



15th Anniversary



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UNCG'S 26th Annual International Festival Saturday, April 12, 2008 12:00 – 5:00 P.M.



The largest international cultural event at the University of North Carolina Greensboro, the UNCG International Festival (I-Fest), offers traditional dance, music, culinary delights, and customs from around the world. Interact with international students and scholars as they showcase dress, artifacts, games and other activities from their countries. Don't miss the new children's international area, flag face painting, the popular passports-around-the-world, and the cultural performance stage. This event is free and open to the public. The I-Fest begins at noon on Saturday, April 12 around the UNCG Dining Hall fountain area.



***Sample Performances, Demonstrations and Organizations**

Bhangra Dance ✪ African Student Association ✪ Faye's Chinese Dance ✪ Every Nations CM ✪ Ireland: Pride of Carolina Clogging ✪ Korean Student Association ✪ Capoeira Myoshinkan ✪ Aikido Dojo Martial Arts Demonstration ✪ Saudi Arabian Dance ✪ Asian Students Association ✪ African Drumming and Story Telling ✪ Vietnamese Traditional Dance ✪ Student Anthropology Society ✪ Palestine Debbeh Folk Dance ✪ Taiwanese Student Association ✪ Belly Dancing ✪ UNCG Brazilian Dance Class

***Tentative – subject to change**



Music School In Europe



Dr. David Nelson and Dr. Ernst Theimer with UNCG's Music students

Over spring break Dr. David Nelson led a group of UNCG Music students to Germany and Austria. The group spent the break concentrating on the important musical sites of those cities, and attended a rehearsal of the Vienna Philharmonic and the Vienna Boys Choir. Other highlights included attending Bizet's "Carmen" at the Vienna Volksoper and a performance of the Vienna Symphony Orchestra at the Musikverein.

On Friday, March 14, the City of Vienna presented its *Goldenes Verdienstzeichen des Landes Wiens* (Decoration of Merit in Gold of the Province of Vienna) to Dr. David Nelson in recognition of his book "Vienna for the Music Lover" and the many trips he has led Americans on to see Vienna's musical sites. The award to Dr. Nelson was the second highest ever given to an

American; the highest was given to Leonard Bernstein. Dr. Ernst Theimer, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Vienna presented the award to Dr. Nelson, saying that "by communicating his knowledge and his enthusiasm to young people, Dr. Nelson teaches them not only history, but also one of the fundamental convictions that is an integral part of us who live in this city: that music is one of the most beautiful achievements of our civilization and - as cliché as it may sound - makes us better human beings." Congratulations Dr. Nelson on your wonderful achievements.

NCAIE Annual Conference

The 2008 North Carolina Association of International Educators (NCAIE) Annual Conference took place in Wilmington, NC on March 6 and 7. The NCAIE hosts this one-day conference in order to provide administrators, faculty and staff with an opportunity to learn and share significant information on a wide variety of international education topics. These topics range from study abroad and exchange to international student visa and intercultural sensitivity issues. Several IPC staff attended the conference, along with two other UNCG staff members (Katie Brown and Sara Carpenter). The sessions were interesting and informative, the food was fabulous, the campus was a breath of fresh air, and the weather in Wilmington was wonderful—an overall success!



Dr. Penelope Pynes with Megan Ingram, Ajaya Francis, Norma Velazquez, Katie Ostronka, Sara Carpenter, Katie Brown, Denise Bellamy, Tom Martinek Jr., and Michael Elliott

Global Leadership Program Update!



Students Participate in Workshop

The Global Leadership Program (GLP) has been in full swing this semester as we head towards the graduation of some of our first participants. Faculty from across campus have been creating workshops especially for program participants. Dr. Jerry Pubantz from the Political Science department held the "Global Citizen" workshop, Dr. Susan Walcott from the Geography department held the "Asian Development: Managing Challenges and Opportunities", and Dr. Sharon Morrison from the department of Public Health Education will be leading her workshop: "Tackling HIV/AIDS in Global Communities" on April 3. GLP participants will also have a unique opportunity to participate in a workshop on diplomacy in Eastern Europe led by former Ambassador to Estonia, Aldona Vos.

The GLP has been a great success during its first year - there are now 55 participants fully enrolled and that number grows weekly! Thanks to everyone that has helped make this program such a success. Please visit our website to learn more: www.uncg.edu/ipg/glp

Letter From Abroad by Meredith Miller

As an exchange student I spent five incredible months studying in the city of Córdoba, Argentina. There was also time for traveling and I had the opportunity to see much of the country. Since I've returned people have been asking me about Argentina. Their interest is nice, but honestly I'm still stumped as to what to tell them.

There are a lot of things to mention and I don't know that I can give anyone an idea of the kind of experience I really had. Should I tell them about the first three days I cried more than anything else or the first time I had a steak dinner, or how my friend Milena gave me a truly Argentine haircut. How I learned to prepare mate (an Argentine tea) or the first time I felt truly at home walking out of my front door and into the streets of Córdoba. How I learned to tango, or how stunning the Iquazu waterfalls were. Maybe I'd tell them how much I came to love and appreciate my host mom, Monica Leunda, or how I learned that Argentines make unbelievably fun and loyal friends?



Meredith Miller

For now I'm sticking with, "Argentina was great, you should go." It is just for the sake of simplicity but you really should go by the way. "Nos vemos" means "we'll see each other" in Spanish and it was what all of my Argentine friends told me when I had to say goodbye to them in December. Sometimes I wonder if we ever will see each other again. Argentina helped me to learn another language and another way of life; it made me realize a lot about my own life in the US. It would be difficult and expensive for me to go back to Argentina but it is painful to think about living the rest of my life without going back and seeing the people who taught me, "Che boludo," (a colorful Argentina expression, particular to Buenos Aires) and had an amazing amount of patience and understanding for a gringa who was taking it all in...

I think someday I will go back. I really hope so. But I knew my transformation had been completed when I went from dreading the country on my plane into Buenos Aires to planning my next trip back on the return plane into New York. Entonces, Argentina, nos vemos.

Recent UNCG Travelers

The following UNCG faculty members have traveled overseas in pursuit of international perspectives in his/her various disciplines during the following month: *March*: **James Anderson**, History (China); **David Lefkowitz**, Philosophy (United Kingdom); **David Nelson**, Music (Australia); and **Michael Zimmerman**, Philosophy (The Netherlands).

International Travel Fund (ITF)

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded an ITF grant in *March*: **Heide Carlone**, Curriculum & Instruction (The Netherlands); **Kevin Lowe**, Business Administration (Ghana); and **Randy Schmitz**, Exercise & Sports Science (Norway).

The ITF brochure and budget form can be found at the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/goingabroad/travelfunds.html

Kohler Award Fund

The next deadline for applications Research and Teaching will be April 11, 2008. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/internationalize/fundingopportunities.html

INTERLINK Update by Stephanie Rummel

INTERLINK students have just finished their Spring term. As usual, it was a busy nine weeks but students enjoyed trips to the Greensboro Historical Museum, downtown Greensboro, and the North Carolina zoo. Many classes planned excursions out into the community such as trips to the supermarket, mall, and various restaurants.

The last two weeks of the term were filled with presentations. Communication Skills 2 (CS2) students did a travel presentation, and CS3 classes focused on advertising. CS4 were hard at work planning their debate on cohabitation, while CS5 staged several very entertaining mock trials. The presentations were enjoyable and fun for the classes that attended them. But finally, it was time to say goodbye to eight graduating students. Su-Ting Ma, a graduating student from Taiwan, was awarded the outstanding student award. Graduation took place in Bryan 160 with a reception afterwards.

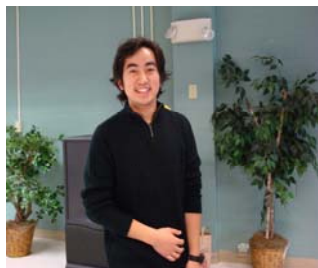


INTERLINK students enjoying their trip to the zoo

Visiting International Scholars

UNCG would like to welcome **Mrs. Hong Gao**, a short-term scholar from Foreign Languages College of Shanghai Normal University, who is working with **Dr. Ye He** in the Department of Curriculum & Instruction; and **Dr. Cha Sook Park**, a research scholar from Kyung Pook National University who is working with **Dr. Susan Stinson** in the Department of Dance.

Bhutan Friday Fest



Tobey presents Bhutan

In his Friday Fest, Tobey Tobgay discussed current political issues in Bhutan and the country's King's push for democracy. Bhutan made its transition from monarchy to democracy earlier this week. In his presentation, Tobey discussed traditional clothing, landscape, and the education system, and told us about the airport in Bhutan along with an amusing anecdote about what it is like to land there. Tobey shared bits about the Bhutanese language and cuisine, and laid out the four pillars of Gross National Happiness (GNH) for his country's governance and discussed how and why Bhutan is the happiest country in the world, based on GNH.

Friday Fest Schedule

April 4	Poland
April 11	TBA
April 18	Egypt
April 25	Uruguay
May 2	Mexico

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