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International Activities

Prof. Bill Rich (School of Law) taught a 2017 summer school course on Law and Religion with co-teachers from Free University of Tbilisi. For several years, Professor Jeff Jackson and Prof Rich have supervised groups of Washburn students who develop memoranda describing U.S. treatment of constitutional issues pending before the Constitutional Court of Georgia. They share the Washburn memos with students in the Constitutional Law Clinic at Free University who use that information as they develop amicus curiae briefs for the Constitutional Court. Since 2010, Washburn has been a subcontractor on a grant from the U.S. State Department, AID Rule of Law Project, assisting development of legal education in the Republic of Georgia. Areas of collaboration with colleagues in Georgia have included workshops on teaching methods, legal writing, commercial law, human rights and constitutional law.



*Prof. Bill Rich teaching students at the Free University of Tbilisi.
Photo submitted by Bill Rich.*

College of Arts and Sciences

By Julie Velez for Dean Laura Stephenson

Faculty and students from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) traveled to international locations this past fall to perform, volunteer, share their research, and pursue new learning opportunities.

Tom Morgan and **Michael Averett** (Music) presented master classes at Ho Chi Minh City Conservatory of Music in Ho Chi Minh City,

Vietnam and performed various concerts in Hanoi and Guangzhou, China.

Over winter break, **Judith McConnell-Farmer** (Education) took students to study abroad in Belize for the eighth consecutive year. Students that participated were: Bailey Minge, Hailey Bluml, Joe Lewis, Emily Gile, Anna-Marie Lauppe, Megan Knopp, Grace Ortega, Alex Trujillo, Lon Talbert, and Susan Peebles. During the 14-day program in Belize City, Belize, participants volunteered their services at a Belizean public orphanage and attended the Belizean International Symposium on Education.

Mike Russell (Psychology) presented research and co-chaired the 16th annual Auditory Perception, Cognition, and Action meeting in Vancouver, Canada. He was accompanied by Psychology students Holly Johnston and Stephanie Brown who presented their own research.

Georgina Tenny (Modern Languages) introduced 10 Spanish students to the people, culture, and history of Cuba: Francisco Retana, Gabrielle Maloney, Ian Kalas, Danielle Irwin, Brandon Davis, David Amer, Johanna Vickrey, Molly Manske, Sarah Vengaroman, and Lisa McDonald. Their travels took them to Historic Old Havana, Modern Havana, Viñales, Cinfuegos, Santa Clara, Trinidad, and Veradero where they intensively studied in Spanish classes taught by Cuban nationals.

Alexandra Kiales (Forensic Anthropology Program & Sociology/Anthropology) presented a paper at the Canadian Association for Physical Anthropology's Annual Meeting in Edmonton, Canada, October 25-28, titled, "Introducing MorphoPASSE: the Morphological Pelvis and Skull Sex Estimation Database." Her presentation introduced a new database for sex estimation in forensic anthropology that she created as part of her U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice funded grant.

Chris Conner (Sociology and Anthropology) traveled to Montreal, Canada to present his paper entitled, "Sociology and its LGBT+ Publics: Contemporary Issues in LGBT+ Identity Formation and The

Gayborhood" presented at the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting held concurrently with the American Sociological Association.

International travel enhances the learning experiences of our faculty and students immensely and continues to complement our efforts at home in the College of Arts and Sciences.

From the Desk of ...

Patricia Dahl

President, International Center of Topeka, Inc.

The International Center of Topeka (ICT) proudly welcomes students from around the world who enroll at Washburn University. ICT became a community organization in 1980 and is housed at the International House on Washburn campus. The overall mission of ICT is to cultivate interest and appreciation on the campus and in the surrounding Topeka community for international and intercultural issues through educational, cultural, and social programs. There are nearly 300 international students from 37 different countries at Washburn University each semester, and hundreds of U.S. students from Washburn visit other countries through study abroad and exchange programs.



ICT has been busy with a variety of activities during the past year. In 2017, board members hosted a spring brunch for incoming international students, co-sponsored a trip to Kansas City in celebration of the Chinese New Year, and provided a welcoming potluck dinner for Japanese exchange students. In January of 2018,

ICT board members Fatma Epps and Anita Epps created the First Annual Soup and Salad Dinner to thank members for their support of ICT programs and to welcome new members to the organization.

Each year, ICT celebrates a different country through a community-wide cultural event. In March 2017, ICT was the proud sponsor of a community event honoring the cultures of the Middle East, coordinated by Washburn's Dr. Bassima Schbley. In spring 2018, ICT will turn the spotlight on Korea when Washburn Sociology professor Dr. Sangyoub Park will host an evening filled with music, dance, art, food, and presentations highlighting the magic of South Korea.

An important community service that ICT provides is the free tutoring offered to English language learners (ELL) at the International House on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. during the school calendar year. There are currently twenty individuals from seven different countries in the Washburn/Topeka community who are benefitting this service. ICT board members Rachel O'Sullivan and Anita Epps are among the devoted tutors who volunteer their time each week to provide this valuable service.

ICT cordially invites you to become a member of our organization. Help us welcome the world to Washburn and Topeka! Email ICT@washburn.edu for more information or call 785-670-1413.

Kelly McClendon Lecturer/Coordinator, Intensive English Program

I would like to suggest a change in how we think about students in the Intensive English Program (IEP). I propose that they be viewed as emerging bilinguals (or multilinguals in some cases). If we view them in this way, it changes our perspective from viewing them as deficient in language to students who are adding to their skills. In light of viewing them as emerging bilinguals, I would like to tell you about our ongoing projects of collaboration with other programs or classes on campus. Visiting

Japanese students continue to be invited into regular classrooms to observe for a few weeks and enjoy getting to hear what American education really sounds like. Also, our Language in Context and speaking courses have paired with some WU101 courses to meet their outcomes. Both domestic and international students write about how their perspectives have changed after the experiences. We are looking forward to more and varied collaborations for 2018!

Heidi Staerkel Coordinator of International Student Services



Fall 2017 short-term international students from Chiba University of Commerce-Chiba, Japan. Photo submitted by Heidi Staerkel.

From October 14-December 9, 2017, WU welcomed the second exchange group of Global Studies majors from Chiba University of Commerce (CUC) in Chiba, Japan. This year's group of thirteen students explored the WU campus, Topeka community and beyond (including Kansas City area and the National Tallgrass Prairie Reserve near Strong City), while taking Intensive English classes, observing WU academic classes and experiencing the Thanksgiving traditions first-hand with their host families.

Riku Sato, the group's student leader, was no stranger to Washburn – he also led the short-term CUC group to WU in the early Spring. Riku shared the following with me about his experience:

“I learned at Washburn University last spring and fall. I was very nervous when I came to WU at first. But, Washburn

students and International staff was very kind. They helped me a lot. I learned English, Education and Mass Media. Classes were very hard. But I was able to think about important things. That is “Don’t be afraid”. I wasn’t able to speak English when I joined a class. Then one student told me “Don’t be afraid”. This word changed me. I am grateful to him. The reason I returned to Washburn in the fall is I wanted to prove growth in Japan. I want to meet everyone again. My dream is to speak English fluently and to meet everyone again in Japan. The Tokyo Olympic Games will be held in 2020. Please visit Japan. Next time I will guide everyone in Japan. Thank you so much!”

Another student who took part in the Fall study exchange was Kazuki Murohara. He shared the following about his experience at WU:

“I chose to come to WU because I could experience dorm life and daily life. Other CUC exchange programs offer to experience dorm life OR homestay. What I like the most about WU is that everyone is kind to international students. Of course, international students are also kind.”

One of the U.S. CIS/Immigration benefits of which some F-1 visa students are able to take advantage is called Curricular Practical Training, or CPT. Students whose majors offer required or elective internship courses toward the student's degree program are able to engage in an off-campus internship under this authorization.

This past summer, Sho Kato, a WU student from Japan who will be graduating in May 2018 with his Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training, had the amazing opportunity to complete his required internship with the Miami Dolphins. He shared the following with me about his experience:



“I had an experience working for an NFL team as a summer camp intern with the Miami Dolphins. During the summer internship, I assisted in pre- and post-practice treatment, rehabilitation for injured players, and first-aid care. The summer camp was intense for players



because it is the time all the players get prepared for the upcoming the season physically and mentally. It means that all people around the team were expected to show professionalism, and a high quality of services. Being in the environment was incredible in helping me to grow my athletic training skills.

They had four pre-season games during the summer camp, and I worked for two home games and one away game in Philadelphia on the side-lines. The main role I had was ensuring players were well hydrated to prevent any further heat-related illness. Also, I helped at the game on December 24th, 2017, when the Dolphins played against the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. I know these experiences are not what many people can experience. I really appreciate the people who helped me to get these opportunities. Being an athletic trainer is one of the biggest reasons to come to the U.S. for me, and this summer internship definitely helped me to envision how I will work at the professional level of sports teams, which I desire to do in the near future.”

Kongming Wang, who studied on exchange at WU for one year wrote:

“I cannot believe it has been almost a year since I left Washburn. I am now studying at Australian National University, remember I asked if you could help me write a letter of identification at the end of last year? ...pursue my master degree, major in Master of Business Information System. I really appreciate your help! I am still missing the days when I was in Washburn, which full of wonderful memories that I will cherish for all my life! Wish you all the best! Thanks for all international house’s work! I will definitely go back to Washburn!”

Each semester, the top 1-3 speakers in each CN 150/ Public Speaking course are chosen to compete in the Nall Speak Off, which was held yesterday.

Our congratulations go out to one of our students from DR Congo, Tite Munganga, who won 3rd place with the topic "Culture Shock."

We also want to recognize and congratulate Linhui Huang (China), Reem Alanzi (Saudi Arabia), Ahmed Alanazi (Saudi Arabia), Shuyu Tu (China), and Su Peng (China), who were also chosen to participate in this competition.

Tina Williams **Study Abroad Coordinator**

The Magellan Exchange – A Washburn Transformational Experience: 71 Outgoing WU Students, 59 Incoming International Students, Two Faculty Exchanges, Two Staff Exchanges, 19 Universities, 16 Countries, and Three Continents

In October of 2017, I had the honor of attending the Magellan Exchange Coordinators Conference in Europe. The conference was hosted by Zuyd University in Maastricht, The Netherlands and included site visits to partner universities in Aachen, Germany, Hasselt, Belgium and Liege, Belgium. I received support from the Office of International Programs the School of Business as well as a CTEL small grant to participate in the conference. Attending the conference allowed me to accomplish professional development in a number of areas. I presented an informational session to partner universities entitled “The Magellan Exchange - A Washburn Transformational Experience”, featuring highlights of the past 10 years of partnerships and an overview of opportunities for international students faculty and staff at Washburn University. I gained valuable first-hand skills and knowledge about the host country and local communities abroad. I learned about the academics and campus life of the member institutions, made integral networking connections with my colleagues abroad and shared best practices, trends, and strategies for successful partnerships. The combination of these professional development activities has greatly enhanced my ability to provide quality advising and service to students, parents, faculty, and staff as well as fulfill my duties as a Magellan Exchange Advisory Committee and Conference Team Planning Member. Following the program, I developed and presented the CTEL workshop “International Opportunities for Faculty. For more information about Study Abroad Faculty Workshops visit:

<http://www.washburn.edu/academics/international-programs/international-resources-faculty/taking-students-abroad.html>



Tina Williams with Karin Wuestner-Dobler from the International Office at FH Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences in Dornbirn, Austria. Photo submitted by Tina Williams.



Congratulations to the 2017 Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest Winners!

The Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest was established in 2006 to recognize the importance of WU students' international experiences and promote study abroad to other WU students and the community. Visit the Office of International Programs website: www.washburn.edu/iip to view the complete winning photo essays.

First Place: Abigail Miller, Senior, Art (BFA) "[To Belgium and Beyond!](#)" WU Exchange Program: PXL Provinciale Hogeschool Limburg - Belgium, Fall Semester 2016



Alpine Jumping. Photo submitted by Abigail Miller.

Second Place: Emma Staats, Sophomore, Criminal Justice "[Falling in Love with London](#)" WU Faculty-led Program: Art and Theater in London/Global Communications - London, Spring Break 2017



Big Ben. Photo taken by Emma Staats.

Third Place: Briana Nocktonick, Senior, Nursing "[Cultural Experience in Guatemala](#)" WU Faculty-led Program: Nursing Perspectives in Central America: Guatemala, Summer 2017



Lake Atitlan. Photo submitted by Briana Nocktonick

The International Programs Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to 76 students participating in study abroad programs in nine countries. Programs ranged in length from 2 weeks to an academic year. Included were the following Faculty-Led Washburn Transformational Experiences:



Belize: Study Abroad in Central America –
Dr. Judith McConnell-Farmer

Costa Rica: Nursing Perspectives –
Prof. Lori Edwards and Dr. Bobbe Mansfield

Faculty interested in developing a study abroad may begin the exploration process now by visiting with the Study Abroad Coordinator in the Office of International Programs. To find out more about WU study abroad opportunities visit:
www.washburn.edu/iip.



*Washburn's New International Students, Fall 2017.
Photo taken by Baili Zhang.*

Andy Vogel International Student Recruitment and Retention Coordinator

We have been working tirelessly to expand Washburn's reach around the world. Washburn has new international partnerships in Vietnam, Philippines, Bangladesh, Nepal, Brazil, and India. I visited Vietnam and the Philippines in September and met with our new partners, prospective students and their parents. We are hoping through these and future partnerships we can reach new record numbers in international enrollment despite the downturn nationally in international students coming to the US for their higher education.

Thank you to all the faculty and friends who attend this year's Celebration of Culture in November. We enjoyed performances from Nepal, China, Japan, DR Congo, Topeka and more. Special thanks to the International Club for hosting the event.

Washburn University and International Programs successfully hosted the Kansas International Educators State Conference welcoming over 120 international educators from institutions of higher education from all over our state. Pedro Irigonegarary was the featured speaker and spoke on "Freedom: An Immigrant's Perspective" and we had 16 sessions that elaborated on topics of international education.

Visiting Scholar

Ruixue "Sylvia" Zhang was a visiting scholar from China. She earned her bachelor degree and M.A in English from Southwest University in China. She



teaches college English in Zhejiang Yuexiu University of Foreign Languages, located in Shaoxing, Zhejiang. Ruixue Zhang is passionate about language teaching and has won several prizes in teaching contests. Her main interest in EFL study is technology in language teaching and curriculum development. She is

observing Intensive English classes, attending C-TEL lectures and taking English courses to improve her teaching and language proficiency. She also enjoyed those unforgettable trips organized by the International House, which enable her to learn more about the people, history and culture of Kansas.





Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following 52 students! They each have been awarded a scholarship worth \$37,300 in total. With profound gratitude and utmost respect, we thank the numerous donors and supporters for their generosity to help advance Washburn's international education.

William H. Guild Fund: Sayaka Kine, Kazuya Hiroyama, Fawaz Alsharari, Susumu Iwama, Mohammad Alqarni, Salim Alkhalidi, Paritosha Joshy, Yi-Jou Simpson (formerly Tsai), Salem Alsharari, Wenchan Zhu, Linhui Huang, Jamilah Al shayi, Yue Li, Lakpa Sherpa, Yijuan Zhao, Nicole Phaneuf, Prinkle Patel

Class of 1910: Minxi Yao, Narumi Hishinuma, Yoriko Kato, Krishna Bashyal, Borui Zhang

Class of 1912: Yara Alrubaian, Mohammed Alrubaian

Stanley Curveya Memorial Fund:
Luyao Luo, Shaoyun Wang

Max Bickford Rotary International Education Fund:
Maram Alkoodary, Tomohiro Ichikawa

John M. Dungan Memorial Scholarship:
Sho Kato

ICT/William O. Wagon Jr. Scholarship:
Tony Ye Yang, Benis Munganga

International Education Endowment Fund:
Ying Liu, Haojun Fu, Xinyue He, Paul Mismaque, Abida Syed

Lauranna Russell Clothier Scholarship:
Sota Shuto, Paul Haase, Mingzhu Zhu, Ling Huang, Alanoud Alanazi, Miyu Nishimura

Hula International Student Scholarship:
Ana Andrade Alvares de Lima, Kevin Norville

International Student Scholarship Fund:
Satoko Hosi

Dr. David C. Thurston memorial Scholarship Fund:
Yusuke Ito

ICT/Betty Jo "Bo" Sheafor Scholarship Fund:
Yuyi Sun

Sturm/Workman Family International Fund:
Lu Pan

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Anran Qiao

Washburn International Student Scholarship:
Xiaobei Zhang

Geneva Seybold Endowment Fund:
Shuang Wang, Ivan Amarilla

International Endowment Fund:
Alejandro Salomon Rivarola

2017 Fall Graduates

Our office would like to recognize and congratulate our Fall 2017 graduates:

- Mohammed Alhaddad (Saudi Arabia) - BBA in Management
- Samer Almughamisi (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology
- Omar Alrubaian (Saudi Arabia) - BSCJ in Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement
- Hattan Alsharif (Saudi Arabia) - MBA in Business Administration
- Jamilah Al Shayi (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology
- Ivan Amarilla (Paraguay) - BBA in International Business and Finance
- Krishna Bashyal (Nepal) - MBA in Business Administration
- Cindy Demosthene (France) - BBA in International Business
- Regan Ghimire (Nepal) - MBA in Business Administration
- Miki Kubota (Japan) - BBA in Marketing and Management
- Rayhan Makarim (Indonesia) - BA in Communication Studies

- Alice Ouary (France) - BA in Mass Media
- Takuma Saito (Japan) -
BA in Communication Studies
- Yueyi Sun (China) - BFA in Art
- Charlotte Tchamlesso (DR Congo) -
MLS in Liberal Studies
- Yihong Wu (China) - BA in Music
- Tony Ye Yang (Spain) -
BBA in International Business and Finance
- Wenchan Zhu (China) -
BBA in Finance and Accounting

We would especially like to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the following graduates who received Latin and departmental honors:

Summa Cum Laude:

- Ivan Amarilla—School of Business Scholar
- Alic Ouary
- Yueyi Sund—Department of Art Honors

Magna Cum Laude:

- Tony Ye Yang—School of Business Scholar

Stoffer Scholar:

- Samer Almughamisi
- Jamilah Al Shayi

International Alums!



Trang LeNguyen Canavan (2012) is the owner and president of Fresh Success Marketing Group, Inc. Her company has 40-50 employees and has expanded into four markets. Trang lives in San Antonio, Texas with her husband and 19

month old baby. Visit her website at <http://freshsuccessmarketinggroup.com/our-team/>

Tuomas Kivistö (Spring 2013 Semester Exchange, Finland, Business Major) has received a Bachelors in Business, works as a mobile crane operator, and is starting his own side business as a wedding photographer. Him and his wife bought a house and are waiting eagerly for the arrival of their firstborn in mid-June.



Semakaleng Keletso Smarts (2017) is currently working at Gaborone University College in Gaborone, Botswana as a lecturer in Early Childhood Education (certificate and diploma). She is very passionate about child education and would like to pursue a PhD in primary education. Semakaleng credits Washburn University, especially the International Programs Office, in helping her build her confidence and public speaking skills through opportunities such as PAIS, speaking at the 2017 commencement, and being on the student panel of the PBS series Africa's Great Civilizations.





Xian Wang (Susan) studied at Washburn from 2010-2011 as an exchange student from ZJNU. She worked for China's leading internet company Alibaba Group for three years after she earned her master's degree at Fudan University in China. Last year, she moved to the U.S. to pursue

her MBA/MSBA joint degree at the University of Notre Dame. She will be spending her summer at Austin, Texas as a marketing intern for Dell. Her husband Cong Wang (Scott), also a graduate from ZJNU, is a Phd student in Chemistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Xian states, "My experience at Washburn opened my eyes and allowed me to meet my Kansas Mom and Dad, Duane and Trudy. As a 'Midwest Cow Girl', I came back to Notre Dame for my MBA."



Yi Zhu (Sam) studied at Washburn from 2013-2017 as a student from China. He graduated a year ago and is studying in the Juris Doctor program at the University of Sydney. Last summer he went to Sri Lanka as an international volunteer. Now he is considering

working in the Sydney University Law Society to improve his law skills.

Rayhan Makarim studied at Washburn from 2014-2017 as an international student from Jakarta, Indonesia. In May of 2017, he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Studies and Sociology. He applied for Optional Practical Training (OPT) and will be working for Valeo Behavioral Health in Topeka, Kansas.

Joy Pan was an exchange student from Shanghai Normal University (SHNU) from 2011-2012. She returned to Washburn as a degree-seeking student in 2013 and completed her second Bachelor's degree in Communication within three semesters. She then obtained her Master's degree in International and Intercultural Communication from University of Denver, and now has been working as an international program coordinator at the School of Management, Fudan University in Shanghai for two years. Washburn inspired her in her international experience and helped her set the professional goal in the field of international education.



Joy Pan (center) is pictured with Washburn's Office of International Programs Staff.



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