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International Office News

“Bringing the world to IWU”

Spring 2008
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Upcoming Events

January 17 — Study
Abroad Fair, 4:00-6:00, the
Dug Out

January 22 — Presentation
on the Technos
International Week, 12:10 in
CNS E104

January 31 — Technos
International Week
applications due,
International Studies
Program office

February 1 — IWU London
Program application
deadline, 4:00, the
International Office

February 4 — Non-Org. IWU
Faculty Site Visit Grants

February 4 — *World Piece*
discussion. Topic and time
TBA.

March 1 — Deadline for
Fall, Summer, and
Academic Year study
abroad applications, 4:00,
the International Office

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World Pieces



In a joint effort, IWU's International Society Student Organization (I-Society) and the International Office have launched *World Piece*, a series of hour-long student-led discussions focusing on current global issues.

World Piece discussions are held the first Monday of each month that IWU is in session in Kemp Hall (International House). Fall semester topics included a discussion on modern China,

"Understanding Islam — A Cultural Perspective," and an exploration of International celebrations. The first *World Piece* session of the spring semester will be the evening of February 4.

I-Society is a student organization that promotes cultural awareness on the IWU campus, brings together students of various ethnicities, and encourages IWU students to study abroad. I-Society also sponsors the I-Carnivale, an

annual festival that celebrates the multiple cultures on campus.

I-Society President Hoang Nguyen says, "With an increase in international students [at IWU], the time is right to expand the scope of I-Society. In recent years, we have focused our energy on the I-Carnivale in the spring, but we're taking time this year to do other activities and 'World Piece' is one of them."

International Departures

This spring sees 56 students setting out for a semester of study abroad. Eighteen will be living and studying in Madrid with Associate Professor Diego Mendez-Carbajo as part of the IWU Madrid Program. The others will be heading to programs from Australia to Russia, from Ghana to Greece. Two will be interning with members of the Irish Parliament in Dublin; one will be participating in an archeological excavation in Greece; many will be taking courses directly at a foreign university; and all will be earning credit toward their IWU degrees.

We wish them all a bon voyage!



Tuhin Abner	Japan	Lauren Nelson	Russia
Thomas Almanzo	Spain	Julie Petruzzello	Spain
Messifa Ankou	Spain	Lindsey Poe	Australia
Allison Beckmann	England	David Priester	Austria
Alessandra Bollero	Spain	Kirsten Pufahl	Ghana
Ashley Borchardt	Spain	Patrick Rodgers	Spain
Arielle Cassiday	Spain	Christina Rodriguez	Ireland
Megan Connolly	Ireland	Anna Rothenbaum	Spain
Heather DeLong	Spain	Karin Sangdahl	Germany
Elizabeth Doerner	Denmark	Sharif Shawki	England
Simonne Francis	Spain	Teresa Sherman	England
Catherine Gembara	Spain	Chris Sleezer	Spain
Christine Gibbs	Ireland	Nick Smith	Spain
Shawn Hackett	Australia	Elizabeth Sowatzke	Austria
Mary Heaney	Spain	Ashley Sproull	England
Tanya Hnastchenko	China	Julia Sternstein	Spain
Rachel Hodel	Ecuador	Elisabeth Talentowski	Spain
Alex Holmberg	Ireland	Brian Tiefenbruck	France
Christy Ivie	India	Maksim Troyak	New Zealand
Bradley Janes	Japan	Katherine Utesch	Spain
Sarah Kappel	Italy	Christina Verhelst	Spain
Jessica Kim	Germany	Jerold Watkins	Spain
Spencer King	Spain	Amy Weeks	Denmark
Amanda Kowalski	England	Catherine Whelan	Russia
Lucas Loury	Greece	Bennett Whitnell	Spain
Gina Manson	Spain	John Wilson	Denmark
Emily Marcheschi	Spain	Ewelina Wojnowska	Spain
Shannon Moffitt	Spain	Alec Zurek	Australia
Katherine Nelson	Italy	Jennifer Zyks	Australia

Featured Study Abroad Program

SIT Summer Program in China: Public Health and Traditional Chinese Medicine

[From the SIT catalog]

From barefoot doctors to traditional remedies, the Chinese public health system has drawn increasing attention in the West. In this program, students have the unique opportunity to study traditional Chinese medicine and public health issues by working with professionals in the field in both urban and rural settings. Students will have the opportunity to observe

traditional practitioners of herbal medicine, acupuncture, and massage therapy, and, in some cases, receive practical training.

Based in the city of Kunming in Yunnan Province, China, and run in conjunction with the Yunnan Provincial Hospital of Traditional Chinese Medicine, the program provides an introduction to the ancient philosophy, theory, history, and practices in traditional Chinese

medicine, one of the world's oldest, best-known, and most-developed medicinal systems, placing it in the social context of public health in China.

To facilitate their health-related academic work, students on this program also undertake the study of Mandarin language and Chinese culture.

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Program Highlights

Credits: 8 semester hours (2 IWU units)

Program Dates: 6 weeks (early June to mid-July)

Program Base: Kunming, Yunnan Province

Language Study: Mandarin

Educational Excursions: The Kunming area; the traditional towns of Dali, on the shores of Erhai Lake; and Lijiang, a UNESCO World Heritage site and home to the Bai and Naxi peoples.

Prerequisites: At least two semesters of college level work at the time of application and Previous college-level coursework or other significant preparation in the health sciences or a related field, as assessed by SIT.

International Studies Events

“Consuming the World”

Upcoming IS Colloquia

January 17, 4:00

"Visualizing the Globalization of Consumption through the Asian Lens," presented by Professor Abigail Jahiel (Director, Environmental Studies).

February 7, 4:00

TBA

March 6, 4:00

TBA

April 3, 4:00

The Latin American Studies and Development Studies Teams will sponsor a joint faculty-student panel discussion.



The IS Colloquium theme for 2008-09 will be **Art and Resistance**. Faculty and student groups hosting events or speakers that might relate to this theme are encouraged to contact the International Studies Program.

Technos International Week

In cooperation with Technos International College of Tokyo, IWU each summer sends two

freshman or sophomore students to Japan, cost free, for a program that includes a four-day program at Technos International College, tours of the City of Tokyo and rural Japanese villages, and an excursion to a mountain resort.

For more details, please contact Professor William Munro (wmunro@iwu.edu, x3629/x3375). Applications for the Technos International Week are due January 31, 3:00 pm, to the International Studies Program office.



2007 Technos participants, Professor Nancy Sultan and students Kari Irwin and Preston Prior, will give an informational presentation on the program at 12:10 on January 22 in CNS E104.

Peoria Area World Affairs Council (PAWAC) Conference

February 15-16, 2008

The 38th Annual Central Illinois World Affairs Conference,

"Geopolitics of Climate Change: Competition for Limited Resources," will be at

the Hotel Pere Marquette on Feb. 15 and 16.

The International Studies Program will pay to send a student delegation to this conference. For more information, please contact Professor William Munro (wmunro@iwu.edu, x3629/x3375).

Scholar-at-Risk Lecture

On February 13, at 4:00 in the Beckman Auditorium in The Ames Library, Professor Taye Woldesmiat will present "Globalization and the Crisis in the Horn of Africa" as part of the Social Science Division Lecture Series.

Prof. Woldesmiat, from Ethiopia, is a visiting associate professor of political science. He joined the faculty for 2007-08 as a Scholar at Risk.

IWU is a founding member of the Scholars-at-Risk Network, an international group of over 80 colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world that promotes academic freedom and defends the human rights of scholars worldwide.



Above: Trentemoult, Nantes (Becca Segal, IES Nantes, Spring 2007)

Below: IWU London Program students (Sarah Stumpf, IWU London, Fall 2007)



Faculty Opportunities

Summer Faculty Development Seminars in Spain/Morocco and Jordan

As part of an effort to increase faculty knowledge of Islamic cultures and regions, Provost Cunningham is offering to fully fund participation for two IWU faculty members in one of two CIEE International Faculty Development Seminars that explore Islamic issues. Details on those seminars are below.

The Faculty Development Committee will review faculty proposals after January 18. The proposals should include a current CV and a 500-word statement that addresses three questions specified by CIEE:

- 1) How does the program content relate to your present and future academic and career goals?
- 2) What aspects of your personal experience—for instance, relevant coursework, job experiences, previous travel, or study in the host country—have prepared you to live and study in a foreign country? Please specify any particular experience with the culture of the host country.
- 3) What are your objectives for your time overseas with CIEE?

Interested faculty should submit six (6) copies of your proposal to Jenny Hand by the January 18.

Faculty may also consult with Stacey Shimizu in the International Office for more details on the programs and about the CIEE eligibility requirements and application. For more information, please



Spain & Morocco:

Exploring the Coexistence and Challenges of Neighboring Cultures

May 25–June 5, 2008

Itinerary

This 12-day seminar begins and ends in Seville, Spain, and includes Cordoba (Spain), Algeciras, Tangier, Asilah, Rabat, Chefchaouen, and Ceuta (Morocco).

Rationale

In our current world climate, there is symbolic meaning to crossing the Strait of Gibraltar, 12 miles which separates Africa and Europe, Morocco and Spain, the Muslim and Western worlds. This seminar explores the links between Morocco and Spain on a variety of levels: the rich cultural and historic heritage from the Al Andalus era, the intersection of the “developing” and the “developed” worlds, and the global impact of terrorism and increasing

animosity between historically Muslim and Christian societies. This seminar seeks to discuss the relevant issues of diversity and co-existence, religious and cultural pluralism, history, globalization, economic inequalities, and immigration.



Jordan:

Middle East Conflict and Cooperation

June 8–15, 2008

Itinerary

This 8-day seminar begins and ends in Amman, Jordan and includes a 3-day excursion to Jerusalem.

Rationale

The association between the Middle East and conflict is known. It is hard to imagine a day in recent history when the news from the region was not

filled with stories of ongoing violence, political intransigence, and diplomatic deadlock. What grabs fewer headlines are the countless examples of cooperation that take place everyday on an individual, national, and regional level.

This seminar approaches the Middle East from the unusual perspective that cooperation not only exists but in many areas is rapidly becoming the regional norm. Participants receive an historic overview of the major sources of conflict in the region. Then the seminar shifts gears to reviewing real life examples of how conflict management has evolved into ongoing cooperation in areas such as environmental protection, education, economic development, and interfaith dialogue.

Faculty Site Visit Grants

The International Office will continue to offer small Faculty Site Visit grants (\$500, reimbursable) to allow faculty who already plan to be abroad an opportunity to visit an affiliated study abroad program. A call for applications will go out this spring to support up to 4 site visits during May Term or over the summer.

Two Faculty Site Visit Grants were awarded last fall for visits early this semester. Congratulations to Doran French, who will be visiting the CIEE program at East China Normal University in Shanghai,

and Diego Mendez-Carbajo, who will visit two affiliated programs in Greece.

Previous Faculty Site Visit Grants have been given to Hiroko Furo (Tokyo), Irv Epstein (Santiago, Chile), Tom Lutze (Beijing), Marina Balina (St. Petersburg), Sonja Fritzsche (Berlin), William Munro (Cape Town), and Christina Isabelli (Granada, Spain).

Previous recipients will talk about the programs they visited and about the Site Visit Grant application process at the February 4 Non-Org.



Left:
“A Refreshing Break from the City” (Krystyna Zwolinski, Butler Costa Rica, Spring 2007)

Study Abroad Fast Facts

Study Abroad Programs

- Arcadia
- AustralLearn
- Central College
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- CIEE
- College Year in Athens
- DIS
- IES
- IFSA Butler
- IWU London
- IWU Madrid
- Keio University
- Pembroke Program
- SACI
- SIT
- The Swedish Program
- Universidad Internacional (summer only)

Countries/Regions = 76
Continents = 6

Participants

2006-07 = 151 in 25 countries
2007-08 (to date) = 106 in 23 countries

Countries with highest participation (over 5 yrs):

- England = 165
- Spain = 130
- Australia = 66
- Italy = 34
- France = 32
- Mexico = 26
- Austria = 25
- Ireland = 20
- Japan = 18

New Programs

Arcadia — Archaeology in Scotland (summer)

IES — Oxford University, St Catherine's College

CIEE — Public Health in Buenos Aires (summer)

Film Studies in Prague, Czech Republic

Legal Studies in Madrid, Spain

International Office Photo Contest

Congratulations to Stephanie Panozzo (IES Beijing) for her winning photo, "A Lone Farmer at Lake Lugu," and to Thomas Yang (Yonsei University) for his second-place image of the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea. To see some of the other stunning pictures submitted to the fall Study Abroad Photo Contest, please visit the International Office website.

The spring Study Abroad Photo Contest is open to all returning to study abroad students. Students may submit up to three (3) pictures. Submission details 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.

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 photo, please write your name and your email address.
- Attach an entry form—available from the International Office—to each image submitted.

Deadline:

Friday, February 15, 4:00 pm, the International Office.



Above: A Lone Farmer at Lake Lugu (Stephanie Panozzo, IES Beijing, Spring 2007)

"This photo captures the way of life in Lugu Lake. Nearly everyone there works as a farmer or a boat guide, and the people there rarely leave the area, as the nearest city is six hours away. The farmers plant everything by hand and have no modern machinery..."

"Although my four days in Lugu Lake were difficult at times due to the lack of modern conveniences and entertainment, pictures like this one remind me of how much I enjoyed its beautiful simplicity."

✎ Stephanie Panozzo

Below: The Demilitarized Zone (Thomas Yang, Yonsei University, Summer 2007)

