of approaching your daily life. You will make a lot of friends from different countries, improve your language skills, and definitively have a lot of fun!
Congratulations to the 2013 Gilman Scholarship Recipients!

The International Programs Center is proud to announce that six UNCG students who will be studying abroad for Spring 2013 semester have received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Study Scholarship:

- **Jeffrey Cardenas**, Yuan Ze University, Taiwan ($3,500)
- **Nancy Makori**, University of Rennes, France ($2,500)
- **Kelly Morales**, University of Montevideo, Uruguay ($3,500)
- **Rico Pamplin**, Ritsumeikan University, Japan ($4,000)
- **Pakou Yang**, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea ($5,000)
- **Joanna Lewis**, Seinan Gakuin University, Japan ($4,000)

In addition to receiving the Gilman Scholarship, **Joanna Lewis** was also awarded a Freeman Award for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA) scholarship for $1,000 for her studies in Japan.

Congratulations to all!

The Gilman Scholarship Program was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. This scholarship provides awards for US undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. Since 2001, the program has awarded over 11,000 scholarships to students from universities and colleges from all fifty states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. The program strives to encourage and support students who are usually underrepresented in study abroad, such as students with financial need, community college students, students with diverse ethnic backgrounds, students with disabilities, and students in underrepresented fields, such as the sciences. The program also wishes to encourage students to study in non-traditional locations (meaning universities other than those in Western Europe, New Zealand, and Australia).

As part of the application process, students are required to write two essays: a Statement of Purpose and Follow-on Service Project Proposal. In the Statement of Purpose, students describe how they believe studying abroad will help shape their academic, professional, and personal goals and how the Gilman Scholarship will help them achieve these goals. The Follow-on Service Project Proposal outlines what they plan to do upon their return to help promote study abroad, international education, and the Gilman Scholarship Program. After returning to the US, scholarship recipients are expected to carry out their proposed project on their home campus or in their local community.

Freeman-ASIA scholarships support undergraduates in the US with financial need who are planning to study overseas in East or Southeast Asia. The program aims to increase understanding of Asia’s peoples and cultures in the US. As with the Gilman Scholarship, Freeman-ASIA recipients are required to complete a service project upon their return to cultivate interest in studying abroad in East and Southeast Asia on their home campuses and in their communities.

If you are thinking about studying abroad in Fall 2013 and are interested in applying for a Gilman Scholarship, the next submission deadline is **March 5, 2013**. We encourage all those eligible to apply!

*For more information about the Gilman Scholarship Program and how to apply, please visit [http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program](http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program).*

*For more information about Freeman-ASIA, please visit [http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia](http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia).*
Visitors & Scholars

Lyn Lawrance pays UNCG a visit

Dr. Lyn Lawrance, University of Technology Sydney, pays UNCG a visit on December 4. IPC was lucky to welcome back a very distinguished visitor to campus when Dr. Lyn Lawrance (former Associate Provost for International Programs and Associate Professor of Public Health) visited the UNCG campus. Lyn presently works for The University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Australia, one of our University of North Carolina Exchange Program (UNCEP) partners. She met with Drs. Nell Pynes and Catherine Holderness to give updates on developments at her university and in New South Wales. UTS has set an ambitious goal of sending large numbers of Australian students abroad which will translate into more opportunities for our North Carolina students to study in Australia. Lyn was able to meet informally with many of her former colleagues across campus and even surprised a few of them by attending the Chancellor's annual Holiday Reception. Lyn's achievements in International Programs at UNCG included establishing the Global Leadership Program (GLP) based on Macquarie University's model which is thriving today. Thanks, Lyn, for checking in on us!

Faculty Features

Dr. Heather Holian attends Pixar Exhibit

By Heather Holian, Professor of Art History

In April 2012, I received a Kohler Award to supplement my 2011-2012 Regular Faculty Research Grant, and I was able to spend three days in Bonn, Germany (July 5-8, 2012) where I attended the opening of the travelling Pixar exhibit, Pixar: Twenty-five Years of Animation, at the Bundeskunsthalle, the Art and Exhibition Hall of the Federal Republic of Germany located in Bonn’s Museum Mile. During my stay, I spoke to Pixar archivists and preparators, attended a lecture by the Pixar administrator who organized the exhibition, and viewed the show on two different days, taking extensive notes on the exhibition design, didactic content, choice of works, and overall public presentation of the art and studio. I also visited the Gallerie Arludik in Paris, France, where numerous Pixar artists have exhibited their personal work.

In the long term, these materials will contribute to conference papers and, perhaps more importantly, my book-length Pixar project, which investigates the collaborative process of the animation studio. In the short term, I have already integrated this research into my application for a 2013-2014 Research Assignment and an American Council of Learned Societies 2013-2014 Fellowship application. I want to thank the Committee on Discretionary Funds of International Programs for their generous support of my work.
INTERLINK/New Mind

INTERLINK Instructors Present at Carolina TESOL Conference

Molly Anthony, Ellen Baumgartner, and Christopher Mulvey, all full-time instructors at INTERLINK, were selected to give presentations at the latest Carolina TESOL Conference, which was held in Spartanburg, SC from November 7-10, 2012. Carolina TESOL is a bi-state (NC and SC) organization whose purpose is to improve the quality of education for English language learners and to promote effective intercultural communication and understanding. Carolina TESOL hosts an annual conference every fall that includes educators from all levels of instruction who work with second-language learners. The specific presentations were as follows:

- Anthony: “Preparing Nonnative Speakers for Reading and Writing in Graduate School”
- Baumgartner: "Using Autobiographies to Bridge the Gap between Informal and Formal Writing"
- Mulvey: “Second Language Acquisition Through Task-based Learning and Teaching”

Next fall’s meeting will take place in Myrtle Beach, SC. This event will be particularly important since Carolina TESOL will be hosting the Southeast Regional Conference, which includes ESL educators from eleven states in the southeast region of the US.

INTERLINK Honors Reception

This past summer, INTERLINK began recognizing students every nine-week term who had earned all As during their previous term. In order to be eligible for this recognition, students must earn As in all three of their INTERLINK classes (Reading and Writing, Communication Skills, Modules). On November 19, a reception was held to honor twenty-two INTERLINK students who qualified for this award based on their final grades from the 2012 Fall 1 term (August through October). Dr. Brad Teague, INTERLINK’s Director, presented each of the achievers with a certificate. Congratulations!

The Kohler Fund is dedicated to supporting faculty internationalization efforts in six areas (research, teaching, internationalizing the curriculum, student programs, special projects and institutional linkages). Faculty are encouraged to submit proposals six weeks before the proposed event or travel. Next semester’s deadlines are January 18 and March 22. For more details, please visit http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/fundingopportunities.html.

The International Travel Fund (ITF) supports UNCG faculty members to present their work at international conferences outside North America. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and processed typically within two weeks of receipt. Details about applying can be found at the following website: http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/travelfunds.html.

Congratulations to all of the INTERLINK Honors recipients
Graduating INTERLINK Students

Esslam Zahrani, a student from Saudi Arabia, is in his final nine-week term at INTERLINK. He has been in the intensive English-as-a-second-language program for exactly one year and will graduate in December. Esslam has been conditionally admitted to UNCG as an undergraduate and plans to major in Information Systems. He says he chose this field because of the growing demand for professionals with technology-focused degrees in Saudi Arabia. Esslam has already started networking with UNCG students who are in the program, asking them about the projects they are doing so that he can be better prepared for the work he himself will be expected to do. Esslam is very happy with the INTERLINK program and has recommended it to two of his friends and to his younger brother, Ahmed, who will begin in January 2013.

Meicen Jin is from Guangzhou, China and came to INTERLINK last spring with plans to learn English so that she could study in the US. After spending one year in INTERLINK’s intensive program, Meicen will graduate this December. She has already been conditionally accepted into UNCG’s Master of Fine Arts (MFA) program in Dance (Choreography) and, like Esslam, will automatically fulfill the university’s language-proficiency requirement when she completes INTERLINK. Meicen says she chose INTERLINK and UNCG because of the friendly, academic, and culturally diverse environments they provide. She is an accomplished ballet dancer in China and plans to focus on contemporary and modern dance while at UNCG.

IPC and New Mind tour Asia

Pamela Harrod (Director of International Admissions at UNCG) and Hao Zhang (Director of the University Preparatory Program [UPP] for New Mind Education at UNCG) went to China and Vietnam recently. The main purpose of the trip was twofold: to promote The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), the INTERLINK Language Center, and New Mind Education; and to understand both the Chinese and Vietnamese international recruitment landscape.

“There are so many publications about recruiting students in China, but we wanted to find out for ourselves what the environment was like and how we can help recruit quality students to UNCG,” said Hao.

In Beijing, Pam and Hao met with local high school students to discuss UNCG’s admission requirements. Then they traveled to Xi’an (home of the famous terracotta warriors), toured Xidian University, one of the top universities in the Shaanxi province, and met with university officials who are interested in more collaboration with US universities to build international programs for their students. Pam and Hao then traveled to Chengdu (home of the Chinese pandas) and Zhengzhou (the site of the Shaolin temple). Pam and Hao
visited and presented at Yinxing Hospitality Management College and Henan University of Technology, showing eager students how to be successful in US universities and introducing them to UNCG and Greensboro.

“It was amazing to see so many students interested in studying in the US, both for undergraduate and graduate programs. Many of them were excited and wished to learn more about UNCG,” Pam said. Pam and Hao also visited three high schools in Jiaxin, one of the many suburbs in Shanghai. One of the schools they visited already had partnerships with Canadian high schools and universities.

“I think many other countries have recognized the financial impact of international students and have invested early in building a program that fits with the needs of these students. Through this trip, we met many students, parents, teachers, and principals, which gave us a chance to identify opportunities for UNCG,” Hao said.

Pam and Hao next travelled to Vietnam. According to the recent Open Door report, Vietnam ranked eighth among the countries sending the most international students to study in the US. Working with Golden Path Academics, a local education consulting company, Pam and Hao visited local high schools in Hanoi and Saigon and met with parents and students at UNCG promotional events.

“Vietnam is a blend of old and new, with an excellent education system. Vietnamese students are well-prepared for university study in the US. We look forward to bringing more students to UNCG,” Pam said.

**Upcoming Events**

- Jan. 8-13 New International Students Orientation Spring 2013 (Sullivan Science Building & Phillip Hawkins Residence Hall, All Day)
- Jan. 15 Chancellor’s Spring 2013 International Welcome Reception (Virginia Dare Alumni House, 4:30-5:30pm)
- Jan. 18 Kohler Application Deadline
- Jan. 23 Re-entry Workshop (TBC, 4:00-6:00pm)
- Jan. 24 Study Abroad Expo (Pre-Function EUC Auditorium, 11:00-2:00pm)
- Jan. 24 ISSS Committee Meeting (Edwards Lounge, 2:00-3:30pm)
- Jan. 24 SAE Committee Meeting (Edwards Lounge, 3:30-5:00pm)
- Jan. 30 OPT Workshop Session I (EUC Phillips, 3:30-5:00pm)
- Jan. 31 International Scholars Reception Spring 2013 for Scholars, Sponsors, and PhD Students (Faculty Center, 4:30-5:45pm)