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New Ambassador Program



Heidi Fischer (Study Abroad Advisor), Ashley Jacobson, Hanni Bissell, Jacqueline McCracken, Sarai Espinoza, Julie Price, Baxter Motley, Lauren Minter, Adam Landreth, & Heather Anglin

Increasing the number of undergraduate business majors who study abroad continues to be an important aspect of the mission of the Bryan School of Business and Economics. For the first time this spring semester, the Bryan School is launching a Study Abroad Peer Ambassador (SAPA) Program to

help with recruiting efforts. Internal research has shown that peers are very influential in a student's decision to study abroad. The Ambassador program will formalize the process of advising peers on international opportunities.

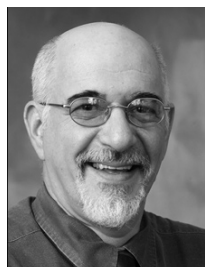
Thirteen students were selected through an application and interview process to represent the Bryan School at study abroad recruiting events throughout the semester. In addition, the SAPAs will meet one-on-one with students interested in studying abroad during "coffee hours." Participation in the program is voluntary, yet an overwhelming number of eligible students applied to become members. SAPA Julie Price stated, "I am looking for another way to be involved and influential on this campus. I feel that this is an excellent opportunity for me to share with other students the great experiences that I had while abroad, in hopes of inspiring them to do the same." Jackie McCracken already considered herself an unofficial ambassador. "I have talked to several students about the study abroad program, advocating its benefits and the fact that study abroad is an amazing influential life experience."

The new SAPAs are current students majoring in Accounting, Marketing, Economics, International Business, Finance and Business Administration. The students spent a semester to a year in France, China, Mexico, the UK, the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany and New Zealand. SAPA Hanni Bissell believes that studying abroad "is an unforgettable experience dealing with cultural differences, language barriers, and traveling – all important skills for the average Bryan student to develop." Ashley Jacobson adds, "all students could benefit from a study abroad experience. It enriches the student's life and educational experience." Upon selection, all SAPAs participated in a training session that included public speaking tips, an overview of UNCG's study abroad programs and answers to questions their peers would probably have. For more

International Service-Learning at UNCG

The Office of Leadership and Service-Learning (OLSL) is pleased to announce an exciting new opportunity for faculty who may be interested in applying for an international service-learning curriculum development grant. Five \$2,000 grants will be awarded by OLSL this semester. The stipend award must result in an undergraduate course for academic credit that includes an international community service component. All full-time UNCG faculty are eligible. For more information and the application please contact Donna Jeffers-Brown (dajeffers@uncg.edu, 336. 256.1484). The deadline to apply is March 30, 2007.

Honorable Mention



Congratulations to **Dr. Robert Wineburg**, Jefferson Pilot Excellence Professor in the Department of Social Work. Dr. Wineburg will travel to the University of Malta as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to study how best to use the resources of the religious community in Wilmington, DE., courtesy of a \$112,000 contract. He will then lead 15-20 students to Costa Rica for a six-credit Spanish immersion/social work experience during the first summer session. Dr. Wineburg's trip to Malta, March 1-15, will help with curriculum and internship development for the University of Malta's new masters degree in social work. A three week return visit is planned for February 2008. Dr. Wineburg's experience developing new programs includes helping lay the groundwork for the Center for New North Carolinians in the School of Human Environmental Sciences, an innovative center that he would like the University of Malta's scholars to eventually visit. The contract for the study in Wilmington, DE., was awarded by the United Way of Delaware using money from the Jesse Ball duPont Fund. Dr. Wineburg will conduct the study with Dr. Ram Cnaan of the University of Pennsylvania. The study trip to Costa Rica is supported by a \$7,500 grant from the Greensboro-based Tannenbaum-Sternberger Foundation.

UNCG Fulbright Recipients

Dr. Loren Schwenger, **Dr. James Anderson** and **Dr. Adrian Wurr** have received Fulbright Fellowships for travel and study during the 2006-07 year. Of the twenty-two Fulbright Scholars selected from North Carolina institutions this year, UNCG and Duke had the highest number with three each. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. Anderson, an assistant professor of history, is spending the year at the Chinese Academy of Social Science in Beijing doing research on "Monks and Merchants on the Gold and Silver Road: Trade and Pilgrimage Along Middle Period China's Southern Frontier." He will return in July. Schwenger, the Elizabeth Rosenthal Excellence Professor of History, is in Sweden for a second semester as the Uppsala University Chair in American Studies. There he will lecture on "Race and Slavery in the United States" and will return in May. Wurr, an assistant professor of English, is off to Haiphong Private University in Vietnam, where he will lecture and work on a project titled "Teaching English As a Foreign Language Curriculum Development and Instruction." He will return in July.

Recent Visitors



Raul Diez Canseco Terry, A. Edward Uprichard

On Friday, February 9, 2007, **Provost A. Edward Uprichard** welcomed to UNCG **Raul Diez Canseco Terry**, former Vice President of Peru and Chairman of the Board of the Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola (USIDL) in Lima, Peru, and **Ralph Arza**, USIDL International Educational Consultant. The visit resulted in a signed agreement between our two institutions and opened the door for more intense student and faculty exchanges. Thanks to **Lydia Arledge** and **Dr. Bud Miles** for making the visit possible.

On Wednesday, February 14, UNCG welcomed **Wolfgang Meke**, long-time friend of IPC and Vice Provost for International Affairs at the Eberhard Karls University in Tübingen, Germany. Meke was instrumental in the development of the North Carolina/Baden-Wuerttemberg Agreement while at the University of Mannheim. As guest at the University Advisory Committee on International Programs, Meke gave an update on European and German Higher Education.



Wolfgang Meke & Penelope Pynes



Lyn Lawrance, David Platt, & Cathy Hamilton

On Thursday, February 22, UNCG welcomed Australian guest **David Platt** from Curtin University in Perth, Australia. Platt was here in connection with the 9th Annual North Carolina COMPACT (international) Service-Learning Conference held at Elon University, February 20-21. While visiting UNCG Platt discussed International Service-Learning opportunities with IPC and OLSL.

UNCG Reflections

I am Amrita Patel from Baroda India, and I am a Graduate student in the Exercise and Sports Science Department. This is my second semester at UNCG and I wanted to share my thoughts with my new community.

I find UNCG to be a wonderful place to study and enjoy the extra-curricular activities. Since my first days here I felt welcomed and comforted by the personal help I received to assist me through all the difficulties that a new student would face. I was especially thankful for the assistance provided by the IPC and their members. This was a great psychological help, as without this I would have been overwhelmed with the difficulties a new international graduate student must face.

As classes began, I found my professors to be wonderful and very proficient teachers. I was helped with all kind of concerns and so I managed to perform well in my courses. I also love working with the Nursing school as the professors are wonderful people to be with and who make me feel very comfortable with the work. I also help with the HOPE program, which I believe is a great initiative taken to help the elderly maintain and regain their physical fitness. I will definitely learn a lot from all my work and it will truly be a unique experience.

The South Asian Association (ANDAAZ) at UNCG is a wonderful group to be with on campus, and they have helped me feel more at home. Different Indian festivals are celebrated, and the best part is that students from many different cultures are welcomed. We have many Americans along with students from different cultures associated with our Indian group who are enjoying the varied cultural integration.

I have suggested to many of my friends in India that they should come and become a part of UNCG. I have really enjoyed my time here so far and I am very proud to be a part of this Institution. My stay here will definitely create many opportunities, beautiful memories, and lifelong companions for me.

- Sincerely,
Amrita Patel

Visiting International Scholars

UNCG welcomes the following Research Scholars: **Michal Johannis**, Czech Republic (Department of Mathematical Sciences); **Wu Jing**, China (Department of Psychology); **Zhang Lu**, China (Department of Curriculum and Instruction); & **Xiaohong Lv**, China (Department of Curriculum and Instruction).

International Travel Fund

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded an ITF grant in *February*: **Kwasi Amoako-Gyampah**, Information Systems & Operations Management (Italy); **Bruce Caldwell**, Economics (France); **Keith Cushman**, English (France); **Mary Ellis Gibson**, English (Italy); **Julie Hersberger**, Library & Information Studies (Greece); **Jane Myers**, Counseling (Germany); **Eva Nwokah**, Communication Sciences & Disorders (Croatia); and **Sha Li Zhang**, University Libraries (Hong Kong).

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

Kohler Award Fund

We are pleased to announce that the following faculty members have been awarded Kohler grants in *February* for two categories. *Research*: **Heather Holian**, Art (Italy); **Derek Krueger**, Religious Studies (Greece); **David Leone**, Anthropology (Dominica); **Christian Moraru**, English (Spain); **Terry Nile**, Chemistry (United Kingdom); **David Remington**, Biology (Finland); and **Stephen Sills**, Sociology (Taiwan). *Special Project*: **Tom Martinek**, Exercise and Sports Science (Indonesia).

The next deadline for applications in Research and Teaching is April 13, 2007. The Kohler Fund brochure, coversheet, and budget form can be found on the IPC website at www.uncg.edu/ipg/facultystaff/internationalize/fundingopportunities.html

Coming Soon!

UNCG'S 25th Annual International Festival

Saturday, April 14, 2007 12:00-5:00pm



Be on the lookout for April's *Newsworthy* for more detailed information regarding the upcoming International Festival. Do not forget to tell your friends and neighbors about this wonderful **FREE** event.

Friday Fest Spain



Margo Bender Enjoying Friday Fest

*Friday Fest Schedule**

- 2-Mar. **SPRING BREAK - No Friday Fest**
- 9-Mar. **SPRING BREAK - No Friday Fest**
- 16-Mar. **Sweden and Norway**
- 23-Mar. **Netherlands**
- 30-Mar. **S. Korea**
- 6-Apr. **Good Friday - No Friday Fest**
- 13-Apr. **Friday before I-Fest - No Friday Fest**
- 20-Apr. **Hungary**
- 27-Apr. **Mexico**

***Subject to Change, updates are on the web**



Friday Fest Spain

Editor's Note

The following corrections are to the majors of the following student list in the February *Newsworthy*:
CHINA: Zhiyong Guo (Computer Science), **Huixin Luo** (Accounting); **INDIA: Koel Majumder** (Information Systems & Operations Management), **Kamlesh Singh** (Consumer, Apparel, & Retail Studies), **Ravi Thambusamy** (Information Systems & Operations Management); **KENYA: Himanshu Patel** (Undecided on Major); **REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Hae In Song** (Music); **SAUDI ARABIA: Ahmed Nazer** (Pre-Finance), **Mohammed Al Masri** (Medical Technology); **SENEGAL: Doudou Fall** (Business Administration); **SIERRA LEONE: Rosemarie Madinda** (Health Education); **TAIWAN: Ping-Ping Chen** (Business Administration); **THAILAND: Jindapa Pornsatit** (Business Administration); **TURKEY: Gul Derinkok** (Undecided on Major); & **VIETNAM: Duy Tran** (Computer Science).

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