Happy Holidays from IPC

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 been hard at work to develop UNCG’s chosen Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) topic, “Global Engagement.” We look forward to the plan’s implementation next academic year.

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

UNCG and IPC celebrate International Education Week 2013

UNCG and IPC held another successful International Education Week (IEW) from November 11-15, 2013. 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 is celebrated today 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.

IEW 2013 at UNCG featured a variety of events, seminars, and workshops, including African Night, employment workshops for international students, study abroad info sessions, staff workshops, film festivals, Global Leadership Program (GLP) events, and a special Friday Fest showcasing the history and culture of South Korea.

Participants were also invited to take part in a couple new events this year. During the month of November, the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures held The Tournées French Film Festival and showed two films as part of IEW, Le Bonheur d’Elza (Elza’s Happiness) and La Pirogue (The Pirogue). The Global Village also presented the Global Village Movie Series, which featured a film from a different country almost every night of IEW. The films shown included Shaolin Soccer (Hong Kong), Spirited Away (Japan), Black Lightning (Russia), and Life is Beautiful (Italy).

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 the UNCG community as a way of visually recognizing UNCG’s international spirit. This year, the ISA students were also joined by students from the Global Village who distributed special postcards as part of the newly launched “Teach Your Peer” project. UNCG community members were invited to collect seven different postcards, one for each of the language communities in the Global Village: Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish. Written on the back of each postcard were several phrases in the language represented, and project participants were encouraged to learn...
as many phrases as they could and engage in conversation with Global Village students.

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 IEW closing reception on November 15. IPC would like to thank everyone who participated in this year’s contest. Congratulations to all our winners:

- **1) Landscapes and Natural Beauty**: Mohammad Albaraawi for “Hierve el Ague” (“Boiling Water”), taken in Oaxaca, Mexico
- **2) Cityscapes and Architecture**: Alex Pokas for “Cinque Terre, Italy,” taken in Cinque Terre, Italy
- **3) People and Culture**: Julian Weichel for “Musicians at one of the best restaurants in Cape Town,” taken in Cape Town, South Africa
- **4) Humorous and Outrageous**: Marina Merrow for “Giant Pillow Fight,” taken in Trafalgar Square, London
- **5) The United States by International Students**: Deborah Buccolini (Italy) for “Untitled,” taken near New Orleans, LA

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**Faculty Features**

Dr. Elizabeth Perrill travels to South Africa to pursue research on similarities between Zulu and Pueblo ceramics

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History: The Legacies of Maria Martinez and Nesta Nala in Dialogue,” focuses on surprisingly similar contemporary art movements thriving an ocean apart: Zulu and Pueblo ceramics. Both art forms are well known for their blackened, burnished, and hand-built ceramic traditions. Historically women’s art forms, these techniques have been used for centuries, and after experiencing some decline during industrialization, both experienced a revitalization and are now sold in high-end art galleries. Dr. Perrill’s project, which will result in a 25-page article accompanied by published interview excerpts, focuses on the doyens of these movements, Maria Martinez (1887-1980) and Nesta Nala (1940-2005). Each artist became famous for her experimentation and refinement of ceramic surfaces, and each has a set of family members or protégés who followed in her footsteps.

As a first step in “Burnished by History,” Dr. Perrill is identifying and conducting preliminary interviews with artists from South Africa and New Mexico. Utilizing a collaborative interview methodology, Dr. Perrill is working with interviewees to develop questions for the final transnational interview between Zulu and Pueblo artists.

In October 2013, Dr. Perrill traveled to KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, to conduct her first interviews with Jabu and Thembi Nala, daughters of foundational Zulu ceramist Nesta Nala. Both women are professional artists who have traveled multiple times to Santa Fe, New Mexico, as part of the International Art Market. Despite this international exposure, Dr. Perrill found that neither artist knew their work had been compared to Southwestern Pueblo ceramics. Each sister was interviewed separately in Zulu, and neither knew that their mother has been likened to Maria Martinez in exhibitions, publications, and sales venues.

In response to these interviews, Dr. Perrill recently sent both books and DVDs on Maria Martinez to the Nala family. Correspondence with the Nala sisters is ongoing. The next step in her research will involve a similar process of artist identification and preliminary interviews in Santa Fe, leading up to the eventual dialog between members of the Martinez and Nala ceramic lineages.

This research is generously funded by a UNCG Kohler Grant, the UNCG College of Arts and Sciences, and the Council for Craft, Creativity, and Design.

Faculty funding for international activities

The International Travel Fund (ITF), created by the Provost’s Office, supports ca. 50 UNCG faculty members per year 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. Owing to the popularity of this fund, faculty are highly encouraged to apply as soon as they receive notification that their presentations have been accepted. Faculty may apply once per year every two out of three years. To see who received funding for international conferences for the 2012-13 fiscal year, click here and for those who have been awarded this year to date, here. Details about applying can be found at the following website: http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/travelfunds.html.

A portion of the Kohler Fund, established in 1991 with a bequest from the estate of Phyllis Penn Kohler, class of 1930, 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 by the deadline that falls approximately six weeks before the proposed event or travel. To facilitate faculty submissions, the Committee has four deadlines per year for all six areas. The upcoming deadlines in the Spring 2014 semester are January 17 and March 21. Details about the procedure for applying and the forms needed can be found on the IPC website at http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/fundingopportunities.html. To see others who have received a
Kohler award in the 2013-14 fiscal year, please click here. We look forward to receiving and reviewing next year’s proposals.

Visitors & Scholars

Academic Advisor from Embassy of Oman visits UNCG

In April 2012, UNCG signed an agreement with the Sultanate of Oman to send scholarship students (freshman only) to our university. With this partnership, UNCG became one of 38 universities in the US to receive Omani students.

Moayed Al-Hawazi, Academic Advisor from the Cultural Division of the Embassy of Oman, visited UNCG on November 26, 2013. While here, he met with Pamela Harrod (Director of International Admissions), Michael Elliott (Director of International Student and Scholar Services), and Dr. Brad Teague (Director of the INTERLINK Language Center). He also met with our current Omani students to hear their impressions of UNCG and Greensboro.

Global Leadership Program holds first elective colloquia for Fall 2013

The Global Leadership Program (GLP) held its first elective colloquium of the year on October 9, 2013. The workshop was led by Dr. Byoungho Jin, a Putnam and Hayes distinguished professor in the Department of Consumer, Apparel, and Retail Studies in the Bryan School of Business and Economics. The colloquium explored the link between culture and our value systems as investigated by researcher Geert Hofstede. Hofstede’s cultural dimensions theory is one of the first attempts to explore the intersection of culture and psychology. Dr. Jin led GLP students in thoroughly exploring these cultural dimensions by exercising them in reality contexts, using cultural assimilator cases, and sharing personal observations and experiences.

The second elective colloquium, entitled “A Student View of Global Business,” was held on October 24. Mr. Joe Erba, a Lecturer/Professor of Practice in the Management Department in the Bryan School, led students in a lively discussion about the effects of globalization and the skills necessary to be competitive in a global economy, including critical thinking, problem solving, and interpersonal skills.

James Hayes, a senior double majoring in Political Science and French, was one of the students in attendance at the colloquium led by Dr. Jin. The colloquium helped him recontextualize some of the cultural misunderstandings he encountered during his time abroad in both France and China. James has been a member of the GLP since Spring 2012, and so far, the experience has been a very positive one. “I think the GLP is so welcoming, diverse, and beneficial,” he says. “International affairs are becoming, and will continue to become, integrated into our everyday lives, and students of all majors should highly consider joining.”

Save the date! The GLP core colloquia will be offered during the Spring 2014 semester:

- **February 12**: “Cross-Cultural Understanding” with Dr. Penelope Pynes, 5:00-7:00pm, McIver 255
- **February 19**: “Leadership Within a Global Context” with Dr. Cathy Hamilton, 5:00-7:00pm, McIver 255
- **February 24**: ”Beyond Borders: Becoming a Global Citizen” with Dr. Stephen Sills, 2:00-4:00pm, Foust 206

Hope to see you there!

Special Programs

Dr. Byoungho Jin leads GLP students in a discussion on cross-cultural understanding
Global Leadership Program Overview

Today, the world is more interconnected than it has ever been. As a result, UNCG alumni will work increasingly in international and global contexts in which leadership, citizenship, and cross-cultural understanding will be essential to their success.

The Global Leadership Program (GLP) offers students who are interested in international and global societies and issues an opportunity to hone the range of skills necessary to develop as global leaders. Through their own international experiences, students will prepare themselves to become engaged world citizens with an appreciation of the importance of intercultural understanding. The GLP’s emphasis on intercultural understanding, experiential learning, and skills development will distinguish participants as individuals prepared to assume roles as effective global citizens.

The GLP is open to all domestic and international students from all disciplines who are seeking a degree at UNCG. Program requirements include participation in five GLP colloquia, regular attendance at international/global lectures and events, engagement in a range of international “experiences” both at UNCG and abroad, and completion of an e-Portfolio.

Interested in learning more about the GLP? Please contact Katie Pegram, the GLP coordinator, at glp@uncg.edu for more information about enrolling.

Stateside holds workshop on additional opportunities abroad

UNCG and IPC are dedicated to ensuring students are internationally and globally engaged not only during their time at UNCG but also beyond graduation. Stateside, the UNCG student organization for former study abroad students, is one of the many ways in which UNCG students can continue to be internationally involved. On October 3, 2013, Stateside held a workshop for students interested in pursuing opportunities abroad after their initial study abroad experience. The workshop, entitled “International Opportunities Abroad,” outlined various opportunities for students to work and/or study abroad again after graduation, including jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities, and graduate degree programs. IPC staff also shared resources about several organizations that offer a wide variety of opportunities ranging from working on organic farms to humanitarian work for the students’ consideration.

Last international students to intern at Walt Disney World for the Leadership for a Global World Certificate Program return home

The Fall 2013 semester will see the last of the international students in IPC’s Leadership for a Global World Certificate Program return home from Orlando, Florida, as Walt Disney World rebalances its internship programs. Offered initially with...
Walt Disney World, the program combines online courses in “Leadership for a Global World,” “Global Leadership Issues,” and “Special Topics” with study opportunities and internships in the US. Since January 2013, thirteen students from China and Japan have interned at Walt Disney World as part of the program, assuming a variety of positions ranging from Front Desk Attendant to playing the part of Winnie the Pooh.

The program has led to further career opportunities for several of its participants. While interning at the Magic Kingdom in Orlando, one intern was offered a position assisting with the opening of the forthcoming Shanghai Disney Resort in December 2015. Other interns are also now planning to pursue careers with Disney. Kayo Narita (Japan) is one of those students. “I have found my future career path,” she says, “And I am so excited.”

Special thanks to Angie Kapely (IPC Study Abroad Coordinator) and Catherine Holderness (UNCEP Interim Director) for their involvement in the program.

Student Highlights

Study Abroad Nominations: Spring 2014

The International Programs Center would like to congratulate all of the 142 students who were selected to participate in an exchange program for the 2014 Spring semester — congratulations! After completing their applications, submitting all required documents to the Study Abroad and Exchange office at IPC, and undergoing a group interview with staff and faculty members, these students have truly earned their spot on the nominations list.

AUSTRALIA

Australian Catholic University: Alexandria Badulis, Ashley Bailey, Hannah Cogswell, Carly Riddle
Deakin University: David Dudley, Ashley McLeod, Ashtenne Parker, Eden Tilley
Edith Cowan University: Lindsay Bulger, Meredith Harris
James Cook University: Lauren Allienello, Demarcus Steward, Tracy Wangui
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology: Samuel Woosley
University of Canberra: Tori Stiles

University of Southern Queensland: Alecia Thompson
University of Sydney: Lewis Randall
University of Western Sydney: Sierra Colson, Morgan Flythe

AUSTRIA

University of Klagenfurt: Andrew Burchard, Christine Fry

BOTSWANA

University of Botswana: Michael Curtis, Megan Garner, Jonathan Parrish

BRAZIL

Pontificia Universidade Católica de Campinas – Paraná: Fernando Acosta

CANADA

Brock University: Andrew Clarke

CHINA

Beijing Normal University: Kayla Demorais, Solomon Lennon, Jason Macronald
Chinese University of Hong Kong: Marian Burroughs

DENMARK

Aarhus University: Kunal Shukla
University of Copenhagen: James Fisher
University of Southern Denmark: Jessica Twitchell

FINLAND

University of Oulu: Laura Silva, Audrey Wyatt

FRANCE

Jean Moulin University Lyon 3: Mansi Chaklasia, Cynthia Marmolejo, Nicole Mitchell, Sabrina Preston
UNCW Semester in Paris: Jonathan Davies
University of Angers: Marshall Bennett, Lauren Gerber, Nathan Muecke, Grayon Sotir

GERMANY

Heidelberg University: Alyssa Reise, Patrick Russell, Tareea Goodson
University of Konstanz: Nicole Schachter
University of Mannheim: Germina Elungu, Danielle Fiore
University of Tübingen: Julia Hallett

ITALY

LIUC – Università Carlo Cattaneo: Ana Mosqueda, Giancarlo Roca
Lorenzo de Medici: Natalie Johnson, Allyson Perry
International Students

ISA Washington, DC, Trip Fall 2013

The UNCG international student group spent the weekend of October 12-15, 2013, in Washington, DC, an annual trip supported and organized by the IPC and International Student Association (ISA).

After a five-hour bus journey, the international student group arrived at the Rosslyn Holiday Inn, which is located just off the Potomac River. Despite the recent government shutdown, the students found numerous opportunities to explore Washington, DC, including guided tours of the city and visits to museums, shopping malls, and parks. Students especially enjoyed visiting the International Spy Museum, which houses the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on
public display. In addition to its permanent collection, the museum was also holding a special exhibit, entitled “Exquisitely Evil: 50 Years of Bond Villains.” Students were also excited to see the wax look-alikes of all 44 US presidents and Civil Rights leaders Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. at Madame Tussauds wax museum. Students also visited the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Easter Market, Ford’s Theater, and Crystal City Shops, an underground shopping mall in Arlington.

Each fall semester, IPC and ISA organize three cultural trips to Myrtle Beach, Washington, DC, and New York City. The students are looking forward to visiting New York City on November 27. On October 23, 2013, many international and domestic students gathered in the Sullivan Science Building auditorium for a special Halloween Movie Night, an event sponsored by the PAL (Peer Advisor and Liaison) program. Attendees munched on Halloween candy as they enjoyed a spooky double-feature, *Hocus Pocus* and *World War Z*. The movies shown were selected by the students via vote.

The Halloween Movie Night was held for the first time last year. Megan Stevens, one of the PAL Ambassadors who helped organize the movie night, hopes it will continue to be an annual event.

**INTERLINK/New Mind**

**Fall 1, 2013 End-of-Term Ceremony**

INTERLINK held its Fall 1, 2013 end-of-term ceremony on October 10. INTERLINK graduate Wafa Almohmadi (Saudi Arabia) began the ceremony with an opening speech, which was followed by a warm welcome from INTERLINK director, Dr. Brad Teague. During the ceremony, several awards were presented, including Perfect-Attendance Awards, “Hardest-Working Student” Awards, Module Participation Awards, and the Outstanding Student Award, which was given to graduate Mouhamadou Nazirou Garba (Benin). Departing and graduating students also received special recognition. The ceremony ended with a closing speech given by graduate Khalifa Al-Mamari (Oman).

We are very proud of our graduates and look forward to hearing about their continued successes. The Fall 1, 2013 graduates are:

- Ahmed Abdulwahab (Saudi Arabia)
- Khalifa Al-Mamari (Oman)
- Abdullah Aldahous (Saudi Arabia)
- Faisal Aldawood (Saudi Arabia)
- Wafa Almohmadi (Saudi Arabia)
- Wulan Bai (China)
- Yang Fan (China)
- Mouhamadou Nazirou Garba (Benin)
- Tianyi Li (China)
- Yifeng Li (China)
- Hao Ma (China)
- Eyman Mashyakhi (Saudi Arabia)
- Zaixing Wang (China)
- Cui Zeng (China)

Nine of the fourteen graduates plan to continue their studies at UNCG in the Spring 2014 semester.

**Fall 2, 2013 Welcome Reception**

INTERLINK’s Fall 2, 2013 session began on October 14, during UNCG’s fall break. Our 45 new students come from 15 different countries in Asia, the Middle East, South America, Europe, and Africa. After two days of intensive orientation activities, the new students joined our eighty-five returning students for the first day of classes on October 16. Among the new students, 18 are conditionally admitted to UNCG for undergraduate study and 6 for graduate study. On October 18, all INTERLINK students and staff enjoyed a welcome reception in the EUC Auditorium Pre-Function Room.

This month, INTERLINK is pleased to welcome three new staff members. Gloria Darby joined INTERLINK as the new administrative assistant. A Greensboro native, she has extensive administrative experience, including several years in various departments here at UNCG. Andrea Fine joined us as a new full-time instructor. Andrea is a recent graduate of the School for...
International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, and has experience teaching in Thailand, Ecuador, and New York City. Finally, Huda Kadhem Abdnoor, a graduate student from Iraq and former INTERLINK student, will be helping us with student activities and programs. Full staff bios, including those of our new staff, can be found on our website at http://uncg.interlinkesl.com/staff.html.

New Mind students Jason Wen, Leo Li, Krystal Lan, Violet Zu, William Zhao, Tony Qiu, and Athens Wang in front of the Biltmore House

the Assembly had to offer, including tennis, Frisbee golf, and hiking. While there, they also did some volunteer work, helping with trail maintenance on one of the Assembly’s hiking trails.

New Mind students also explored downtown Black Mountain and neighboring downtown Asheville, enjoying the sights, dining, and shopping in each town. In Asheville, they also took the LaZoom Comedy Tour, a hilarious historic bus tour through the city.

The highlight of the weekend was the visit to Biltmore Estate, the largest privately owned house in the US. The 178,926-square foot, 250-room mansion was built by George Washington Vanderbilt II between 1889 and 1896, and the estate grounds span 8,000 acres, including 75 acres of gardens. While there, students took a guided tour of the house, gardens, grounds, and the Antler Hill Village farm.

Norma Velazquez presents F-1 beginner’s workshop at NCAIE

As part of the North Carolina Association of International Educators (NCAIE) workshops for international student advisers in North Carolina, Norma Velazquez (Assistant Director, International Student and Scholar Services) co-facilitated with...
Pascale Toussaint (Admissions Specialist, Office of International Services, North Carolina State University) an F-1 beginner’s workshop for international student advisers at Davidson Community College on October 18, 2013. The workshop was designed for newer international student advisers, covering the basics of using the Student Exchange Visitor Information System, issuance of I-20 forms, and the function of campus offices to facilitate the compliance of requirements associated with the F-1 student category. Michael Elliott (Director, International Student and Scholar Services) also presented at the F-1 intermediate workshop. Some of the institutions who participated in his workshop included Guilford College, High Point University, UNC Charlotte, Salem College, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Methodist University, Shannon Forest Christian School, Forsyth Technical Community College, and Davidson County Community College.

UNCG and Beyond

University News

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“ERM faculty and students travel to the Dominican Republic to collect data evaluating a medical education program” Educational Research Methodology Recent News, Department of Education
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Upcoming Events

January

January 14  Chancellor’s International Students Welcome Reception 2014 (Alumni House, Virginia Dare Room, 4:30-5:30pm, open to all)
January 17  Kohler Application Deadline (faculty)
January 17  Payment deadline for all incoming exchange students (including insurance)
January 22  SAE Re-Entry Workshop Spring 2014 (EUC Kirkland, 4:00-6:00pm, for returning study abroad UNCG students)
January 23  Study Abroad Expo Spring 2014 (EUC Cone Ballroom A and Cone Ballroom Pre-Function Room, 11:00am-2:00pm, open to all interested students)
January 29  ISSS Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop Spring 2013 (EUC Phillips, 3:30-5:00pm, open to all degree-seeking international students)
January 30  International Scholars Reception Spring 2014 for Scholars, Sponsors, and PhD Students (MHRA 1302, 4:30-5:45pm, for all international scholars and sponsors)

February

February 5-7  WISE 2014 Conference (Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, All Day)
February 5  Faculty-Led Study Abroad Information Session Spring 2014 (EUC Elm, 1:00-2:30pm, open to all interested students)
February 5  ISSS Tax Workshop for International Students (Edwards Lounge, 3:30-5:00pm, open to all degree-seeking international students)
February 6  Beyond OPT with Attorney and Career Services (McIver 255, 3:30-5:00pm, open to all degree-seeking international students)
February 7  Beyond OPT Consultation (Foust 200H, All Day, open to all degree-seeking international students)