



# International Programs Center Newsworthy

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## Latest Arrivals: Exchange Opportunities in Eurasia



University of Hyderabad, India

For more than ten years, UNCG has built its international reputation on its more than 40 exchange partnerships. In recent years, more and more students, as well as educators, have begun to realize that an international experience should be an integral part of every degree program. With the ever-increasing student interest in studying abroad comes a greater need for a broader, more diverse offering of countries and curricula. To that end, IPC is thrilled to announce the addition of several exciting programs in Eurasia: **University of Hyderabad, India; Yeditepe University, Turkey; Kazan University, Russia;** and **Chinese University of Hong Kong, China.**

At the University of Hyderabad in India, students may participate in the Study India Program (SIP), that introduces them to several aspects of Indian culture, taught in English. **Charles Orzech** (Religious Studies) and **Mary Ellis Gibson** (Women's & Gender Studies) have been instrumental in the development of this partnership.



Yeditepe University, Turkey

Yeditepe University in Turkey, situated on one of the seven hills around Istanbul, and for which it is named, is an exciting modern university with a wide range of offerings. **Jim Weeks** (Dean of Business & Economics) has visited Yeditepe on behalf of UNCG.



Kazan State University, Russia

Kazan, Russia, home of Kazan State University, is considered the "Gateway to the East". Located on the East Volga River, Kazan will give students the opportunity to experience the distinctiveness of two Russian cultures. This program was initiated as result of the time **Kathleen Ahern** (German, Russian & Japanese Studies) spent at the university as a Fulbright scholar.



Chinese University of Hong Kong, China

Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) in China offers a range of opportunities for UNCG students, including a chance to learn Chinese language and culture. All coursework is offered in English. **Lyn Lawrance** visited CUHK during a recent visit to Asia.

If you would like further information about UNCG's new international partners, or if you would like to discuss a potential partnership, please feel free to contact Lyn Lawrance at [lawrance@uncg.edu](mailto:lawrance@uncg.edu).

## The culture exchange with the elementary school kids

By International Degree-Seeking Student, *Akinori "Mickey" Yoshida*



One of my most memorable experiences in the Piedmont was meeting children and teachers of the Johnson Street Elementary School in High Point. This elementary school regularly invites a guest speaker from many countries at its morning meeting in the auditorium. Last summer, thankfully they invited me to their school twice as a guest speaker from Japan.

At the morning meeting at 8:00am, the early rising kids were cheerful enough to surprise this night owl. (I stayed up all night long so that I never sleep over.) They also impressed me by yelling "Ohayo!!!" ("Good morning" in Japanese) at me. During the presentation, their reactions were really enjoyable. For example, I asked "Does anybody know the capital of my country?" A young boy confidently replied, "Yes, I do! It's Hong Kong!" I appreciated his effort and said "Wow! Pretty close." Anyway, they are so curious about everything. Some of them were interested in Japanese culture, pictures of Tokyo, Pokemons and even my Japanese accent. At the end of the speech, I distributed everyone *Origami* paper that I had cut into squares at the Tate Street Kinko's and taught them how to make a paper airplane. When children flew the paper planes and the planes covered the auditorium, I was too excited to remember I was sleepy.



After a while, the school coordinator sent me a delightful email that offered me an opportunity to attend their cultural festival as a presenter of Japanese culture. Having happily accepted the offer, I visited the Johnson Street Elementary School. On that day, several groups of six children of each grade visited my classroom and had some cultural experiences. "Hey, Akinori from Tokyo!" Kids remembered not only my name but also the capital! It was fun to teach such quick learners my culture.

The children and teachers are definitely among the many people I enjoyed meeting in Greensboro. If your school needs a Japanese culture presenter, please let me know!

### *The State of Exchanges*

We have finished up the interview process for the upcoming year; there were approximately 85 applicants for the Fall and Full Year 2005-2006. The list of nominations will be published in next month's Newsworthy.

The UNC-EP all-day orientation will be held the Saturday, April 2 from 10:00 -5:00 in Spencer's in the Dining Hall. The UNCG all-day orientation will take place on Sunday, April 3 from 9:00-5:00 in the Faculty Center located on College Avenue. We are enlisting the help of interested faculty and international students for these events. As always, we would like to thank all of the faculty and staff members who assisted in the interviewing process. We couldn't do it without you.

### *Important Deadlines*

**March 15:** Travel Grant applications for students going on 2005 UNCG Summer Abroad programs.



*Lyn and Tom welcome Margarete Seidenspinner to UNCG.*

### ***Visiting administrators from China during February and March***

The University of North Carolina system has invited two Chinese administrators to our state by participating in the Extended Sino American Leadership Training (EXSALT) initiative through the American Association of Schools Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

**Dr. Wang Jinfan**, from Nanjing Medical University, and **Dr. Qiu Hui-zhen**, from Gansu Agricultural University, will be based in Greensboro, co-hosted by UNCG and NCA&T, and will visit several campuses between February 11th and March 12th. They will be here to learn more about how American universities are organized and administered as well as to form collaborative relationships.

### ***Visiting International Scholars***

We are pleased to welcome the visiting scholars who have joined us since the beginning of spring semester. A warm welcome to **Alysson Carvalho**, from Brazil visiting the Department of Human Development and Family Studies; **Ana Rossetti** from Spain visiting the Department of Romance Languages; and **Luis Miguel Ruiz** from Spain visiting the Department of Exercise & Sport Science.

### ***Recent Travelers***

During the previous months, UNCG faculty members traveled all over the globe in pursuit of international perspectives in their various disciplines. *January:* **Joseph Mountjoy**, Anthropology (Mexico). *February:* **Annette Asfaw**, Specialized Education (Canada); **Brett Ingram**, Broadcasting & Cinema (Spain); and **Tom Martinek**, Exercise & Sports Sciences (Indonesia).

### ***International Travel Fund***

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded ITF grants in February (destination in parentheses): **James Anderson**, History (Taiwan); **Annette Asfaw**, Specialized Education (Canada); **Michelle Dowd**, English (Bermuda); **David Lefkowitz**, Philosophy (Spain); and **Jose Villalba**, Counseling & Educational Development (Canada).

### ***Kohler Award Deadline***

The next deadline for applications in the research and teaching categories is **April 15, 2005**. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at [www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/fdp.html](http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/ipc/fdp.html). (Please see page 4 for a list of recent Kohler recipients.)

### ***Recent Visitor***

**Margarete Seidenspinner** from Fachhochschule Heilbronn visited UNCG on February 8. During her visit, Ms. Seidenspinner met with **Lydia Arledge** and **Catherine Holderness** (Bryan School of Business and Economics) and **Etsuko Fujimoto** (Communication Studies).

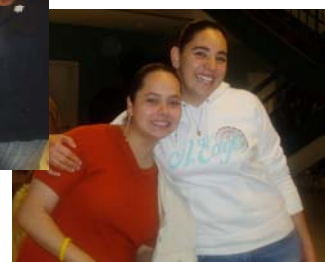


*Reception in honor of EXSALT visitors: (left to right): Penelope Pynes, Qiu Hui-zhen, Paul Mou, Charlie Orzech, Randy Kohlenberg, Jie Hiu, Wang Jinfan, Anelise Hofmann, and Jamie Anderson*

### *Kohler Awards*

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded Kohler grants in February: **Moses Acquah**, Business Administration (Ghana); **Kathleen Ahern**, German & Russian (hosting a Siberian Seminar); **Richard Barton**, History (France); **Gavin Douglas**, Music (Burma), **Robin M. Gee**, Dance (Senegal); **Mary Ellis Gibson**, English (United Kingdom); **John Maggio**, Art (Newfoundland); **Tom Martinek**, Exercise & Sports (Indonesia); **Nancy Nelson**, Textile Products & Design (Russia); **Svi H. Shapiro**, Educational Leadership & Cultural Foundations (Bosnia); and **Miriam Aziza Stephan**, Art (Spain).

### *International Students and Friends!*



### *Friday Fests*

*New Zealand, February 4*



*Egypt and Liberia, February 18*



### *Upcoming Friday Fests*

#### *February*

25 Pakistan

#### *March*

18 Russia

#### *April*

1 Eritrea and Somalia

8 Mexico

22 China

29 Korea



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