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International Office News

“Bringing the world to IWU”

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Upcoming Events

January 15 — Spring Study Abroad Fair, 4:00-6:00 in the Dug Out

January 15 — International Studies Colloquium, 4:00, Ames Library

January 15 — Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships Informational, Welcome Center (more details inside)

January 16 — London Program information session, 4:00, Beckman Auditorium, Ames Library

January 30 — Technos Program applications due, Multiprograms Office (CLA)

February 1 — IWU London Program applications due, 4:00, the International Office

More events inside

We'll Always Have Casablanca

In June 2009, five faculty and 2 staff members of the Illinois Wesleyan community will travel to Morocco for a weeklong development seminar.

Participating in the seminar will be Academic Outreach Librarian and Associate Professor Lynda Duke, Environmental Studies Chair and Associate Professor of Environmental Studies Abigail Jahiel, Hispanic Studies Chair and Professor Carolyn Nadeau, Associate Professor of Economics Ilaria Ossella-Durbal, Associate Professor of Economics Diego Mendez-Carbajo, University of Communications Staff Writer Rachel Hatch and Staff Counselor Robyn Walter.

Participants in the Morocco seminar will prepare for the trip during the spring semester, meeting regularly to discuss readings in their areas of interest. In June, the group will travel to Al Akhawayn University (AUI) in Ifrane, Morocco, to meet

with faculty/staff counterparts, attend presentations, and engage explore their research topics. The seminar will also include excursions so such locations as Fez, Rabat, or Marrakech.

The Morocco seminar is part of the University's ongoing effort to promote international understanding and opportunities. The idea for such a seminar grew out of the Globalizing the IWU Campus workshop held in June 2008, at which keynote speaker Uliana Gabbara

described a similar program at the University of Richmond.

The partnership with AUI emerged from a 2007 Grant from the Hollings Center to allow IWU to begin exploring partnerships with three institutions in Morocco and Jordan. The Hollings center is nongovernmental organization promoting dialogue between citizens of the United States predominantly Muslim countries.

In the fall of 2009, Illinois Wesleyan will also welcome a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Al Akhawayn University. Professor Driss Maghraoui will teach courses in history and Middle Eastern politics. "Al Akhawayn is very similar to Illinois Wesleyan," said Boyd of the university nestled in the



Middle Atlas Mountains of North Africa. "Our faculty are working in many of the same areas, and instruction for all university curricula at Al Akhawayn is English."

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Right: Jeremy Pease (IES Vienna)

Far Right: Morgan Wetzel (CIEE Seoul)



Featured Program

Arcadia-MCAS in Syracuse, Italy

Arcadia University has recently opened a new program in Syracuse, on the island of Sicily.

The new program operated in cooperation with the Mediterranean Center for Arts and Sciences (MCAS), offers course work in classical studies, environmental studies, history and political science, Italian studies, and studio and fine arts, and many of the classes involve fieldwork that takes advantage of the program's site.

All classes, except Italian language courses, are taught in English at the MCAS central building, Palazzo Ardizzone. The Palazzo Ardizzone is a completely restored, 17th-century Spanish palace in the historical center of the ancient city of Syracuse, and it houses classrooms, a library, photography lab, art studio, student lounge, and

computer lab

Students in archaeology and certain other classics options, art history, and environmental science classes should expect to be required to attend at least two to three Friday fieldtrips over the course of the semester. Academic fieldtrips examine the following sites: Agrigento; Piazza Armerina and Morgantina; Taormina and Castelmolo; Ragusa, Modica, Noto, and Scicli; Pantalica and Anapo Valley; and Mount Etna.

Housing is guaranteed, and students are placed in student apartments with other American or international students. Apartments house 2-8 students, and offer shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. The MCAS is about 15-30 minutes by foot from most student accommodations.

Arcadia Syracuse Sample Classes

- Italian—beginning, intermediate, advanced, intensive
- Latin—beginning, intermediate, advanced
- European Union Politics
- Greek and Roman Political Theory
- Mafia: Politics & History
- Medieval Art History: Byzantine, Arabic, & Norman Art in Sicily
- Mediterranean Ecosystems: An Introduction to Terrestrial and Marine Environments
- Roman Archaeology and Art
- Roman History: From Republic to Empire
- Sicily Sketchbook
- Sustainability & Human Development: Learning from the Mediterranean Landscapes
- Traditions & Techniques of Italian Painting
- Travel Journal: Creative Writing
- Volcanology: Etna

IWU Student to Represent U.S. as Young Leader in Berlin

[From the IWU News Site]
October 15, 2008

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Cassie Stachniw, a junior German and Russian and Eastern European Studies double major from Galesburg, Ill. has been selected to participate in "The United States Meets Germany: A Forum for Young Leaders." The event will take place from Nov. 10-14 in Berlin.

Stachniw, who is currently studying abroad in Berlin through the Institute for International Education of Students (IES) program, applied to

participate in the conference. The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD), which sponsors the forum, seeks students from the United States and Germany, as well as the wider international community to participate in the forum. Students must also have a strong academic background and/or professional experience and should demonstrate leadership skills and have an active interest in international affairs with particular emphasis on the US-German bilateral relationship.

The ICD's Web site states

that the forum is designed to bring together young, influential people from both sides of the Atlantic in order for them to gain insight into cultural diplomacy, exchange ideas, and experiences and learn from influential players already working in the field. Participants will develop contacts on both a social and professional level and participate in challenging discussions.

According to the ICD, the forum seeks to produce a dynamic, informed group of Young Leaders who are aware of the potential for cultural diplomacy and have the necessary

resources to organize their own initiatives. Ultimately, the forum hopes to improve understanding between the U.S. and Germany and improve future cooperation and exchange between the two countries.

For additional information, please visit the ICD Web site at www.unc.edu/depts/diplomat/item/2008/0709/an_usmeetsgermany.html.

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Study Abroad Numbers up in National Ranking

[From the IWU News Site]

January 14, 2009

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University has once again drawn national attention for its Study Abroad Program.

The University moved up six spots on the latest Institute of International Education's (IIE) Open Doors report, ranking 31st in the nation among baccalaureate institutions for the total number of students studying abroad.

IIE calculates the percentage of students studying abroad during an academic year to the

number of students who are conferred degrees that same year. The most recent IIE report, which covers the 2006-2007 academic year, records 313 Illinois Wesleyan students traveling for their studies, whether for a semester, a year or May Term.

When looking at May Term alone, which IIE considers "short-term duration study abroad," Illinois Wesleyan ranks 20th in the nation among baccalaureate institutions.

"These numbers are a confirmation of the continued effort on the part of the University to provide international opportunities for

our students," said Illinois Wesleyan Director of the International Office Stacey Shimizu. "We have incredible students, and we want them to be prepared to take their place as global citizens. Study abroad programs are an important part of that."

The number of students taking advantage of study abroad opportunities is increasing, said Shimizu. She noted this spring 85 students are taking part in study programs abroad, a record for a single semester at Illinois Wesleyan.

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Upcoming Events (continued)

February 2 — World Piece, "First-Generation Americans: The Challenges of Growing up in Two Cultures," 7:00, I-House.

February 5 — Capoeira Demonstration by Mestre Dennis members of the Cordao de Ouro Capoeira Club (Champaign, IL), 4:00, Beckman Auditorium, Ames Library

March 2 — Application deadline for summer, fall, and full-year study abroad, 4:00, the International Office

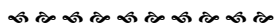
March 5 — International Studies Colloquium, 4:00, Ames Library

March 8 — I-Carnival, time TBA, Hanson Center

April 2 — International Studies Colloquium, 4:00, Ames Library

Study Abroad Scholarships

Eight IWU students received over \$16,000 in external funding for their spring 2009 study abroad experiences. The average award size was \$1000, but one student received \$4500 from the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship program and another \$5000 from the Freeman Asia Foundation.



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Hart Career center is hosting an information session on the Rotary International

Ambassadorial Scholarship Program in Thursday, January 15, at 4:00.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship is a grant of \$25,000 for one year's study abroad. These scholarships are awarded for study, often graduate study, in a field related to Rotary's objectives. Applicants for the full year scholarship must pass a language proficiency exam in the language of the proposed country.

Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships offer \$12,000-\$17,000 for 3-6 months intensive study of language and culture

at one of a number of institutions which The Rotary Foundation designates. Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships may be awarded to undergraduates who have demonstrated a potential for furthering the objectives of Rotary, but many applicants are graduates.

Think it's unlikely you'd qualify? Think again! Illinois Wesleyan University has had several Rotary scholars in recent years, and two—Patrick Beary (2007) and Martin Ceisel (2009)—will be on hand to talk with you.



Over winter Break, a group of IWU international students, accompanied by adjunct Professor of History Douglass Cutter and International Student/Scholar Advisor Reenie Bradley, visited the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Lincoln Home in Springfield, Illinois. Here, the group poses with President Lincoln and his family.

Comings ...

The International Office offers returning study abroad students a warm welcome back to frigid central Illinois.

Linda Agyapong (Denmark) * Christine Anderson (Spain) * Matthew Ballenger (England) * Catherine Bayles (England) * Melanie Bise (Japan) * Dominique Blalock (Australia) * Sarah Carlson (Ireland) * 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 Kiefer (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 (Vienna) * Teodora Petrova (Germany) * Tyler Rhodes (Japan) * Christa Rinkel (France) * Rachel Rock(England) * Maria Roth (England) * Kristin Russo (Madagascar) * Joseph Schmitt (Ireland) * Lauren Seidner (England) * Joseph Skonie (England) * Amanda Sobottka (France) * Cassandra 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)

We as a campus look forward to hearing about your studies and your experiences. And keep your eyes open for announcements about our spring photo contest and workshops for returned study abroaders.

And Goings

And we extend our best wishes to those setting off for a spring semester abroad. This spring, over 80 IWU students will be studying in 25 countries across the globe, including our first students in Egypt and Brazil.

Reem Abbasi	Ghana
Elizabeth Allen	Ecuador
Frank Alonso	Japan
Messifa Ankou	France
Coco Bassey	Germany
Matthew Beres	Spain
Jennifer Biess	Scotland
Angela Born	Austria
Kathryn Brown	Spain
Jennifer Bubke	Morocco
Katherine Buoscio	Spain
Margaret Byrne	Spain
Claire Byrne	Spain
Timothy Cousins	China
Mike Czajkowski	Scotland
Alison Dallinger	Spain
Karina De Sousa	Brazil
Hannah Detig	Uganda
Cassie DeVore	Spain
Samantha Eads	Spain
Christine Favaro	Spain
Lindsey Fehrman	Spain

Sean Gower	Spain	Nicole Mocerino	Italy	Juliana Sainati	Italy
Geoffrey Grimm	Spain	Joshua Monk	Greece	Charles Sell	Switzerland
Tengfei Guo	Hong Kong	Allyson Moravec	England	Monica Shah	Spain
Emily Hopper	Spain	Linda Morris	Spain	Lindsey Skaggs	Chile
Kristen Hosack	Spain	Jaclyn Morrison	Spain	Katherine Slevin	France
Jessica Howard	Italy	Zachery Nicolay	Germany	Heather Stark	France
Erin Hussey	Italy	Lindsay Norton	Denmark	Aaron Sutherland	England
Lindsey Iseler	Spain	Alexa Nosek	Spain	Stephanie Swope	Spain
Marie Julien	Denmark	Allison Novak	Spain	Emily Szynski	Ghana
Katie Kaczmarczyk	Italy	Megan O'Gorman	Spain	Matt Tannenbaum	Australia
Jamie Kang	Spain	David Olson	Spain	Bradley Tieche	Spain
James Lam	Argentina	Jenee Page	France	Amy Uden	Spain
Ryan Lambert	Denmark	Jane Papke	Ireland	Chris Unger	Netherlands
Andrew LoDolce	Austria	Kelly Petersen	Ecuador	Lucille Viereckl	Ireland
Aislinn Lowry	Egypt	Julie Regenbogen	England	Chris Wilson	Australia
Kevin Luginbill	England	Beth Ann Roberts	Germany	Kaitlin Woolverton	Denmark
Amelia Luna	Greece	Melissa Roche	Greece	Xinyi Wu	Spain
Connie Margaritis	Greece	Stephanie Rogers	Spain	Kathleen Zeman	Spain
Ashley McGee	Greece	Stephanie Ross	Denmark		
Paulo Michelini	Italy	Jenna Rowland	Spain		
Jenna Miller	Italy	Erin Ryan	Australia		

Bon Voyage!



Far Left: Joey Schmitt and Jeremy Pease in Ireland (IES Ireland, IES Vienna)

Left: Ann Chang (CIEE Seville)

Right: Anne Marquette (Pembroke College)

