Welcome to the 2012-13 academic year! Although by now-- to many of you-- the semester no longer seems so new as our students have settled in and the year is fully in swing. Nonetheless, this portends to be an exciting year as it marks the twentieth year anniversary of the International Programs Center.

It's hard to believe that it has been twenty years since we sent our first two students on exchange to Mannheim, Germany. Since then our programs have grown by leaps and bounds. This summer and last academic year, UNCG sent 459 students abroad to 35 countries throughout the world (245 of those students attended partner universities for a semester or year; 310 of those students have just returned home this semester).

As for our international population, we have approximately 300 new international students joining us from 59 countries this semester; half of them are exchange students from our partner institutions.

Throughout the year we will publish stories from our current and former participants of our programs. I invite any of you out there who have stories to share with us about your connection to International Programs and/or internationalization to send them to us (along with a picture or short video clip if possible). We would like to connect with as many of our UNCG alums, partners, former and current faculty and staff who have shared in our journey. Stories may be emailed to ipg_news@uncg.edu

And remember: if you are interested in “all things international” visit the IPC (207 Foust Building) where we will support you in your plans to “do something bigger altogether.”

Chancellor Brady welcomes returning study abroad and international students

On August 21, 2012, Chancellor Linda Brady personally welcomed the international students in her semi-annual International Welcome Reception in Cone Ballroom of the Elliott University Center. International students, returning study abroad exchange students, faculty, staff and community members enjoyed this occasion. After mingling with the guests, Chancellor Brady took a moment to address all in attendance. Among her remarks she underscored how much her own international experiences have impacted both her professional and personal life before emphasizing the importance of having international students on UNCG’s campus as well as continuing efforts to internationalize our university.

Chancellor Brady gave a special welcome to the twenty-four visiting Fulbright students from Germany, who spent the month of August at UNCG. She highlighted the various experiences they had, including participating in an entrepreneurship course, visiting local businesses, and taking a behind-the-scenes look at Disney World. She also gave special recognition to the ten new international degree-seeking student athletes, as well as one exchange student athlete. These athletes are from England, Canada, Australia, Iceland, Norway, France, Finland, Germany, and Kenya and play a variety of sports including tennis, baseball, soccer, track, and golf. As a highlight of the reception, Chancellor Brady introduced Board of Trustee member and President of the Weaver Foundation, Skip Moore, who was there to meet and greet returning study abroad students, many of whom receive Weaver Travel grants. To date, more than 1850 UNCG students have received Weaver awards to study for a semester or year abroad in 33 countries.

The International Programs Center would like to thank all who attended the Chancellor’s International Welcome Reception. We had a great turn out and wish you all a safe and successful semester and year!
The beginning of the academic year is always an exciting time in the International Programs Center with all the positive energy of newly arrived students and returning study abroad participants. In addition we welcome our new staff (including undergraduate and graduate students and volunteers) without whom we couldn’t live. Welcome on board!

Jennifer Kelley, Financial Coordinator, is originally from Ohio. Jennifer has lived in many cities across the United States. She came to UNCG after four years in Honolulu, HI to earn her Bachelor of Science degree from UNCG’s Bryan School of Business and Economics. She started working at IPC as a federal work study student in August 2008 and has continued to build her international credentials. She has always enjoyed traveling and learning about different cultures and languages. Her experiences abroad have included time spent in Brazil, England, Scotland, the Czech Republic and Tahiti. She looks forward to the opportunity to engage with many more cultures during her time with IPC. Jen replaces Kavita Gosai.

Jennifer James is our new Front Desk Supervisor and Administrative Assistant. Jennifer was born in California, but she has lived in many states in the US while travelling with her family, as her father was in the Coast Guard. She grew up in Wilmington, NC, and originally came to Greensboro for college but loved the area and decided to make it her home. A UNCG graduate (’11 Bachelors of Science, Public Health Education), Jennifer studied abroad in Zambia, Africa, volunteering at a clinic and learning how to help the local people. She looks forward to traveling more in the future, expanding her knowledge of healthcare and pursuing a Master’s degree in Public Health. In addition to the International Programs Center, Jennifer also currently works at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital on the weekends as a nurse secretary/nurse’s aide.

IPC would like to Congratulate...

Congratulations to Angelica Kapely (UNCG ’10) on her new appointment as our Study Abroad Coordinator as of August 2012. Angie replaces Lindsay Armistead who left IPC for other career opportunities. Angie is no stranger to our Study Abroad and Exchange unit, being a former study abroad student herself. Previously, as IPC's Accounting Assistant and Front Desk Supervisor, Angie has assisted many international students, scholars, and faculty and is involved in various projects related to internationalization initiatives on- and off-campus, such as the INTERLINK PAL program. She was also recently elected as the Saudi Students Association's mentor.

Congratulations to Dr. Catherine Holderness. Starting October 1, 2012, Dr. Holderness will become the UNC Exchange Program (UNCEP) Interim Director, replacing Dr. C. K. Kwai who is leaving at the end of this month.

New Student workers

Junyi Hu (aka Justin) is a graduate student in the IT Department at UNCG. Junyi joined IPC in the summer of this year as our new Programming Assistant, replacing Ling Cai, who graduated in May 2012. Junyi works closely with Michael Elliott, our Director of ISSS, in the planning and execution of IPC events such as the weekly Friday Fests, the annual International Festival (I-Fest), the annual International Education Week (IEW), and many other international events on campus. Junyi is from China.

Hongjoo Woo, a graduate student from South Korea in the Department of Consumer Apparel and Retail Studies (CARS) will be assisting Pamela Harrod, our Director of International Admissions.
Katie Pegram is the new editor of the IPC eNewsworthy. In May 2010, Katie graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BA in Communications Studies with a double minor in Creative Writing and Screenwriting. Before starting her graduate career at UNCG, she took a year off to work as an editorial intern at Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. During this time she also read and critiqued manuscripts for Peak City Publishing, a small, start-up press in her home town, Apex, NC. Currently she is a second-year English Masters student, on track to complete the Writing and Editing plan of study.

Pinyapat Chuchuen is also a graduate student in our ISSS department. She replaces Sasikarn "Mook" Chativijit, who graduated in summer this year. Pinyapat, who is from Thailand and working on an MBA in Finance, will assist Norma Velazquez, our Assistant Director of ISSS.

Danny Gobel will be working with the international exchange students and UNCG study abroad students. One of his major projects will be planning social/cultural events for the PAL program, a program designed to match US students with incoming international students to aid in cultural transition. Danny will also assist with the study abroad orientation and recruitment as well as re-entry workshops. Sarah Pickett, a business administration major at UNCG will be graduating in December. She is an intern for Study Abroad and Exchange, primarily working with the international exchange students. Sarah will help with processing new exchange student applications, orientation preparation, and community programming for the international students. Gloria Mª Hernández Galán will be volunteering with IPC for the entire academic year. Gloria worked as a nurse in Ciudad Real, Spain from 2007 through summer 2012. She arrived in Greensboro with her husband, Juan Munoz Gonzalez de la Aleja, an international exchange student studying business administration. Gloria will be assisting with all units of IPC, particularly helping with projects for the international exchange students.

IPC would also like to welcome the following Federal Work Study students who found employment at IPC and UNC Exchange Program this academic year:

Katie Pegram
Pinyapat Chuchuen

IPC: (Left to right) Valerie Lainfiesta is a senior majoring in English with a minor in Spanish. Valerie is also this year’s UNCG Swim Club Creative Chair. Zaira Jackson is a freshman majoring in Hospitality and Tourism. UNCEP: Elaina Gasparino is a Freshman majoring in Speech Therapy.

Welcome, New Interns and Volunteers!

Danny Gobel, a Communication Studies major who will be graduating in December is working as an intern for Study Abroad and Exchange for the 2012 fall semester.
of Maine, and will be the next Senior International Officer. Best wishes, C. K.!

IPC sends a fond farewell to Dr. Sha Li Zhang of the Jackson Library who is heading off to University of Montana-Missoula to become the Dean of the Library. We thank her for leadership and assistance with many of our international initiatives and wish her well.

New International Student Orientations

During the week of August 13, 2012, the International Programs Center welcomed 108 new degree-seeking international students to UNCG and 151 international exchange students. The International Programs Center (in conjunction with many UNCG departments and student services on campus) welcome and orient our new international students each semester. This year our international students represent sixty-seven countries, including Romania, which will be represented at UNCG for the first time this year. Our new students help make up a grand total of 380 degree-seeking international students studying at UNCG.

Orientation is supported by a cast of individuals whose participation is critical. Among those are our PAL’s, International Fellows, and volunteers. Denise Bellamy, Director of Study Abroad and Exchanges, and Michael Elliott, Director of International Student and Scholar Services, would like to thank: Housing and Residence Life, Registrar’s Office, Cashier’s Office, Student Affairs, Student Employment, UNCG Rec Center, Jackson Library, OLSL, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Spartan Card Center, University Police, International Student Association, and Student Health and Counseling Center.

New to this year’s weeklong exchange orientation, the international exchange students participated in a scavenger hunt across campus to identify several office locations for several departments ranging from the Student Success Center to the Campus Activities & Programs. The students were split into teams of fifteen (ten teams in total) and were led by a UNCG student volunteer in their search to identify all twelve predetermined office locations. Several staff members from the identified departments presented on the services offered by their department to the students during orientation week. The goal of the scavenger hunt was for students not only to become familiar with many resources on-campus but also to learn how and where they could access the services and resources. After students completed the scavenger hunt, they met in Foust Park for a popsicle social.

UNCG and IPC host Fulbright students from Germany

In partnership with the German-American Fulbright Commission, UNCG hosted its second one-month Summer Institute for twenty-four Fulbright students from various German universities of applied sciences. This year’s theme was “Entrepreneurship” and the program ran from July 26 to August 28, 2012.

Through interactive workshops and experiential activities in a variety of settings, UNCG’s Fulbright Summer Institute offered these twenty-four students the opportunity to acquire the principles of entrepreneurship, enhance their knowledge of the United States and the American system of higher education, engage in community service activities, refine their English language skills, visit local businesses, and interact with Americans through various cultural programming events. They even made a trip to
Orlando to get a back scene view of the operations at Disney World.

In the second half of the program, the Fulbrighters joined in the orientation activities for newly arrived international and exchange students to expose them to campus life and see what the university community has to offer. During the first week of the fall semester, students attended selected classes based on their majors before heading to Washington, DC for a visit of our nation’s capital. Upon conclusion of the program, students received a Certificate of Completion.

The program’s success is a testament to the hard work of several individuals: Lydia Arledge (Director of the program); Cinnamon Hunter (ESL instructor); and Joe Erba of the Bryan School (Entrepreneurship instructor); Sadie Kneidel (resident counselor) Diana Phelps and Bam McCathern (student mentors). Others who contributed to the program were Mark Schumacher, Library; Dr. Patrick Madsen, Career Services; Drs. Tom Matyok and

Cathryne Schmitz, Conflict and Peace Studies; Steve Flynn and Dean Jerry Pubantz, LIHC; Dr. Penelope Pynes, Denise Bellamy, Tom Martinek, Jr., Mike Elliott, and Dr. Catherine Holderness, IPC. Special thanks goes to IPC’s Nor Othman for managing the program details.

To read more about the Fulbrighters’ experience at UNCG, check out these articles:

Campus Weekly: “2012 Fulbright Summer Institute at UNCG” http://ure.uncg.edu/prod/cweekly/2012/08/14/fulbrightsummerinstitute/


Best of luck to the Fulbrighters! We hope you return to us soon.

Student Highlights

MRC Art Exhibit features Study Abroad Photography
(August 17 – October 19)

Now through October 19, the UNCG Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) is hosting a special exhibit showcasing photography taken by students while studying abroad. The exhibit features photography by UNCG students Autumn Brehon, Kelley Carter, and Aisha Crawford. Serving as visual testimony of the trio’s experiences, the exhibit works to promote the study abroad program and encourage students to think about studying abroad not just as an opportunity to travel but also as a means to break down barriers between cultures and contribute to a greater global understanding.

The MRC held an art reception for the exhibit on September 5. Senior Aisha Crawford spoke at the reception, providing a lively commentary on her photos and study abroad experience. A Political Science major, Aisha spent the 2012 spring semester studying at the Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola in Lima, Peru. “It was the best time of my entire life,” she said. “It made me appreciate people so much and helped me to figure out who I am.” Prior to studying abroad, Aisha was considering law school, but after her time in Peru, she is now applying for a Fulbright grant, hoping to teach English in Malaysia.
Senior Aisha Crawford spoke at the reception on September 5 about her study abroad experience in Lima, Peru.

“Hopefully I’ll be backpacking in Asia this time next year,” she said.

Aisha was featured on the UNCG website: “Breaking Down Boxes” 
http://ure.uncg.edu/prod/inspirechange/2012/09/21/breaking-down-boxes/

Following Aisha’s presentation, Tom Martinek, Jr., Assistant Director of Study Abroad and Exchange Programs, also spoke and answered questions about the study abroad and exchange program at UNCG.

For more information about the study abroad program, visit 
http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/sae/study_abroad_exchanges.html or email us at ipc@uncg.edu.

Kelley Carter on being an IPC Volunteer

Volunteering at the International Programs Center was the perfect way for me to use my International and Global Studies degree and gain some real-world work experience at the same time. It was an exciting experience because the IPC Study Abroad and Exchange Office is right in the center of the international community on campus. I have really enjoyed meeting the incoming international students this year and since working at IPC I have encouraged more of my friends to study abroad. I’m so appreciative for all help I received while I studied abroad in France, and I was glad to have the opportunity to help others through their experience.

Kelly Crawford

It’s not all about work though! IPC participates in a lot of cultural events too. Recently, the Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) held an art exhibit showcasing the photography of study abroad students. I was glad my photography was featured in the exhibit because not only do I like to pretend that I’m an amateur photographer, but I also think it’s important to share the international experiences of students. After all, they offer some of the best primary source material! I hope exhibits like this can continue to encourage greater numbers of Spartans to study abroad.

With the increasing rate of globalization, opportunities to stay connected to the international community have become crucial building blocks for almost any career sector. While participating in the Global Leadership Program (GLP), each student is given the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) which measures your sensitivity and understanding of cultural differences. After taking the IDI, I was given a personalized evaluation that confirmed my fears: I have a large personal space bubble. Having taken the cultural sensitivity tool and workshop, I was much more prepared to interact with people in France. Overall, I can’t talk highly enough about how well UNCG and IPC have prepared me to enter the job market as an educated global citizen. Now I’ve been accepted as an Americorps ACCESS member and will begin teaching English as a foreign language at the Glenwood Library. As far as long-term future plans go, I eventually hope to teach English in Morocco.

Interested in volunteering or working at IPC? Email us at ipc@uncg.edu or call (336) 334-5404.

Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany: 15 year celebration visit

This year the UNC system celebrated the fifteen year partnership of its first state-to-state partner, Baden-Wuerttemberg. To commemorate the establishment of the partnership in 1996 selected UNC representatives attended a special Baden-Wuerttemberg seminar held in Konstanz in fall 2011. Click here for more information on the seminar.

In May 2012 a return delegation from Baden-Wuerttemberg (BW) visited several of the UNC campuses and General Administration accompanied by CK Kwai and Sara Poole of UNCEP. Provost Dave Perrin welcomed the delegation to UNCG upon their arrival to North Carolina and discussed trends and changes in U.S. higher
education over the past fifteen years. He acknowledged the foundational work of Wolfgang Mekle and Penelope Pynes who served as the first coordinators of the program. At the end of the week the group returned to UNCG to celebrate with a North Carolina barbeque held in Taylor Garden.

The delegation members were Dr. Hans-Georg Wolf from the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts, Stuttgart, Program Manager North America; Wolfgang Mekle, University of Tuebingen, Director International Office; Dr. Reinhold Luecker, University of Ulm, Director of International Office; and Dr. Ulrich Stadtmueller, University of Ulm, Vice-President.

Among attendees at the celebration were GA representative Bonnie Derr, Steve Flynn (former director of the UNCEP); Dr. C.K. Kwai (current UNCEP director); Dr. Charles Lyons, who spearheaded the original BW delegation and was invited to be recognized for his leadership in the establishment of the UNCEP; Minnie Battle Mays from NC A&T; Dr. Joti Sekhon from WSSU; Dr. Kimmo Kuortti and Anja Malaska from the University of Oulu along with IPC staff (including Dr. Catherine Holderness, Interim Director of UNCEP as of October 1, 2012); Dr. Cathryne Schmitz, Professor in Conflict and Peace, and Dr. Susanne Rinner, Associate Professor in German. Delegation guests were presented paperweights with the UNC seal as reminders of their visit.

It is only fitting that the delegation visit began and ended in Greensboro as UNCG is the host campus for UNCEP, where are state-to-state agreements are managed. This is truly a landmark occasion for the UNC system as this partnership served as the pilot for other state-to-state agreements and subsequently led to the establishment of UNCEP, the system exchange program consisting of nine state-to-state agreements. We look forward to the next fifteen years!

Other visitors

University of Oulu, Finland

On May 23-26, IPC was happy to welcome Kimmo Kuortti and Anja Mäläskä Director and Deputy Director of International Relations at the University of Oulu in Oulu, Finland. Kuortti’s and Mäläskä’s first meeting was with Penelope Pynes and Tommy Lambeth, Associate Professor and Undergraduate Coordinator for the UNCG Department of Interior Architecture.

The next day, Kuortti and Mäläskä joined Dr. Sam Miller, Associate Dean of the UNCG School of Education, for breakfast before meeting with Dr. Linda Hestenes, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies. After lunching with Dr. Lois Petrovich-Mwaniki, Director of International Programs and Services at Western Carolina University, and other WCU staff, Kuortti and Mäläskä took a tour of the UNCG campus with Tom Martinek, Jr., Assistant Director of Study Abroad and
Exchange Programs, Logan Stanfield, Study Abroad and Faculty-Led Program Coordinator, and Neema Cucinotta, International & Partnerships Coordinator and Faculty of Business and Law at Deakin University, Australia. Kuortti and Mäläskä concluded the day by meeting with Dr. C.K. Kwai, Director of the University of North Carolina Exchange Program before attending a picnic and reception in honor of the Oulu guests and the North Carolina Baden-Württemberg 15th Anniversary Celebration.

Kuortti and Mäläskä also attended meetings with Dr. David Remington, Associate Professor of Biology, Denise Bellamy, Kaitlin Ritchie, Tom Martinek, Jr., and faculty and staff from the UNCG Bryan School of Business and Economics.

Deakin University, Australia

On May 23-26, IPC welcomed Neema Cucinotta, International & Partnerships Coordinator and Faculty of Business and Law at Deakin University in Australia. Cucinotta arrived in Greensboro on May 23 and met with Denise Bellamy, Dr. Dianne H.B. Welsh, Hayes Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship and Director of the Entrepreneurship Cross-Disciplinary Program, and Dr. Kevin Lowe, Department Head and Professor of Business Administration. After lunch on Tate Street with Tom Martinek, Jr., Kaitlin Ritchie, and Angelica Kapely, Cucinotta took a campus tour led by Tom and Logan Stanfield with fellow visitors Kimmo Kuortti and Anja Mäläskä of the University of Oulu in Finland. Following the tour, Cucinotta met with Bryan Toney, Director of the North Carolina Entrepreneurship Center, and C.K. Kwai before attending a picnic and reception in honor of Oulu guests and the North Carolina Baden-Württemberg 15th Anniversary Celebration at Taylor Garden at the Elliott University Center.

Australian Catholic University, Australia

On June 4, IPC hosted Amy Ryan, Manager of the Exchange and Study Abroad Program at Australian Catholic University in North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia and Kirk Doyle, Associate Director, International Relations and Partnerships. In the morning, Ryan and Doyle met with Drs. Tom Martinek (Sr.), Professor in the Department of Kinesiology, and Sam Miller, Associate Dean, School of Education. After meeting with Tom Martinek, Jr. and Paulina Flasch, IPC Graduate Assistant and Curriculum Integration Coordinator, Doyle and Ryan took a campus tour with Logan Stanfield.

Keele University, England

In June 2012, IPC welcomed Professor Matthias Klaes, Head of the Centre for Economics and Management and Professor of Commerce at Keele University in Staffordshire, England. After arriving at UNCG, Dr. Klaes met with Dr. Stuart Allen, Professor and Department Head of Economics at the Bryan School of Business and Economics, Dr. Jeff Sarbaum, Lecturer in the Department of Economics, and Amanda Pelon, Coordinator for International Student Services and Lecturer at the Bryan School of Business. Then, Dr. Klaes took a campus tour with Tom Martinek, Jr. before joining Denise Bellamy and Penelope Pynes for dinner.

University of Extremadura, Spain

On July 25-31, IPC was pleased to host Leandro Lorrio Castro, Director of the Conservatory of Music at the University of Extremadura in Cáceres, Spain. After arriving in Greensboro, Castro joined Penelope Pynes for dinner. The following morning Castro met with Kaitlin
Ritchie and Pamela Harrod, before breaking to have lunch with Dr. Alejandro Rutty, Associate Professor in the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance. Castro then took a campus tour with Kaitlin Ritchie and Angelica Kapely.

On July 27, Castro met with Norma Velazquez and Wendy Jones-Worden, Lecturer of Spanish and Study Abroad Advisor. Castro met with Dr. Susan Stinson, Interim Dean of the School of Music, Theatre, and Dance. Castro concluded his visit by attending a workshop at Musikgarten in Greensboro from July 29 to August 3.

Klagenfurt University, Austria

On August 19-20, IPC hosted Dr. Gunhild Sagmeister of the Institute of Sociology at Klagenfurt University in Klagenfurt, Austria. While here Dr. Sagmeister met with Penelope Pynes, Denise Bellamy, Tom Martinek, Jr., and Kaitlin Ritchie before taking a campus tour with Logan Stanfield and Angelica Kapely. Dr. Sagmeister was then escorted by Dr. Suzanne Rinner, Assistant Professor of German Studies and Director of Undergraduate Studies in German, to Tate Street for a lunch meeting with Dr. Kwasi Amoako-Gyampah, Department Head for Information Systems and Supply Chain Management Department at the Bryan School of Business. Following lunch, Dr. Sagmeister met with Amanda Pelon to tour the Bryan Building. Dr. Sagmeister then visited a MGT 301 class with Dr. Vasyl Taras, Professor of Business Administration at the Bryan School of Business.

Linnaeus University, Sweden

On September 18-19, IPC welcomed Alexandra Holmdahl, International Coordinator for Linnaeus University in Småland, Sweden. Holmdahl arrived in Greensboro on September 18 and met with Kaitlin Ritchie and Denise Bellamy before meeting with UNCG students going on exchange to Linnaeus in Spring 2013 during their interview appointments with Tom Martinek, Jr. Holmdahl then met with Drs. Jody Natalie and Etsuko Kinefuchi, Professor and Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Studies, and Tom Matyók, Assistant Professor and Director of Graduate Studies for the Conflict and Peace Studies Program. After meeting with Linnaeus staff, Holmdahl ate lunch with Logan Stanfield and Kaitlin Ritchie before taking a campus tour with Angelica Kapely. Holmdahl concluded her visit by meeting with Julie Blomberg Gudmundsson, Jens Borgqvist, Johan Hansson, and Hille Hjalmarsson, all exchange students from Linnaeus University.

Last academic year, on behalf of UNCG, IPC staff (along with others around campus) arranged the visits for and hosted 125 visitors from 19 countries. If you would like to be involved in these visits or have someone coming to campus, please contact IPC at (336) 334-5404.

Dean Sue Stinson attends 2012 Global Dance Summit

On July 14-20, 2012, Dr. Sue Stinson, Interim Dean of the School of Music, Theatre and Dance, attended the 2012 Global Dance Summit on the campus of the Taipei National University of the Arts. The event was jointly sponsored by the World Dance Alliance (WDA) and Dance and the Child International (daCi) and featured scholarly presentations, project dialogues, workshops,
and performances. The summit was the first collaboration between the two organizations, with a conference theme of *Dance, Young People, and Change*. Nearly 1,000 delegates hailing from every continent attended the conference, including several groups of young people who were not only featured in multiple performances but also participated in their own workshops and creative events.

The primary aim of the conference was to explore the role of dance in education, the global community, and the lives of young people. In addition to fifty-five different sessions of papers and panels, delegates could also participate in workshops and master classes in a variety of dance forms and related disciplines, including ballet, hip-hop, Australian Aboriginal Contemporary Dance, Classical Chinese dance, Tai Chi, and yoga. Conference participants were also able to attend performances by many professional dance companies, most notably the Cloud Gate Dance Theatre, as well as performances by more than twenty-five groups of young dancers, ranging in age from four to eighteen years old.

Dr. Stinson, a founding member of daCi, has attended all of the triennial international conferences sponsored by daCi since its launch in 1978 and has served in multiple leadership roles for the organization. At the Taipei conference, she presented two papers: “What's Worth Assessing in K-12 Dance Education?” and “Dance as Art, Experience and Knowledge: A Case Study of Undergraduate Student Experience.” She will be serving as English language editor for the forthcoming conference proceedings, which will include papers in Mandarin. For more information about the conference, visit [http://www.daciwdain taiwan.org](http://www.daciwdain taiwan.org). For more information about daCi and future events, visit [http://www.daciusa.com/](http://www.daciusa.com/). Dr. Stinson’s trip was sponsored in part by the International Travel Fund (ITF). For more information about ITF, see below.

**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 2011-12 fiscal year, click [here](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/travelfunds.html) and for those who have been awarded this year to date, [here](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/travelfunds.html). Details about applying can be found at the following website: [http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/travelfunds.html](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 ca. 6 weeks before the proposed event or travel. To facilitate faculty submissions the Committee now has four deadlines per year for all six areas. This year’s deadlines are **September 21, October 26, January 18** and **March 22**. Details about the procedure for applying and the forms need can be found the IPC website at [http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/fundingopportunities.html](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/fundingopportunities.html).

To see others who received a Kohler in the 2011-12 fiscal year, click [here](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/travelfunds.html). We look forward to receiving and reviewing this year’s proposals.

**INTERLINK/New Mind**

**INTERLINK Students**

This August, INTERLINK welcomed a record number of new international students from all corners of the globe. This nine-week term, INTERLINK’s total student population is 105. Eighteen of these students entered with conditional admission to UNCG. Countries
interlink conversation-partners program

the interlink conversation-partners program continues to be active and is recruiting participants from uncg and the local community. so far, approximately twenty interlink students have been paired with uncg students, faculty, staff, and community members. this program enables the building of cross-cultural understanding and international friendships and gives interlink students the opportunity to practice their english with proficient english speakers. all participants benefit from this unique, interpersonal experience. meliza abdullah, a student from france, commented on her own experience with the conversation-partners program: "conversation-partners gives me a chance to practice english outside of the classroom and helps me improve." her conversation partner, uncg student britney snellers, had an equally positive experience. "having the chance to interact and form relationships with international students is a very enriching experience," she said. "we are able to share not just language but experiences as well." the program is self-guided in that individual conversation-partner pairs determine when and where they meet as well as for how long. many of the participants enjoy meeting up to attend community and on-campus events. to learn more about the program and/or to sign up, contact lamar gibson at jamesg@interlink.edu.

interlink diversity scholarships

we are pleased to announce the continuation of our diversity scholarships, which are awarded to students from under-represented countries at interlink to encourage greater program diversity. students from qualifying countries are eligible to receive a scholarship of up to $1000 per nine-week term, depending on prior gpa. the amount awarded is automatically deducted from the tuition payment and is renewable term-by-term as long as the student is enrolled full-time and makes satisfactory progress. one of our recent scholarship recipients was berenice toyomi pérez estrada from mexico, who commented that the extra financial support had motivated her to study in our program. for more information about the interlink diversity scholarships and/or to find out which countries are included, contact dr. brad teague at bteague@interlink.edu.
Upcoming Events

**September 2012**
- Sept. 20: Student Academic Achievement Awards Reception Fall 2012 (EUC Kirkland, 4:30-5:45pm)
- Sept. 21: Kohler Application Deadline for faculty
- Sept. 25: International Scholars Fall 2012 Reception for Scholars, Sponsors and PhD students (Faculty Center, 4:30-5:45pm)
- Sept. 27: ISSS Committee Meeting (Edwards Lounge, 2:00-3:30pm)
- Sept. 27: SAE Committee Meeting (Edwards Lounge, 3:30-5:00pm)

**October 2012**
- Oct. 3: Introduction to Faculty-Led Study Abroad (EUC Elm/Azalea, 2:00-3:30pm)
- Oct. 4: Discretionary Funds Committee Meeting (Foust 208, 3:30-5:00pm)
- Oct. 13-16: NAFSA Region VII Meeting (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
- Oct. 14-18: Study Abroad Nomination List for Spring 2013 (after 1:00pm, Foust 207)
- Oct. 17: Faculty-Led Study Abroad Risk Management (EUC Elm, 2:00-3:30)
- Oct. 17: Degree-seeking workshop: Maintain your F-1 (and J-1 degree seeking status: under enrollment and online programs/courses (McIver 255, half hour sessions: 3:30pm, 4:00pm, 4:30pm)
- Oct. 18: Degree-seeking workshop: Maintain F-1 (and J-1 degree seeking status: under enrollment and online programs/courses (McIver 255, half hour session: 3:30pm, 4:00pm, 4:30pm)
- Oct. 20: UNCG Study Abroad Pre-Departure Orientation (TBC, 9:00am-5:00pm)
- Oct. 26: Kohler Application Deadline for faculty