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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

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 Tuning 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
Yuiko Kazama Japan
Ekatarina Kobrina Russia
Chalida Lamsam Thailand
Myung-Chul Lee Korea
Haoda Li China
Li Li China
Xiaoshu Li China
Xinjun Liang China
Jordyn Maglalang Canada
Jie Min China
Sôlène Myran France
Dare Olaitan Nigeria
Joshua Pandian India
David Peia Romania

Trang Pham Vietnam
Aditya Shahi India
Hyun Soo Sheen Canada
Devaki Soman India
Erina Suguhara Japan
Purav Vagadia Kenya
Van Thu Vu Vietnam
Yujie Wu China
Jiaxiang Xu China
Yunya Yang China
Xiaoxiao Zhang China
Shanshan Zhou China
Cheng Zhou China
Hong Zhou China
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.
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.

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.

**Featured Study Abroad Program**

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

**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

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 fallacy- 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.

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 ● Skini Tjani (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.

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

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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-language need.

**The Freeman Asia Program**

offers up to $5000 for study in East/Southeast Asia.

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, AustLeaLearn, Butler, Central, CIEE, CYA, DIS, IES, SACI, and SIT).
- Search online funding databases such as IIE Passport (www.studyabroadfunding.org), IEFA (www.iefa.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.