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International Activities

Dr. Norma Juma (Business) attended the *International Entrepreneurship Forum (IEF) 2016 Conference* at Venice, Italy from December 14-16, 2016. She presented a paper titled, "Sustainable Entrepreneurship: The Impact of Innovative Ecopreneurs at the Base of the Pyramid (BOP)". Co-authored with Hellen Nyolo Otieno, Strathmore University and Jennifer M. Sequeira, University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Judith Lynne McConnell-Farmer (Education) Publications: McConnell-Farmer, J.L. & Dye, G.A. (2016). "Creating Positive Classroom Behavior Management for Preschool Children". *Association for Childhood Education Practitioners Early Years Magazine*. Legos, Nigeria.

International Conference Presentations: (two in England, one in Belize and one in South Korea) "Global Guidelines and Initiatives in Early Childhood Education". *The Seventh Belizean International Symposium on Education*. Belize City, Belize, Central America. January 4, 2016.

"Wishes for My Grandchildren in Oxford". *The Oxford Round Table: Childhood Education and Issues*. Harris Manchester College, Oxford University. Oxford, England. July 20, 2016.

"Through the Looking Glass in Oxford". *The Oxford Round Table: Childhood Education and Issues*. Harris Manchester College, Oxford University. Oxford, England. July 19, 2016.

"Disney through Alice's Looking-glass". 2016 OMEP *World Assembly and International Conference*. Seoul, South Korea, July 6, 2016.

Dr. McConnell-Farmer directed the *Seventh Annual Washburn University Study Abroad in Belize Program* sponsored by the Department of Education, from December 27, 2016-January 9, 2017. Twelve

participants tutored children and volunteered in an orphanage in Belize City, La Isla Carinosa School, an island elementary and middle school in Caye Caulker, Belize, and Saint Bible Church in the island of San Pedro, Ambergris Caye. The students attended the *Belizean International Symposium in Education*, a four-day conference and presented team-based PowerPoint presentations. The study abroad program was held in Belize City, Caye Caulker and San Pedro, Belize, Central America. More than 1,200 pounds of donations were brought to Belize including shoes, clothes, school supplies, teaching and medical supplies. The donations were given to the Dorothy Menzies Child Care Center (country sponsored orphanage), the La Isla Carinosa School, and the Saint Bible Church.

International service includes the following: Vice President and President Elect, OMEP-USA (Organisation Mondiale pour L'Education Prescolaire), World Organization for Early Childhood Education and Care, United States North American Continent (Nationally elected office).

Advisory Board Member of the *Forum, Journal of the Oxford Round Table*. Manchester College, Oxford University. Oxford, UK; Board of Directors.

International Member. Symposium Programme Committee. The Belizean International Symposium on Education. Belize City, Belize, Central America.

Advisor to the Nepal Education Support Trust USA (NESTUSA).

Oversees Program Advisor, Board Member. The Association for Childhood Education Practitioners, Nigeria (ACEP). Nigeria, Africa.

Advisor Board Member; Institute of Global Harmony (IGH). Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Sardarshahr, Rajasthan, India.



Dr. Tom Morgan (Music) performed with the IHS World Orchestra in a tour of Vietnam, December 9-19, 2016. He played in a 17-piece jazz big band made up of musicians from the U.S., Canada, Israel, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland. Over ten concerts were performed in Hanoi, Danang, and Saigon. Audiences ranged from churches, coffee shops, an underwear factory (Jocky Shorts), and the home of the former Miss Vietnam. Classic jazz arrangements of popular tunes were performed and



were very well received by all, many friends and connections were made. This was a wonderful way to expose Vietnamese people to jazz music and spread goodwill between western countries represented in the band and Vietnam.

Tom with Miss Vietnam.

Photo submitted by Tom Morgan.

Dr. Brian Ogawa (Human Services) presented an opening plenary, conducted three workshops, and moderated a panel session at the *Ninth International Congress of Morita Therapy*, August 31-September 2, 2016, at the Medical School, University of Exeter, United Kingdom. The Congress theme was “Sustainable Psychotherapies for the 21st Century” and showcased evidence-based research on Morita Therapy, Peripheral Consciousness, and Ecotherapy. Dr. Ogawa lectured on “Outpatient Morita Therapy.” Professors, scholars, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, researchers, mental health practitioners, social workers, and students from around the globe attended, including England, the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia, Tasmania, China, Russia, Germany, Korea, and France. The University of Exeter has over 21,000 students from more than 130 different countries and is known for excellence in teaching and research. *The International Congress of Morita Therapy* is co-sponsored by the Japanese Society for Morita Therapy in Tokyo, major universities and health organizations worldwide, and it is conducted every three to four years. The last congress was held in Moscow, Russia and the next will be in Shanghai, China.

Accompanying Dr. Ogawa from Washburn University were Human Services and Psychology students, who also participated in an intensive residential in Exeter as part of the Morita Therapy Certificate Program. The group spent time after the Congress touring the cultural and historic sites of London. The photo below shows Washburn University students with some of the University of Exeter host staff.



Morita Therapy participants. Photo submitted by Brian Ogawa.

Dr. Martha Placeres (Music) was invited to guest conduct the Puebla State Conservatory of Music in June 2016, as well as teach a beginning conducting workshop, violin master classes, and participate as guest adjudicator for several violin recitals.

Last fall, Dr. Placeres had the prestigious invitation to conduct the Binational Youth Symphony Orchestra Mexico-Germany, having several concerts in the state of Puebla during the months of October and November 2016.

In December 2016, Dr. Placeres continued to be the Executive Director and Clinician of the *Third Annual Conducting Symposium* hosted by the Puebla State Conservatory of Music

Dr. Pamela Schmidt (Business) co-authored a publication collaborating with a professional in New Zealand and another U.S.A.-based colleague at Michigan State University. The publication was co-authored and reviewed entirely online across hemispheres and time zones (with New Zealand’s calendar being a day ahead of our calendar). This collaboration was done entirely online using



SKYPE teleconferencing, sharing files in online document sharing website www.Dropbox.com, and using email. The journal publication citation is:

Schmidt, Pamela J., Wood, Jason T., & Grabski, Severin V. (2016) "Business in the Cloud: Research Questions on Governance, Audit and Assurance." *Journal of Information Systems*, Vol. 30(3), pp. 173-189. With downloadable supplement online at <http://www.aaajournals.org/doi/abs/10.2308/isys-51494?code=aaan-site>

Dean's Report

College of Arts and Sciences Laura Stephenson, Dean

Students and faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences traveled to international sites in the fall to present original research and engage with others in service and learning. One of our students had the opportunity to study abroad during the fall semester: **Brandon Davis**, Spanish Secondary Education Major, took courses in Costa Rica.

A few of our faculty travelled internationally to share their research. In September, **Marguerite Perret** (Art) presented at the National Medical School in Asuncion, Paraguay. She also had an exhibit in an international photography exhibition there. **Gaspar Porta** (Mathematics & Statistics) traveled to Rome, Italy in October to present an article at the *World Scientific and Engineering Academy and Society (Continuum Mechanics, CM'16)* joint conference. While in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada this fall, **Ian Smith** (Philosophy) shared his research by giving a poster presentation at the *Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference*. Several of our students were inspired after taking a study abroad trip to Belize with **Judith McConnell-Farmer** (Education), where they had the opportunity to tutor children in underprivileged areas. The College will continue to encourage our

students and faculty to engage in international teaching, learning, and service opportunities.

School of Applied Sciences Pat Munzer, Dean

Diane McMillen (Human Services) had a fulfilling sabbatical last spring, which included co-facilitating an international workshop on prevention in Spain with a group of 20 professionals from all over Europe that had been participating in six months of training. She also traveled to the Orkney Islands in the north of Scotland as part of a study trip with a former colleague and a group of students from Ottawa University. Diane was also just asked to participate in a 75-minute interview that will be live-streamed as part of the *Fourth International Telesummit* of "Transforming Community from the Inside Out" sponsored by the Center for Sustainable Change.

Deborah Altus (Human Services) gave the keynote address at the International Communal Studies Association conference in July in Portugal.

Upcoming International Travel: The Allied Health department will again offer study abroad opportunities in Haiti. **Hillary Lolley** will be taking a total of eight students in the fall; four from October 24th to Oct 30th and four from October 31st to November 7th. The second week in November will be the first time this program will cross healthcare disciplines at Washburn. Allied Health students and Nursing students will be participating in the abroad program this Fall. It is exciting to promote cooperation and collaboration between Allied Health and Nursing students prior to entering the health care field. In the spring **Keith Farwell** will be taking four students in early April and **Lara Rivera** (Nursing) will be taking four Registered Nurse (RN) students and two Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) students.

Every other year, the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Department sponsors a Criminal Justice program to Scotland. The program in 2017 will mark the sixth time that Washburn students will travel to Scotland. The excursion in 2017 occurs

June 10-24. Students will stay at the University of Napier in Edinburgh, which is in the heart of Scotland's largest and most interesting city. Glasgow, another major city, is a 45-minute train ride from Edinburgh. The program involves academic work with Scottish professors, visits with Scottish police, courts, and corrections facilities, cultural tours of numerous Scottish landmarks, and plenty of opportunities to socialize with the wonderful people of Scotland! Washburn students also complete a Washburn Transformation Experience (WTE) project for this trip. Students from two universities in Florida participate in the biennial trips to Scotland and will join the Washburn students in June. Each of the American universities takes turns hosting the students from Scotland every other year. Washburn faculty leaders for this program are **Tony Palbicke** and **Patricia Dahl**.

Law School

Craig Martin, Professor

Professors **Aida Alaka** and **Tonya Kowalski** traveled to Tbilisi, Georgia, in December 2016 to present a legal analysis and writing training workshop for 32 Tbilisi City Court judicial law clerks ("judicial assistants"). They led the participants through approximately 16 one-hour modules on essential analytical skills, such as stating a thesis, reading judicial opinions as a source of persuasive authority, resolving statutory ambiguity, proving the law, and applying law to facts. Nearly every hour included an active learning exercise such as writing short drafts or problem-solving hypothetical analytical challenges.

Professor **Linda Elrod**, Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Children and Family Law Center at Washburn Law School, presented on "Preventing Parental Child Abduction Using UCCJEA, PKPA and UCAPA," Cross-Border Family Law Issues CLE at the *American Bar Association Family Law Section Fall Meeting*, Quebec, Canada, October 22, 2016. Linda also attended a Board of Editors Meeting for the *Family Law Quarterly*. Linda retired after 24 years being the Editor in Chief but remains on the editorial



board. The conference was held at the famous Chateau Frontenac - a polar bear joined her for dinner. In picture: Linda Elrod, the Honorable Gail Baker, Rochester, Minnesota; Lynne Eustach, Hartford, Connecticut; Allen Bailey, Anchorage, Alaska.

Linda also published in the area of international and comparative law:

"The Best Interests of the Child When There is Conflict About Contact," *In Implementing Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Best Interests, Welfare and Well-being* (Elaine E. Sutherland and Lesley Anne Barnes Macfarlane, eds.) (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

"Child Custody: Back to the Future - Still Searching for Best Interests," (chapter 7) in *Family Law in Britain and America in the New Century: Essays in Honor of Sanford N. Katz* (John Eekelaar, editor) (Brill Publishers, 2016).

Professor **Craig Martin** published "Informal Constitutional Amendment and the 'Reinterpretation' of Japan's War Powers", *41 Fordham International Law Journal* (2016).

Craig participated as a panelist in a workshop on Comparative Constitutional Law at the *American Society of Comparative Law Conference* at the University of Washington, Seattle, in November, 2016.

He also presented "Informal Constitutional Amendment and the 'Reinterpretation' of Japan's War Powers" at a conference on Constitutional



Change in Japan at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, at the end of August 2016.

Craig Martin in front of the Sydney Opera House. Photo submitted by Craig Martin.

Professor **Freddy Sourgens** co-edited *Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law - Volume 9* (with Ian A. Laird, Borzu Sabahi, and Todd J. Weiler) (Juris Publishing, 2016).

Freddy also presented "Supernational Law - How Investment Tribunals Avoid Favouring the Interests of Multinationals Over the Public Policy Concerns of Host States," at Columbia Law School, as part of a colloquia series organized by the Vale Center on Sustainable Development and the Law School.

Freddy was also one of the primary organizers of the *Third Annual Houston Oil and Gas Investment Arbitration Conference*, headlined this year by Ecuador's Attorney General, Dr. Diego Garcia Carrion. Freddy also spoke at the conference, discussing the recent set aside by the Dutch courts of the \$50 billion awards against the Russian Federation in favour of Yukos shareholders.



*Freddy Sourgens at Columbia Law School.
Photo submitted by Craig Martin.*

School of Business **Russell E. Smith, Associate Dean**

The fall-winter 2016 period was characterized by the continuation of ongoing projects and by the extension and deepening existing projects and partnerships, all connected to undergraduate business education. These activities include participating in the annual *Magellan Exchange Coordinators Conference* held October 3-4, 2016 in Rapid City, South Dakota. We also note Professor Michael Stoica's January 2017 trip to Wuhan, China, to meet teaching colleagues and the leaders of the Chinese companies that will host the spring 2017 offering of BU 406 *International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience*. Finally we recognize the

receipt by Professor Liviu Florea of the designation of "Best 2016-2 X-Culture Instructor" for his performance in the X-Culture project, a multicultural virtual-team, consultancy project competition that he incorporates into BU 356 *Cross-Cultural Management* each fall.

Washburn University was represented at this year's Magellan conference by **Sungkyu Kwak**, professor in the School of Business and a first-time attendee; also attending from WU's Office of International Programs, Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator, and Heidi Staerckel, International Student Services Coordinator. Professor Kwak reports that as a first-time attendee, he discovered various opportunities for student and faculty exchange and became acquainted with scholars and administrators from partner schools around the world. In the bi-lateral agreements sphere, Professor Kwak is active in establishing a bi-lateral partnership with Kookmin University in Seoul, South Korea. The Washburn School of Business became a Magellan member in 2001 under the leadership of then-dean Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek. Other attendees of annual conferences over the years have included Jim Eck, Dmitri Nizovtsev, and Russ Smith. This year the conference was sponsored by member schools Northern State University and Dakota State University.

The principal activity of Magellan Exchange is a direct exchange program for undergraduate students. Originally a small consortium of smaller business schools in the Midwest and Upper South in the U.S. and the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Finland, the membership now includes additional schools in Western Europe such as Germany, France, Spain, Denmark, and Austria; Mexico and Costa Rica in North America; South Korea and Australia. Magellan membership has served the School of Business well over the years. Not only has it provided study abroad opportunities for both inbound and outbound students, it has allowed participating faculty and staff to build a wide professional network and to acquire valuable know-how about the mechanics of study abroad, credit transfer, curriculum analysis, and intellectual capital

about education in other countries. The website is www.magellanexchange.org

For the second January running, Professor **Michael Stoica** visited partner school Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST) in central China to participate in the WUST planning cycle for our BU 406 *International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience* course. As previously reported, the course involves consultancy-style student projects done by teams of WUST and Washburn students (2007 through 2014) and teams of WUST, Washburn, and PXL-Belgium students in Chinese companies. The innovation this year is to deepen the relationship among Washburn, the WUST School of Management, and their partner firms by incorporating owners or highest executives into the team projects as mentors. The partner firms this cycle are Wuhan ONLEAD Furniture, Hubei GENIE Engineering Technology Co. Ltd, Wushang Zhongyuan Mall, YiQiHao, Beidaying Electronic Engineering & Technology Co. Ltd. The innovation borrows from the success of the BU 406-Belgium class, where a single team of Washburn and UC-Leuven students works on upper managements on two separate cases, the first with Hills Pet Nutrition and the second with a Belgian company.

Reflecting the School's efforts in the pedagogy of cross-cultural teams, Associate Professor **Liviu Florea** was selected to be among the recipients of the 2016-2 Best Instructor Award by the X-Culture Project. The X-Culture Project is a worldwide class competition of project teams made up of five students, each from a different country. This year a total of 133 instructors and co-instructors teaching at 123 universities in 39 countries were considered for the Best Instructor Award. In the student competition, Washburn student Jasmine Ortega was a member of the third place team along with students from Colombia, The Netherlands, and Brazil. Professor Florea has included X-Culture in his BU 356 *Cross-Cultural Management* class since 2013. The website for X-Culture is <http://x-culture.org>.

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 landmark community organization in 1980 and is housed at the International House on Washburn University's 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. Currently, there are approximately 300 international students from 34 different countries at Washburn University, and 220 U.S. students from Washburn will visit these countries through study abroad and exchange programs for the 2016 Academic Year.

ICT has been busy during the 2016-2017 school year and I would like to highlight some of its people and activities! At the start of the year, ICT members greeted nearly 40 incoming international students with a welcoming brunch that featured a wide variety of foods. Each year, ICT celebrates a different country through a community-wide cultural event. In spring 2016, ICT turned the spotlight on Nepal. The Nepali students from Washburn cooked nearly a thousand dumplings for more than 200 community residents attending this cultural event. In spring, some ICT members attended the showing of art work by Chinese artists Zou Qionghui and Zou Yue who visited Washburn's International House. In May, ICT board members honored one of its own: esteemed Washburn law professor John Christensen who retired from the law school and remains active with ICT and other community organizations. During the summer, ICT welcomed some of the Hallym University students who attended the five-week International Summer Institute at Washburn.



The fall 2016 semester began with ICT hosting a welcome brunch for another incoming group of international students. Lots of food and conversation were shared! Also in fall, ICT member and Washburn professor Sangyoub Park returned from his native city of Seoul where he studied the leisure activities of South Koreans. His stories were featured in Kansas Public Radio's "Foodways." In November, ICT member and Washburn's international student recruiter Andy Vogel coordinated "A Taste of China" for the campus and the community where award winning chef and writer Fuchsa Durlop lectured and cooked for everyone. In November, Andy also received Washburn Student Life's prestigious Achieving Excellence award. The calendar year ended for us with a holiday dinner coordinated by ICT member Judy Diffley. Now, here we are well into spring 2017 and ICT proudly produced its 10th annual community-wide cultural event by showcasing the cultures of the Middle East. ICT member and Washburn professor Bassima Schbley, along with member Fatma Epps and intern Ashley Webb, coordinated an event that featured Middle Eastern food, history, and customs.

A significant service that ICT provides is the free tutoring offered to English Language Learners at the International House on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 pm during the school calendar year. Participants utilizing these services are international students at Washburn and surrounding community members. You will typically find ICT members and ESL tutors Anita Epps and Rachel O'Sullivan working hard to ensure that individuals and small groups get the help they need to master English as a Second Language. Longtime ICT member and tutor, Patricia Van Sichel passed away in 2017 and her enduring impact on the program will be honored with a memorial plaque at the International House.

ICT cordially invites you to become a member of our organization. Help us welcome the world to Washburn and Topeka! Email patricia.dahl@washburn.edu for more information.



Kelly McClendon **Lecturer/Coordinator, Intensive English Program**

In the fall, the Intensive English Program (IEP) served students from 12 countries. The largest numbers were from China, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Nepal and Ukraine. Also, the Intensive English Program introduced an eight-week short course for a group of 11 visiting students from Chiba University of Commerce, Tokyo. They enjoyed courses offered in all skill areas and observed general education courses around the university. They lived in the dorms and were given an immersion experience into American college life and the friendly atmosphere at Washburn University. Thank you to all those who welcomed those students and contributed to their positive experience.

Last winter I reported about six students completing the *Foundation Program* as a pathway to the Master's of Education degree. Three more have completed this program and three graduated with their Master's degree in December. Congratulations to Khaled Alqahtani, Asma Alqarni, and Ishahe Alshanjiti, all from Saudi Arabia!

At the end of September all the Intensive English instructors attended the *MidTESOL Conference* in Kansas City. Meg Atwood and Andy Vogel were chosen to make a poster presentation. All of us enjoyed this enlightening professional development opportunity.

Heidi Staerker **Coordinator of International Student Services**

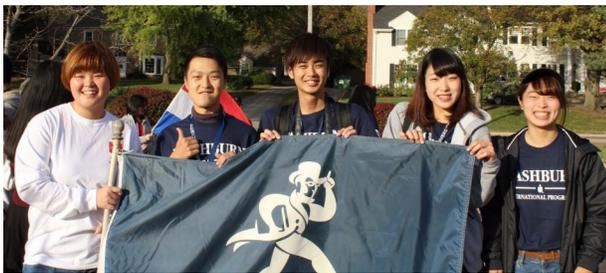
During the Fall 2016 semester, we welcomed our first eight-week exchange group of 11 students from Chiba University of Commerce (CUC), Tokyo. Although CUC students have been visiting our campus since 2015 for a three-week exchange in the spring, this was the first time we hosted any short-term exchange student group during the fall semester which was exciting!

The CUC students had so many wonderful experiences while they were at Washburn University from mid-October until mid-December: They

dressed up for Halloween and went trick-or-treating in the Potwin neighborhood, participated in the Homecoming parade and other Homecoming activities, shared Japanese culture with third grade students at Whitson Elementary, learned about roasting hot dogs and making s'mores at the Topeka Friendship Network Ranch Party, talked and had lunch with residents at Lexington Park Assisted Living, as well as visiting other places of interest around Topeka and Kansas City. One of the students' favorite activities was spending Thanksgiving Break with their local host family. Our office wishes to extend many thanks to these families that invited the CUC students into their homes and shared this important U.S. holiday with them! We're already looking forward to next fall's exchange group!

Here's what one CUC student had to say about their experience at Washburn:

"I stayed in a dormitory in the campus during our eight weeks, so I had a lot of chances that I could talk with other WU students and international students. I had some new experiences at WU. Every day was a great memory for me. Now, I miss all of my friends and things. I can't thank you enough. I want to go WU again!!!!" – Mai Hatanaka



*International students marching in the Homecoming Parade.
Photo submitted by Heidi Staerke.*

In December, we had one of our largest ever fall graduating classes, with a total of 25 graduates! Many congratulations to the following students:

- Ali Al-Hassan (Saudi Arabia) – MBA
- Khaled Alqahtani (Saudi Arabia) – MEd in Curriculum & Instruction
- Asma Alqarni (Saudi Arabia) – MEd in Curriculum & Instruction
- Ishah Alshaqiti (Saudi Arabia) – MEd in Curriculum & Instruction

- Sarbottam Bhagat (Nepal) – MBA
- Yoshiko Hayashi (Japan) – BBA in Marketing
- Yaashish K.C. (Nepal) – MBA
- Toni Lehtonen (Finland) – BSN in Nursing
- Qiyao Li (China) – BM in Music Performance, Piano
- Huimin Liu (China) – BS in Computer Information Sciences and BS in Mathematics (Actuarial Science)
- Qingyang Liu (China) – MBA
- Adriana Lozano (Colombia) – MSN
- Mengbai Lu (China) – BBA in Accounting
- Yangfei Mao (China) – BS in Chemistry and MBA
- Irene Medina (Belize) – BSN in Nursing
- Yuko Oki (Japan) – BA in Art History
- Sanjaya Paudel (Nepal) – MBA
- Motoharu Sasaki (Japan) – BBA in Marketing
- Mao Tohge (Japan) – BA in Mass Media
- Jue Wang (China) – BBA in Finance
- Guangyao Xi (China) – BS in Computer Information Sciences
- Lina Xu (China) – BBA in Accounting
- Xinyi Yan (China) – BBA in Accounting
- Yetiantian Yang (China) – BBA in Accounting
- Quan Zheng (China) – Associate of Liberal Studies (ALS)

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

Summa Cum Laude

- Mengbai Lu – School of BU Scholar
- Yetiantian Yang – School of BU Scholar

Magna Cum Laude

- Qiyao Li
- Lina Xu
- Xinyi Yan – School of BU Scholar

Cum Laude

- Yoshiko Hayashi – School of BU Scholar
- Huimin Liu
- Irene Medina – School of NU Scholar
- Yuko Oki
- Motoharu Sasaki
- Jue Wang – School of BU Scholar

Tina Williams Study Abroad Coordinator

Fall 2016 marked the 10th anniversary of the WU Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest. 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 Bods Abroad Photo Display on the main level of Mabee Library. Congratulations to the 2016 contest winners featured below!

First Place: Shawn Oliver, Junior, Accounting & Spanish Major "["Living as a Spaniard and Learning to 'Make the Most of It'"](#) WU Faculty-led Program: *Live & Learn in Salamanca, Spain*, Summer 2016.



An impressive and very old Aqueduct in Segovia that was built by the Romans in around 50 A.D. Photo taken by Shann Oliver.

Second Place: Marissa Dake, Senior, Communication Studies Major "["Mis Aventuras en Costa Rica"](#)" Affiliate Program: *ISA Intensive Spanish Language*, Winter Break 2016.



Exploring Costa Rica. Photo taken by Marissa Dake.

Third Place: Sarah Press, Senior, Business Finance & Marketing Major "["The World Through a Lens"](#)" WU Faculty-led Program: *Belgium: International Business Experience*, Summer 2016.



Soaking in the Eiffel Tower. Photo taken by Sarah Press.

The International Programs Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to 85 students participating in Spring, Summer, Fall and Academic Year study abroad programs. Programs ranged in length from two weeks to an academic year. Included were the following Faculty-led Washburn Transformational Experiences:

Belgium & China: International Business Experience – Dr. Michael Stoica

Haiti: International Medical Service – Professor Hillary Lolley

Japan: Discover Japan with Fukuoka University – Dr. Bob Beatty

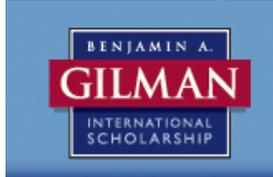
Spain: Live & Learn in Salamanca, Spain – Professor Georgina Tenny

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.

The Gilman Scholarship Program is an undergraduate grant program for U.S. citizens of limited financial means to enable them to study

abroad, thereby internationalizing their outlook and better preparing them to thrive in the global economy. The scholarship is open to U.S. citizen undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college



or university to participate in study and intern abroad programs worldwide. The Gilman Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Bureau of

Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries to promote friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations.

Andy Vogel **International Student Recruitment and Retention Coordinator**

Fall 2016 saw the second largest enrollment of international students in Washburn's history. We are working to diversify our student population with more underrepresented countries and regions.



*Washburn International Students - Fall 2016.
Photo taken and submitted by Andy Vogel.*

I had the profound privilege to accompany university President Dr. Farley to Nepal and India where we presented at the United States Education Foundation and visited with the staff of the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu. We also explored study abroad options for a future faculty-led study abroad program to Nepal as well as visited WU's Nepali international student Prativity Joshy and her family.



Pictured from left to right: Pratity Joshy, Pawan Raj Joshy, Andy Vogel, and President Farley. Photo submitted by AV.

The Memorial Union and International Programs teamed up to co-sponsor the first *Annual International Culinary Workshop*, featuring world renowned chef and author Fuchsia Dunlop. She discussed the nuances of using a Chinese meat clever and demonstrated how to cook a number of Chinese dishes. She also had a cooking demo class at Washburn Tech for the culinary students. Thanks to the sponsors and attendees of this event.



Fuchsia Dunlop (center) working with Washburn Tech culinary students. Photo submitted by AV.

The Presidential Ambassadors for International Students (PAIS) and I held region-specific focus groups with most of our international students to find ways to make their life at WU better. We were pleased to find positive results across the board.

Thanks to everyone for supporting international education and promoting the internationalization of our campus and community!

Congratulations!

International Students Place In Top Six of Fall Nall Speak Off



2016 Fall Nall top six competitors.

The 2016 Fall Nall Speak Off was held by Washburn University's Communication Department. Each semester, the top one to three speakers are selected from each Washburn University public speaking course to represent their respective classes in this competition. Three international students placed in the top six finalists:

- YiYun Song - "Flash Mob" (Third Place)
- Narumi Hishinuma - "Noodle Vending" (Fourth Place)
- Yue Li - "Bermuda Triangle" (Sixth Place)

International Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following 63 individuals, who were awarded a scholarship by the Office of International Programs. Many thanks to the many Washburn University alumni and friends whose generosity made these awards possible.

William Guild Fund: Semakaleng Smarts, YiJou Tsai, Pratity Joshy, Pritam Khadka, Ling Huang, Shuang Wang, Mohammad Alqarni, Alejandro Valarezo Plaza, Yuquan Hong, Haojun Fu, Yueyi Sun, Ying Liu, Tony Ye Yang, Julie Ravn, Pui Fu Janice Ho, Fahad Alfaryyan, Ke Hu, Ivan Amarilla, Nouf Fareed Almutlaq, Miyuki Nishimura, Sho Sugahara, Bo Zhao.

Lauranna Russell Clothier Fund: Wenchan Zhu, Sayaka Kine, Meaad Rasheed Aldarbi, Tomohiro Ichikawa, Luyao Luo.

ICT/Wagnon: Lu Pan, Yi Zhu.

International Education Fund: Minxi Yao, Xiangrui Zheng, Shujing Zhou, Shuhua Zheng, Ana Andrade Alvares de Lima, Xinyue He, Amal Altamimi, Paul Mismaque, Motoharu Sasaki, Yetiantian Yang, Mengbai Lu, Lina Xu, Irene Medina, Guangyao Xi.

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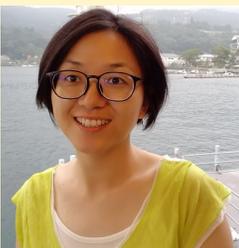
International Alums



Fu (Jan) Chenning studied at Washburn from 2009-2010 as an exchange student from Zhejiang International Studies University. She graduated in 2011 as an English major. After graduation, she worked in a public primary school in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. After that, she did a one-year working holiday in New Zealand, where she made a living in a foreign country for the first time and enjoyed the stunning beauty of mother nature as well as made a lot of friends from different countries. She then returned to China, published her stories of New Zealand in the travel magazine *View Week* and worked in Shanghai as an English teacher in a training school teaching adults. After three years of teaching, she decided to challenge herself in a new area. Currently, she is working as a Visa Assistant at the Consulate General of the United States in Shanghai and has been working there for three months. She considers life an amazing tour and will continue discovering new things throughout her journey.

Yuehan (John) Gao studied at Washburn from 2015-2016 as an exchange student from Lanzhou University (LZU). He is currently a Ph.D. candidate for the Center for Ethnic Minorities in Northwest China, Lanzhou University. From January 2016 - May 2016, Yuehan served as a government relations intern for the United States Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS). Regarding his time at Washburn, he says:

"I enjoyed every thing in Topeka, the experiences of WU are very impressive and significant for me, and I appreciate that I can meet people and became good friend each other."



Luodan (Carly) Wang BBA 2011 has been serving as Associate Finance Manager at Publicis Sapient China, an international advertising agency since 2014, in charge of the agency's revenue rolling forecast, actual reports, and analysis. Before joining the agency, Loudan had experience as Accounting Manager at Decathlon, a French sports retailer. Loudan believes that her three years of studying at Washburn and living in the U.S. has equipped her with international vision, a steady work style, and strong leadership, which consistently drives her to grow fast in her career path.

Chenyang Ye, has been accepted to Nanjing University as a graduate student - a goal that she has been working very hard for. After her time at Washburn, Chenyang has been traveling, catching up with friends, and working out. She finds life to be very busy but colorful.

"My life at Washburn was a really unforgettable experience. It was there that I learned how to study actively and it was there that I made up my mind to further my study and never gave up. More importantly, I met many nice people from all over the world, and it is because I was there."