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International Office News

“Bringing the world to IWU”

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Upcoming Events

September 2—Study Abroad Fair, 4:00–6:00, the Dug Out

September 11—International Studies Colloquium, 4:00, Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library

September 18—“Hanging Out in the Global South,” time/location TBA

September 22— Ai Xiaoming, “Documentaries in China as a Form of Resistance,” 4:00, Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library

September 25—“Bringing It Home: Making Study Abroad Work for You,” 4:00, location TBA

October 1 — Deadline for spring 2009 study abroad applications, 4:00, the International Office

November 9—Mandatory Pre-Departure Meeting, 4:00–7:00, CNS C102

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International Arrivals

Illinois Wesleyan welcomes 35 new international students from 12 countries to campus.

The students began arriving in mid-August, well before the other first-year students, to give them a chance to settle in and to undergo an orientation to life in the United States and in Bloomington-Normal before they take on Turning Titan: New Student Orientation activities with IWU's other new students.

Please join us in welcoming the following students to campus:

Yun Bai	China
Kuyeek Bassey	Nigeria
Nhi Lan Dam	Vietnam
Nam Hoang Do	Vietnam
Tung Hoang	Vietnam

Qingfan Jiang	China	Trang Pham	Vietnam
Yuirko Kazama	Japan	Aditya Shahi	India
Ekatarina Kobrina	Russia	Hyun Soo Sheen	Canada
Chalida Lamsam	Thailand	Devaki Soman	India
Myung-Chul Lee	Korea	Erina Suguhara	Japan
Haoda Li	China	Purav Vagadia	Kenya
Li Li	China	Van Thu Vu	Vietnam
Xiaosha Li	China	Yujie Wu	China
Xinjun Liang	China	Jiaxiang Xu	China
Jordyn Maglalang	Canada	Yunya Yang	China
Jie Min	China	Xiaoxiao Zhang	China
Solène Myran	France	Shanshan Zhou	China
Dare Olaitan	Nigeria	Cheng Zhou	China
Joshua Pandian	India	Hong Zhou	China
David Peia	Romania	Yajie Zou	China

Please visit **The Pantagraph** online at www.pantagraph.com/photos/ for photos of this year's new international students and read the accompanying article, “IWU welcomes students from all over,” from the August 19 edition.

International Departures



As our new international students were preparing to come to Illinois Wesleyan, IWU study abroad students were preparing for their own education abroad.

This fall sees 60 students setting out for a semester or year of studying abroad. Seventeen students will be living and studying in London with Professor Scott Sheridan as part of the IWU London program.

One student will set out for a year as a Visiting Student at Oxford University's Pembroke College. The others will be studying with our affiliates in 21 countries around the world—and this fall also sees us sending our first student to Madagascar!

For a listing of our new study abroad students, please see the back cover.

Bon voyage!

International Returns

And welcome back to our returning study abroad students!

Rejoining us are 79 study abroaders—58 of whom studied abroad during the spring, one for the full academic year, and 20 during the summer. They studied in over 15 countries on 5 continents from Australia to Russia, Ghana to New Zealand.

Featured Study Abroad Program

CIEE's program in Hyderabad, India: The World's Largest Democracy

Hyderabad, the fifth largest city in India, provides students the ability to grasp the historic and cultural density of the largest democracy in the world. Students will study the impact of modernity upon tradition through courses in history, literature, philosophy, and sociology.

Situated between northern and southern India, Hyderabad's location ensures that students gain insight into the linguistic, religious, and cultural diversity of the region.

To become immersed into Indian culture, CIEE provides a customized orientation and cultural activities in Hyderabad and Mysore, group excursions to other cities, and yoga classes at the Yoga center on campus; meditation along with music and dance classes conducted by experts in the field.

Students will study at the University of Hyderabad, located approximately 30-45 minutes from the downtown area by public transportation affording students a more tranquil environment outside of the city center to learn about student life in Andhra Pradesh.

With this program, students have the choice of three housing options: guest houses, university dorms, or homestays.

The academic program is offered in collaboration with the Study India Program (SIP) at the University of Hyderabad. The SIP provides international students the opportunity to study various aspects of Indian society, history, culture, and creates an international education model.

CIEE Hyderabad Course Offerings

- Hindi I
- Conversational Hindi
- Basic Telugu
- Basic Urdu
- Contemporary India
- Introducing India
- Ethnographic Approaches to Indian Society
- Introduction to Indian Folk Culture
- South Asian Women in the Diaspora
- Contemporary Gay Indian Poetry
- Political Economy of Human Rights
- Religion and Politics in Modern India
- Social Change in Modern India
- Indian English Literature and Thought

Saturday in the City: Chicago Goes International

IWU International Students and Alums Explore the City and Each Others' Cultures

On February 23, 2008, over 20 IWU international students boarded a coach to Chicago for "Saturday in the City," a day-long excursion that paired students with IWU alumni.

After listening to international students talk during Homecoming about their experiences crossing cultures, IWU alumna Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas ('76) proposed the event as a way to bridge

cultures and forge friendships.

"I was particularly struck with their comments [at homecoming] about the foods they miss from home, how long it would be before they would have the comfort of encouraging words from their parents and families and the undeniable truth that they are so alone even in their group," Wolf-Astrauskas said.

For the February event, 16

alumni joined the students, showing them around the city and introducing them to the history, culture, and cuisine of Chicago. Students toured the Loop, explored Millennium Park and the Art Institute, and visited the Sears Skydeck.

And the international students, too, did some sharing: one group took alums to a Chinese restaurant, where the current students introduced their guests

to traditional dishes. "I had the treat of sampling Chinese dishes I probably never would have attempted if not for the explanation of the students," Wolf-Astrauskas said. "Though my lips were numb from the spices, we had a great time."

The event was a great success and planning is underway for another "Saturday in the City" this fall. For more details, contact the Alumni Affairs Office.



*Far Left
Aly Krawczyk (IES England): Waltz at the Paris Opera House*

*Left
Luke Loury (College Year in Athens): Aegina*



*Right
Riley Benko (IWU London): Atop of St. Peter's*

Faculty Opportunities

IWU London & IWU Madrid

Congratulations to Professor Chuck Springwood, who will direct the 2009 IWU Madrid Program, and to Professor Chris Prendergast, who has been named the 2009 London Program director.

Calls for the 2009 program directors will be coming out this year. For more information about the application process and directors' responsibilities, please contact the Provost's Office.



ASIANetwork Student-Faculty Fellows Program

ASIANetwork, with funding from the Freeman Foundation, offers funding to support faculty-student collaborative research in Asia.

Awards provide up to \$5,000 for each faculty member and student, and funds can be used for transportation, lodging, meals, and all incidental expenses. An additional \$1,000 per group is also available to the faculty mentor to acquire books, other teaching materials, and

necessary equipment for the research group. More details can be found at www.asianetwork.org.



Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program

The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program provides international development opportunities to educators and administrators in fields related to humanities, languages, and area studies. All seminars are in non-western European countries and are designed to provide an introductory cultural orientation to a particular country.

Summer 2009 Fulbright-Hays Seminars will be held in China (History & Culture), Jordan & Oman, and Senegal. For more details, contact Jo Porter (jporter@iwu.edu, x3058).



Other Opportunities

For details on other faculty opportunities, please see the Faculty section of the International Office website. There you will find details on the IWU Faculty Site Visit grant program, program-sponsored familiarization trips, and international faculty development seminars.



Jenny Strobel (AustraLearn Australia): Year of the Surf Life Saver



Renee Scherer (SIT Russia): Getting Onions



Steve Trzyna (SIT Oman): Al Hamra Fort, Nizwa, Oman

Study Abroad Alumni News

We contacted recent Illinois Wesleyan grads and are so glad to see many of them returning for work abroad!

Erin Cox (IWU Madrid): Teaching English in Spain * **Kyle Charles** (IES Germany): Joining the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan * **Dominick DeBartolo** (CIEE Japan): Working for an electronics manufacturing company in Japan * **Bill Dwyer** (IES Austria): Student Coordinator for IES in Vienna * **Brian Egdorf** (IES France): Teaching high school English in France * **Stephanie Panozzo** (IES China): Accepted into a master's degree program in Chinese economy at Fudan University in Shanghai * **Rebecca Segal** (IES France): Teaching High School English in France * **Sikuru Tijani** (Keio University, Japan): Teaching English in Japan through the Japanese Exchange Teaching (JET) Program



We also salute these recent grads who went abroad during their time at IWU.

Chris Burrichter (IWU Madrid): Attending De Paul Law School * **Lane Coonrod** (IES Chile): Working at Allstate Insurance Company * **Lauren Fischer** (Arcadia England): Teaching elementary school in North Carolina through the Teach for America Program * **Carolyn Hull** (IWU Madrid): Working for the Coordinated Campaign for the Colorado Democratic Party in Denver, CO * **Jim Kjelland** (Pembroke College): Working at Allstate Insurance Company as a financial analyst * **Morgan Manning** (AustraLearn Australia): Entering the Illinois Legislative Student Internship Program through the University of Illinois at Springfield * **Katie Mizera** (Cuernavaca, Mexico): Attending Rush Medical College * **Leslie Morrison** (SIT Australia): Joining the Green Corps, class of 2009 * **Mary Olson** (SACI Italy): Pursuing a degree in museum studies from New York State University * **Nola Richardson** (IES Austria): Attending the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins * **Meghan Rynne** (IWU Madrid): Utilizing Spanish skills at Wells Fargo Financial * **Renee Scherer** (SIT Russia): Attending University of Michigan for a PhD in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literature * **Jennifer Schnupp** (IWU London): Attending Michigan State University to pursue a PhD in Psychology * **Megan Sheehan** (IWU Madrid): Teaching high school math in Zion, IL * **Mollie Slattery** (Butler Australia): Interning with Seattle Repertory Theatre * **Elizabeth Stith** (IWU Madrid): Teaching second grade in Aurora, IL * **Jenny Strobel** (AustraLearn Australia): Attending Mayo Clinic in a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program * **Stephanie Urban** (Arcadia England): Moving to New York City to pursue a career in marketing * **Miranda Utzinger** (AustraLearn New Zealand): Attending ISU to study biological anthropology and archaeology

Study Abroad: Fall '08 Where they are...

Linda Agyapong	Denmark
Christine Anderson	Spain
Matthew Ballenger	England
Catherine Bayles	England
Melanie Bise	Japan
Dominique Blalock	Australia
Katherine Carlson	Denmark
Sarah Casey	Greece
Ann Chang	Spain
Amelia Ciskey	Austria
Natalie Cummings	Austria
Amanda D'Allaird	England
Amanda Durbin	Denmark
Alexandra Ferguson	England
Kathryn Feriozzi	Italy
Cara Galvin	Spain
Anthony Gunnell	Tanzania
Tiffany Howell	England
Marie Huey	Ecuador
Alyssa Janning	New Zealand
Mark Kasperczyk	Scotland
Thomas Kendall	Ecuador
Brittany Keifer	England
Michele Kim	England
Taylor Kofron	England
Nicholas Kogelman	England
Adam Law	England
Carolyn Leonard	England
Anne Marquette	England
Scott Maturno	England
Jessica Meyer	England
Kari Monegato	Spain
Imin Moriya	France
Celeste Nunez	Japan
Adebola Olayinka	England
Jeremy Pease	Austria
Teodora Petrova	Germany
Tyler Rhodes	Japan
Christa Rinkel	France
Rachel Rock	England
María Roth	England
Kristin Russo	Madagascar
Joseph Schmitt	Ireland
Lauren Seidner	England
Joseph Skonie	England
Amanda Sobottka	France
Miles Spann	China
Cassie Stachniw	Germany
Rhiannon Steffen	England
Stefan Stoev	Spain
Ronni Tansey	France
Patricia Troxell	Denmark
Christopher Unger	Argentina
Jacob Weis	Uganda
Jenna Welsch	Australia
Jaclyn Welter	France
Morgan Wetzel	South Korea
Christopher Wheatley	England
Ariana Wilkey	England
Rachel Wright	Oman

Funding Your Study Abroad Experience



Study abroad can be affordable!

While spending a semester studying in another country will be more costly than staying in Blooming-Normal for four months, remember that all of your federal, state, and IWU financial aid (except work-study) can be applied to the tuition costs. Moreover, there are additional sources of aid available specifically for studying abroad.

Indeed, students studying abroad this fall received a combined total of over \$17,000 in additional aid, with awards ranging from \$750 to \$5000!

All of our affiliated study abroad providers have scholarship programs. Some of their scholarships are need based, some are merit based, and some are geographically specific, but all provide an excellent

place to look for funding opportunities.

There are also some national study abroad scholarship programs. Among them are the following:

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships offers up to \$5000 to help students with high financial need (those receiving Pell Grants) to study abroad. An additional \$3000 is available to students who study a critical-need language.

The Freeman Asia Program offers up to \$5000 for study in East/Southeast Asia.

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants provide \$1000 for study abroad.

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) funds study abroad in regions of critical interest to the United States. Awards range from \$8000 for summer study to \$20,000 for a full academic year.

Study abroad is one of the most valuable experiences you can gain while in college. And with a bit of extra work on your part, it can become a reality!

For more information...

- Visit the "Scholarship" page of the IWU Study Abroad website (www2.iwu.edu/studyabroad/).
- Explore the websites of our affiliated study abroad providers (Arcadia, AustraLearn, Butler, Central, CIEE, CYA, DIS, IES, SACI, and SIT).
- Search online funding databases such as IIE Passport (www.studyabroadfunding.org), IEFA (www.iefaf.org), or StudyAbroad.com (www.studyabroad.com).

International Office Photo Contest

The International Office will sponsor two more photo contests this year, one each semester—and we are hoping that they will be as successful as previous contests.

Recently returned study abroad students—those who studied abroad for the full 2007–08 academic year and those who studied abroad in spring or summer 2007—may submit up to three (3) pictures. Entry requirements are below.

Entries will be judged by the International Office staff and

the Study Abroad Advisory Committee, and winners will be selected based on the image quality and aesthetics, individuality of perspective, and the image's ability to capture an experience, location, or event abroad. The winner will receive a framed 8 x 10 enlargement of the winning image, and the runner up will receive a 5 x 7 framed enlargement. The winning image and runners up will also be displayed in the International Office and on the International Office website

Entry Requirements

- Each student may submit up to 3 images
- Entries should be 3x5 or 4x6 prints or digital images
- On the back of each entry, please write your name and your email address.
- Attach an entry form to each image submitted (
- Attach to each entry a copy of the entry form (available in the International Office)

Deadline: Friday, October 10, 4:00 pm, the International Office.

