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International Activities

Dr. Alan Bearman (History) took a Sweet Summer Sabbatical in June 2017. After spending the Spring 2017 term teaching his Reformation course, he spent the month visiting and studying Reformation sites across Europe in preparation for his new advanced 2017 Fall history course on Martin Luther. It was a particularly interesting time to spend in Europe because October 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Luther's *95 Theses* and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

Dr. Bob Beatty (Political Science) had a Sweet Sabbatical in June where he traveled to and learned about the political systems and current politics of Romania, Bulgaria, and the Balkan countries of Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia, and Serbia. While in Bulgaria he took part in the celebration of King Simeon of Bulgaria's 80th birthday party. Dr. Beatty also accompanied four Washburn political science students to the United Kingdom for the June 8th parliamentary elections.



Dr. Beatty (back left) with King Simeon and Princess Margareta of Bulgaria.
(Photo submitted by Dr. Bob Beatty)

Dr. Chris Conner (Sociology/Anthropology) presented a co-authored student paper at the *Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meetings* in Montreal, Canada, which ran concurrently with the *American Sociological Association Annual Meetings*, August 11-13, titled, "Sociology and its LGBT+ Publics: Contemporary Issues in LGBT+ Identity Formation and the Gayborhood."

With support from the Washburn University International Programs, **Dr. Shiao-Li Ding** (Music) led a team of two Washburn music majors, Shuhua Zheng (voice) and Shuting Ye (piano), on a music performance tour in Zhejiang Province, China from May 25 to June 8, 2017.



Within two weeks, the team presented five concerts, two lectures, and one master class at two performing arts schools: Ningbo Institute of Technology and Yue Xiu University of Foreign Language. The team also gave a performance at Shuhua Zheng's alma mater, Deqing High School.

The team painstakingly selected a concert program for the tour. It included the classical literature by Mozart, Beethoven and Liszt, as well as literature that is not familiar to the Chinese. The audiences particularly enjoyed a group of art songs by American composer John Duke and a song titled "Nancy Hanks," an imaginary dialogue of Abraham Lincoln's mother with her son. The team also gave the China Premier Performance of *Cuatro Madrigales Amatorios*, a song cycle by Spanish composer Joaquin Rodrigo.

After each concert, many young audience members conversed with Shuhua and Shuting and were eager to hear their experiences of studying at Washburn. At Yue Xiu University, the student clubs of guzheng (Chinese zither) and string ensembles shared the same stage with Washburn students. Together they presented a harmonious and delightful concert.

During this tour, Dr. Ding had opportunities to reunite with eight Washburn exchange students who had studied in the Washburn Music Department. All of them now are successful music educators in Zhejiang province: three are faculty members at junior colleges and five are public school music teachers!

Dr. Reza Espahbodi (School of Business) attended the annual *Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics (JCAE) Symposium* in Taipei, Taiwan in early January 2017 where he presented his paper (coauthored with Linda Espahbodi and Professor Norma Juma), “Do inclusion of sustainability priorities in corporate strategy matter to investors?”, in a concurrent paper session, and chaired a plenary session presentation. His travel was facilitated by a grant of \$1,500 from Washburn University’s Office of International Programs. This two-day, premier Asian symposium comprised plenary paper sessions, concurrent paper sessions, research forums and a corporate governance forum. The symposium provides a platform for accounting, economics and corporate governance academics to present cutting-edge research findings and to exchange insightful perspectives. While there is a special focus on issues relevant to the Asia-Pacific region, the symposium also encourages submissions from countries outside the Asia-Pacific region. The 2017 symposium was co-organized by Tamkang University, Deakin University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and University of Technology Sydney.

Reza reported that “attending the symposium allowed me to showcase Washburn and our students and faculty. I was extended an invitation to present my research at Hong Kong University next year, and asked by three individuals if I would be willing to collaborate on research. More importantly, the attendance at the symposium has allowed me to share with my students what I learned about corporate governance and auditing research in Asia-Pacific and other regions. As time permitted, I engaged with locals to learn more about Taiwanese culture. I believe the knowledge I gain will help me to better connect with our Asian students at Washburn.”

Reza has published a paper with professors Amy Westwood of Washburn and Nan Liu of Peking University in China on the 2006 SEC regulations, and with Professor Nan Liu on earnings smoothing by dividend-paying firms. He is currently working on another research paper with professors Rob Weigand of Washburn and Nan Liu on earnings management by dividend-paying firms.

The scholarship of **Dr. Rachel Goossen** (History) on the legacies of theologian and ethicist John Howard Yoder has been translated into Korean and is being published this year in Seoul. Goossen's article, “Defanging the Beast?: Mennonite Responses to John Howard Yoder's Sexual Abuse,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 89 (2015), has been translated by BockKi Kim, her host at the Korean Anabaptist Center in Chuncheon, South Korea, where she presented a seminar during her 2016 Sweet Sabbatical.

Dr. Miguel González-Abellás (Modern Languages) attended the *20th International Conference on Hispanic Literatures (ICHL)* at Santiago de Compostela, Spain from July 21-23, 2017. He presented a paper titled, “El mundo patas arriba: Las distintas subversiones futuristas en El goto: Cuasi, cuasi, Señor de Madureira de José Eduardo Alcázar” [The World Upside Down: Different Futuristic Subversions in José Eduardo Alcázar’s El goto: Cuasi, cuasi, Señor de Madureira].

Publications: González-Abellás, Miguel A. “Drogas de drogar: Como a cultura popular antecipou a alta cultura no tratamento do tráfico de drogas no auge na Galicia nos anos oitenta.” [Drogas de drogar: How Popular Culture Anticipated High Culture in the Treatment of the Drug Trafficking Boom in Galicia during the 1980s] *Fênix – Revista de História e Estudos Culturais* (Janeiro/ Fevereiro/ Março/ Abril/ Maio/ Junho de 2016) Vol. 13 Ano VII nº 1 ISSN: 1807-6971 Available at: http://www.revistafenix.pro.br/PDF37/artigo_16_secao_livre_Miguel_Angelo_fenix_jan_jun_2016.pdf

Dr. Alexandra Klaes (Sociology/Anthropology) gave an invited lecture, June 6, 2017, on graduate studies and careers in forensic anthropology at ArchaeoTek’s Bioarchaeology Field School Program in Odorheiu Secuiesc, Transylvania, Romania.

During the spring semester of 2017, Professor Jeff Jackson and **Professor Bill Rich** (Law) supervised a group of Washburn Law students on a cooperative project with students and faculty at Free University of Tbilisi, Georgia. The Georgian faculty



identified significant constitutional issues pending before the Constitutional Court of Georgia. Washburn students analyzed treatment of those issues in the United States and shared their research with the Georgian students who developed friend-of-the-court briefs for the Court in Georgia. They have carried on this project for several years with support from the East-West Management Institute which manages a grant from the United States Department of State.

Dr. Judy McConnell-Farmer (Education) published articles with an international focus, including , “Global Guidelines, Initiatives and a Case Study of the Responses of a Select Latin American Country, Peru, in the Provision of Early Childhood Education”, with co-author, Dr. Gloria Dye, “Creating Positive Classroom Behavior Management for Nigerian Preschool Children.”, and with co-author, Ms. Tina Williams, “Practices for Promoting Student Success: High-Impact Community Engagement Practices.” She coordinated three, four-day conferences titled, *International Round Table Symposium* at Oxford University, Oxford, U.K. on the topics of childhood issues and education, women and education, and childhood education, during March and July 2017. Dr. McConnell-Farmer directed and led Washburn students in the seventh annual *Washburn University Study Abroad in Belize Program* sponsored by the Department of Education, for 14 days in December 2016 and January 2017. With Dr. Ross Friesen she co-directed *Sport Traditions, Literary Histories and the Culture of Europe Study Abroad Program*, sponsored by the Departments of Education and Kinesiology for 10 days in May 2017. She made 10 paper presentations at various international conferences in Belize, England, and South Korea during 2017. She serves on advisory boards in the countries of Belize, India, Nepal, and Nigeria. For 2017-2020, she was elected the USA President of, *Organisation Mondiale pour L’Education Prescolaire*, the World Organization for Early Childhood Education and Care, United States, (USA-OMEP). If you are interested in knowing more details about the papers and presentations mentioned above, please email judy.mcconnell-farmer@washburn.edu

With Athens Greece as a focal point of travel for her 2017 Sweet Sabbatical, **Dr. Pamela J. Schmidt** (School of Business) was able to participate in a conference in Athens Greece. She presented a research paper at the *Athens Institute of Education and Research (ATINER)* conference sessions on Accounting and Finance held July 3-6, 2017. The paper that Dr. Schmidt presented was “Excel Insights of Power-Users and New Hires: Contrarian Expectations for Entry into the Accounting Profession”. During her two week visit in Athens, she also had fruitful academic meetings with Dr. Marinos Themistocleous, faculty in the Dept. of Digital Systems at University in Piraeus, a nearby suburb of Athens. Dr. Schmidt is now collaborating with Dr. Themistocleous on an enterprise systems (ERP) research track in an international conference. During this Sweet Sabbatical travel time in Europe, she spent two weeks in Athens Greece and the surrounding areas, a week on the Island of Crete, and a week traveling to/from and within Italy.

The Greek culture, economy and history all made major impressions. The Greeks ancient role as leaders in shipping and transport, and Greece’s location as an international cross-roads, are echoed today in its top industries of international shipping (vital to enterprise supply chain activities) and International cultural tourism. More surprising learnings were the early economic activities for inventory tracking, currency exchange, and transaction processing – which are at the roots of accounting and finance, but are often overshadowed by trade activities in ancient Italy.

The Criminal Justice & Legal Studies Department sponsored a study abroad program to Edinburgh, Scotland. In June 2017, **Professor Tony Palbicke and Dr. Patricia Dahl** took nine criminal justice students to study the police, courts, and correctional system of Scotland. The students stayed in dormitories at Napier University, attended classes on the University’s campus, and experienced the Scotland criminal justice system firsthand through numerous field trips to law enforcement agencies, court settings, and prisons. Sightseeing was part of the learning process, too, and students toured

Edinburgh, Lock Ness, Glencoe, the Highlands, and Durham, England. Whether it was castles or cathedrals, museums or monuments, kilts or killie pie, the students had a fantastic opportunity to experience the beautiful Scottish culture and land, while comparing its criminal justice system to that of the United States. These criminal justice students had a journey they will never forget!

Dr. Sangyoub Park (Sociology/Anthropology) led the Washburn study abroad program, *Japan: People & Culture* with Commerce University of Chiba in July. Students had the opportunity to learn more about Japan through a combination of lectures, hands-on activities, and field expeditions for two



Dr. Park on Mt. Fuji.

weeks. They studied Japan's financial markets, tried woodblock printing, and visited Shinto shrines. Indeed, it was a transformational and lifetime experience. In addition, Dr. Park climbed Mt. Fuji to catch the sunrise!



*Washburn students in traditional Japanese dress.
Photo submitted by Dr. Sangyoub Park.*

Dr. Anthony Silvestri (History) was in the Netherlands in June for a concert at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam by the Groot Omroepkoor, the Netherlands Radio Choir. On the program were several works with texts written by Silvestri, including the premiere of two new works, "I Fall" and "Child of Wonder" which are selections from a larger work with composer Eric Whitacre to be released in 2018.

Dr. Courtney Sullivan (Modern Languages) travelled to La Réunion and neighboring Mauritius in the Indian Ocean on her 2017 Sweet Sabbatical. While on the volcanic island of La Réunion, she studied French Creole culture, history and literature with a private instructor and conducted research on her Creole courtesans project. In Mauritius, she explored the French literary influence on Mauritian writers. She also travelled to Paris where she gathered teaching materials and worked on a pedagogical article on French Women in World War II that she is co-authoring with Dr. Kerry Wynn. She plans on sharing what she learned about La Réunion and Mauritius at a Brown Bag lecture in the spring of 2018. She hopes that naturalists, hiking and surfing enthusiasts, coffee lovers, Francophiles, and travelers who appreciate adventure and diversity will attend.

Dean's Report

School of Business

Russell E. Smith, Associate Dean

President Jerry Farley and **Baili Zhang**, Director of International Programs, visited long-time partner school Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST) on June 29, the second such visit in the last three years. During their short stay, President Farley and Mr. Zhang were warmly received by President Ni Hongwei, Dean Deng Xudong of the School of Management, and Director Geng Dianlei of the International Exchange Office. Both sides took great pride in the collaborative relationship between the two institutions, now almost 15 years old, and reaffirmed their commitment to advance the cooperation.

The School of Business's partnership with the WUST School of Management dates from 2006 and operates at several levels, including student and faculty exchange between the two schools. The School of Business greatly appreciates the presidential visits to WUST, which demonstrate University-level support for the partnership to the



leadership of WUST. This fall the School of Business is hosting ten arriving WUST students, including five direct-exchange undergraduate students, three direct-exchange graduate students, and two degree-seeking undergraduate students under the X+Y dual-degree program.

Dr. Michael Stoica visited Paraguay for a week in August at the invitation of the family of a Paraguayan student who had gone to China last year with one of the *BU 406 International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience* classes offered by the School of Business. Dr. Stoica visited Asuncion, Ciudad del Este, and Iguazu Falls. He established contacts with the top two Paraguayan Universities: National University of Paraguay and the Catholic University of Asuncion where he was invited to discuss opportunities for cooperation and to give lectures. The topics of the lectures were “Higher Education in the USA,” “Ways to Build an Entrepreneurship Program,” and “Challenges and the Future of Higher Education.” In addition to his lectures to the faculty, Dr. Stoica also gave a lecture to senior students. He was awarded the distinction of Guest Professor by Universidad Catolica de Asuncion. The discussions at the business dean’s office explored cooperation opportunities in research and teaching. Earlier in the summer he led his *BU 406 International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience* classes to China and to Belgium.

Kathryn “Casey” Elkins, a candidate for the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree in December 2017, has been accepted by the X-Culture Certified Global Virtual Team (GVT) Coaching Program for training and coaching experience for the cycle beginning on September 4, 2017. The X-Culture Project (www.x-culture.org) is a worldwide class competition of project teams made up of five students, each from a different country. The coaching project trains successful previous participants to support current program participants and consists of a four-week theoretical training phase followed by a nine-week practical training phase and a two-week reflection and research phase. In the practical training phase the coaches work with the regular undergraduate X-Culture student teams.

Ms. Elkins has taken advantage of many School of Business international experience opportunities, including *BU 406 International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience*. China in 2015, Washburn’s NIBS International Case Competition team in both 2014 and 2015, being the only Washburn student to do so. Ms. Elkins participated in the X-Culture Project through Washburn’s *BU 356 Cross-Cultural Management* class in 2016 and was one of the only 150 students selected from all over the world to participate in the *2017 X-Culture Global Student Symposium* (<http://x-culture.org/2017-miami/>) in Miami. She plans to graduate in December 2017 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with majors in accounting and international business and a minor in communication.

College of Arts and Sciences Julie Velez for Dean Laura Stephenson

Faculty and students from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) traveled to international locations this spring and summer to share their research with others and pursue new learning opportunities.

Students who studied abroad included Kevin Lewis (France), Michelle McRay (France), and Derrick Schwarz (Austria). **Dr. Ross Friesen** (Kinesiology) and **Dr. Judith McConnell-Farmer** (Education) took students to London and Oxford, England, and Paris, France, to study sports traditions, literary histories, and the culture of Europe. Faculty member **Prof. Georgina Tenny** (Spanish) traveled to Ecuador to study Spanish this summer with five students: Clayton White, Jordan Hoffman, Allison Elsbarn, Makayla Dajani, and Kelsea Shellenberger. **Dr. Sangyoub Park** (Sociology & Anthropology) led a group of students to Tokyo and Chiba to study Japanese culture.

Our faculty had a chance to present their studies internationally as well. In April, **Dr. Linsey Moddelmog** (Political Science) presented a research paper in Lima, Peru at the Latin American Studies Association Conference comparing a for-profit,

organic farm to a state-run farm in Cuba. **Prof. Ye Wang** (Art) traveled to Chengdu University in China this spring to present on Washburn art faculty and student work and his own artistic research. **Dr. Bob Beatty** (Political Science) on his Sweet Sabbatical to Bulgaria, Romania, Czech Republic, and the United Kingdom and met with the King of Bulgaria. **Dr. Kelly Watt** (Art) researched Christian and Islamic monuments and medieval warfare in Spain on her Sweet Sabbatical. **Dr. Judith McConnell-Farmer** (Education) also took a Sweet Sabbatical to Croatia to participate in the 69th OMEP (*Organisation Mondiale pour L'Education Prescolaire*) World Assembly and International Conference and moved on to visit preschools in Lisbon, Portugal and then to facilitate the 39 Round Table Symposium at Oxford University in Oxford, England. **Dr. Courtney Sullivan** (Modern Languages) took a Sweet Sabbatical to three Francophone regions: Paris, La Réunion (a French territory in the Indian Ocean) and Mauritius, and then on to Aix-en-Provence and Marseilles. While in those regions she studied historical and cultural influences on the French language. International travel benefits our faculty and students immensely and continues to enhance learning in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Law School Craig Martin for Dean Romig

Professor Craig Martin, the Co-Director of the International and Comparative Law Center at Washburn Law, presented at a number of international and comparative law conferences this past semester. Specifically, he presented:

- “The Use of Force Against Non-State Actors in Non-Consenting States: Challenging the 'Unwilling or Unable' Doctrine,” *Law and Society Association Conference*, Mexico City, Mexico, June 21, 2017;
- “The Legitimacy of Informal Constitutional Amendment and the ‘Reinterpretation’ of Japan’s War Powers,” *I-CON Society Annual Conference*, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 6, 2017; and
- “Change it to Save it: Why and How to Amend

Article 9,” the keynote address at a symposium entitled *How to View Abe’s Constitutional Amendment Proposals*, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan, August 4, 2017.

Martin also published a number of articles dealing with international and comparative law issues this past semester:

- “[The Legitimacy of Informal Constitutional Amendment and the ‘Reinterpretation’ of Japan’s War Powers](#),” 40 *Fordham International Law Journal* 427 (2017);
- “[Change It to Save It: Why and How to Amend Article 9](#),” 18 *Ritsumeikan Journal of Peace Studies* (2017) (in Japanese: [憲法9条を再生させるための改正論—なぜ、どのように9条を改正するのか](#) 立命館平和研究第18号 (2017));

And, in the popular media;

- “[The Omar Khadr Settlement Reaffirms Canada’s Values](#),” *Huffington Post*, July 17, 2017; and
- “[Canada’s Support for U.S. Strikes on Syria Harms International Law](#),” *Huffington Post*, May 1, 2017.

Finally, Martin also taught a one week intensive class on comparative constitutional law at Osaka University Graduate School of Law and Politics and Faculty of Law, in Osaka, Japan in August, 2017.



Prof. Martin (second from right) with panel at the i-CON Society Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark. Photo submitted by Craig Martin.

Professor Rory Bahadur traveled to Georgia twice this year. He is leading a team of Georgian experts in designing and implementing the pedagogy aspect

of a Ph.D. in law teaching class. In May, in Tbilisi, Bahadur presented to doctoral educators from a variety of universities about the use and implementation of active learning, meta-cognition and cognitive schema methodology in teaching. In July he traveled to Borjomi Georgia where he presented on effective assessment techniques to the same group of doctoral educators. Together with two Georgian experts he is writing a guide to the use and implementation of effective teaching and assessment in Ph.D. teaching methods classrooms in Georgia. Additionally, during May and July he worked in Tbilisi with three different universities to design the content and implementation of a unified introduction to law class which will be used by multiple law schools to introduce incoming students to the study of law. This is all part of a larger project that Washburn Law is working on, with USAID funding, to assist with legal education in Georgia.

Linda Elrod, Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of the Children and the Family Law Center, attended the World meeting of the *International Society of Family Law* in Amsterdam, Netherlands from July 23 - 29, with the theme “Do Family Laws Adequately Reflect the Realities of Families and Children Today?” Linda moderated a session on “High Conflict Divorce” on Wednesday and then spoke on “Federalism, Families and a Quest for Policy” on Saturday.



Professor Linda Elrod enjoys a dinner with fellow speakers. Prof. Nicola Taylor, University of Otago, New Zealand; Prof. Dr. Judy Cashmore, University of Sydney Law School; and Prof. Dr. Rachel Birnbaum, King's University College, Canada. Photo submitted by Linda Elrod.

Elrod was invited to participate in the *Fourth Conference on Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Bergen*, Norway, April 3-6. The

focus of this year's conference was on Article 2 - Discrimination. The *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 2* prohibits discrimination against children based, among other things, on their status or their parent's status. Linda's presentation was based on President Trump's travel ban, immigration and deportation policies and was entitled “Discrimination Against Citizen Children Based on Their Parents' Status.”



Mayor of Bergen hosted a reception in the Schotstuene, the Hansiatic Assembly Hall. Picture: Brian Sloan, Robinson College, Cambridge, England; Lill, PhD student Law Department, Bergen; Linda Elrod; Professor Malcolm Langford, University of Oslo Public Law Department. Photo submitted by Linda Elrod.

From June 4th - 8th, Linda participated in the *Seventh World Congress on Families and Children* in Dublin, Ireland. The World Congress exists to enhance, promote and protect the human rights of children and young people. There were over 600 delegates from 53 countries attending. Her talk was on “A Voice, Not a Choice: Hearing Children in Custody Cases” and her presentation was on the tract: Child Participation.

Elrod published two articles: “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); and, “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).



New International Faculty



Dr. Jia Feng, from Northeast China, joined Washburn University as a geography lecturer in the History Department in fall 2017. Dr. Feng earned his bachelor degree in Urban Planning from Nanjing University in China, an M.A. in Geography from Miami University, and an M.S. in Statistics and Probability from Michigan State University. He obtained his geography Ph.D. at Michigan State University, where he studied the development of the migrant recycling enclaves in Beijing, China. As a broadly trained human geographer, Dr. Feng is interested in topics such as migration, recycling, marginality, GIS, and Spatial Statistics. Outside the classroom, Dr. Feng and his family plan to join community gardens, visit small towns in Kansas and enjoy the magnificent weather in the Rolling Plains.



Dr. José Gregorio Parada comes from the western part of Venezuela, the Andean region. He's recently joined Washburn as a Spanish and French lecturer in the Modern Languages Department. Dr. Parada has a bachelor degree in Latin American studies from University of The Andes, located in Mérida, Venezuela. He earned an M.A in Spanish studies and another one in French comparative literature from the University of Tours in France. He obtained a Ph. D. at the Sophia Antipolis University in Nice, France. Two main subjects are developed in his research: statistics analysis (textometry) and Masonic symbolism in Jules Verne's texts. Dr. Parada has published some books on fiction (novels and short stories) and poetry. He is working on a detailed biography of Jules Verne in Spanish.



Wonjae Lee is from South Korea and joined Washburn University as an Assistant Professor of Graphic Design in the Art Department. Wonjae earned his B.A in Art, M.A in 3D Design, and M.F.A in 3D Design and Sculpture at the University of Iowa. Wonjae has been teaching Design Fundamentals, 3D Design, Web Design and UX. Wonjae has worked with numerous materials from hand fabrication to computer programming. Wonjae's main interest in creating art works is Human Computer Interaction and Communication. Technologies such as computer programming, 3D printing, laser CNC, plasma CNC, shopbot CNC, and electrical circuit have given Wonjae great opportunities to connect art, technology and humanity. Wonjae and his family have fallen love with art communities in Kansas City, Lawrence, and Topeka.



Come Join Us!
 Celebration of Cultures
 November 19, 2017
 White Concert Hall
 1:00 p.m.





From the Desk of ...

Patricia Dahl

President, International Center of Topeka, Inc.

The International Center of Topeka (ICT) welcomes students from around the world who enroll at Washburn University!

ICT is a landmark community non-profit organization that began in 1980 and is located 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 34 different countries at Washburn University each semester, and hundreds of U.S. students from Washburn visit these countries through study abroad and exchange programs. Our members include community leaders, professionals, faculty, students, and individuals who are simply interested in global cultures and world affairs.

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 working hard to ensure that individuals and small groups get the help they need to master English as a second language.

ICT cordially invites you to become a member of our organization. Come join us! Help us welcome the world to Washburn and Topeka – and introduce Washburn and Topeka to the global community! Call 785-670-1413 for more information or email us at ICT@washburn.edu. You can also “like” and follow us on Facebook!



Kelly McClendon

Lecturer/Coordinator, Intensive English Program

For this issue, I would like to highlight our short term programs. We now have short English language programs going on during each semester, including summer. This past spring, 38 Japanese students studied English and had a wonderful experience in February and March. One piece of this program has been running for over 30 years. But lately, it has been augmented by a group of nursing students from Fukuoka University and a group from Chiba University of Commerce in Tokyo. These groups have reported life-changing experiences and their impact is felt in the dorms and in the Topeka community by families with whom they stay for one weekend. The summer is another fast growing program. This year, 29 students participated for six weeks in the Intensive English classes and extra-curricular activities.

Finally, I want to let you know what’s going on within the core Intensive English Program. Several instructors are doing more to be intentional on integrating students with the domestic student body at Washburn University. Several classes are meeting jointly with Communication Studies sections to do interview projects learning about culture. These collaborations have resulted in opening minds, dismantling stereotypes, and one case, establishing life-long friendships. In addition, one IE instructor is requiring her students to observe general education or major courses and get a taste of how the English language is used on the ground, in class.

The International House is always a busy place working toward establishing all students as global citizens.

Heidi Staerkel

Coordinator of International Student Services

From March 19-27, I had the wonderful opportunity to accompany President Farley on a trip to visit some of Washburn’s partner universities in South Korea and Japan. In South Korea, we received a very warm welcome from our colleagues at Hallym University in Chuncheon, and one of our new partners, Kookmin University, in Seoul.



*Dr. Farley enjoying a traditional tea ceremony at Kookmin University.
Photo submitted by Heidi Staerkel.*

In Japan, we were also warmly welcomed by our colleagues and some former exchange students at long-time partner Fukuoka University in Fukuoka City and Chiba University of Commerce (CUC) near Tokyo, a partner university since 2015. The final stop of our trip was at the Sakae Institute of Study Abroad (SISA) in Tokyo, where Dr. Farley and I represented Washburn at SISA's Spring Recruitment Fair. During the fair, we greatly enjoyed the opportunity to briefly interview approximately 20 interested Japanese students, and I'm happy to share that nine of these students have chosen to attend WU this Fall!



Dr. Farley and Heidi Staerkel at Fukuoka University with exchange students from Spring 2017. Photo submitted by Heidi Staerkel.

Arranging the logistics of this trip would have been unmanageable to do by ourselves, so I would like to take a moment to express our deep appreciation to all of our colleagues who made this successful trip go so smoothly – Dr. Farley and I can't thank you enough for your generous assistance and support, and look forward to welcoming you to our campus soon!

Have you ever wondered what our alumni are up to after they complete their exchange program or degree at WU? If so, here are a few of those updates!

- Yifan Wang (China) – Attending the Social Policy graduate program at the University of Pennsylvania
- Kako Hayashi (Japan) – Working for Amazon Japan in Tokyo
- Jimena Vallejos Barriocanal (Paraguay) – Attending the Master of Public Administration in Developmental Practice (MPA-DP) at Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs
- Sarbottam Bhagat (Nepal) – Attending Ph.D. program in the Department of Information Technology & Decision Sciences at the University of North Texas
- Yilun Hua (China) – Attending Master of Arts in TESOL at the University of Hong Kong
- Mairui Li (China) – Completed the Master of Accountancy (MAcc) program at Tulane University in May

We are very proud of these international alumni and wish them much success with their above-mentioned endeavors and beyond!

We are also very proud of our current international students' accomplishments, and I wanted to take the opportunity to mention a couple of these below:

Each semester, the top 1-3 speakers in each Public Speaking (CN 150) course are chosen to compete in the Nall Speak Off, and two international students placed in the top six this Spring:

- 2nd: Paritosha Joshy (Nepal) – "Chaupadi"
- 6th: Weikang Liu (China) – "Great Wall of China"

Lakpa Sherpa, a student from Nepal who's pursuing her Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, recently shared this accolade with our office: "The YWCA of Topeka holds annual leadership luncheon where they award women and future leaders serving various organizations. The YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment, where I'm doing my practicum, nominated me for "future leader" award this year, along with a few other interns."

Tina Williams Study Abroad Coordinator



10th Anniversary of the Washburn Transformation Experience

The Washburn Transformational Experience (WTE) program was established in 2007 and provides Washburn University students with opportunities that go beyond the everyday classroom. Students enhance their learning through direct interaction with faculty while engaging in experiences outside the classroom in four areas: leadership, community service, international experience, and scholarly and/or creative endeavors. The experiences yield a greater understanding of the world around them and how one might utilize his or her unique skills and abilities to affect positive change. Since 2007, 942 students have participated in the International Education WTE.

The International Programs Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to 105 students participating in 2017 Spring, Summer, Fall and Academic Year study abroad programs. Programs ranged in length from one week to an academic year. Included were the following Faculty-Led Washburn Transformational Experiences:

Belgium & China International Business Experience –
Dr. Michael Stoica

England & France Sports Traditions & Literary Histories
– Dr. Ross Friesen & Dr. Judy McConnell-Farmer

France International Media Seminar – Dr. Maria Stover

Guatemala Nursing Perspectives in Central America –
Prof. Lori Edwards

Japan People & Cultures – Dr. Sangyoub Park

Haiti International Medical Service – Prof. Hillary Lolley

Scotland Comparative Justice – Prof. Tony Palbicke &
Dr. Patricia Dahl.

To find out more about WU study abroad opportunities visit: www.washburn.edu/iip.

15th Anniversary of the Magellan Exchange : 71 Outgoing Washburn Students, 59 Incoming International Students, 2 Faculty Exchanges, 2 Staff Exchanges, 19 Universities, 16 Countries & 3 Continents



The Magellan Exchange is a non-profit consortium of universities worldwide, which provides an opportunity for students to study in another country at an affordable cost. It is one of the pillars of WU International

Education Programs. The WU School of Business and Office of International Programs have collaborated over the years to provide the opportunity for 130 students to be fully immersed in the educational and social life of a partner university abroad.

Congratulations to Brianna Madden (Junior), WU Biology Major - Gilman International Scholarship Recipient

The Gilman Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. It 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.



Brianna (pictured right) and classmate, participating in the Tropical Marine Biology Conservation of Sharks and Stingrays 2017 Summer Field Program at Veritas University in San Jose, Costa Rica. Photo submitted by Federico Yih, Veritas University.

Andy Vogel International Student Recruitment and Retention Coordinator

The New Year began with the profound privilege of taking over as the Kansas International Educators Chair and NAFSA Region II Kansas Representative. I am exceptionally proud to represent Kansas and Washburn University in this capacity.

In January, the Office of International Programs hosted 70 AFS international students for a campus visit and Topeka weekend tour. These international students are studying for a year exchange at high schools throughout Kansas.

Earlier this spring, I had the opportunity to help coordinate the student panel for the PBS series *Africa's Great Civilizations*. Semakaleng Smarts (Botswana), Benis Munganga (Congo) and Kelvin Keter (Kenya) did a very impressive job addressing the complex questions from the audience.

Following, was our fifth consecutive year hosting the Japanese Fukuoka Nursing students for an intensive two week program touring the local medical facilities around the state.

Later, I had the honor of co-leading a study abroad program, the *US-China Youth Ambassadors Exchange*, guiding Topeka High students to the Quzhou #2 High School with stops in Beijing and Shanghai over spring break. Qiuju Huo (THS Chinese Teacher) and Benjy Zhang (THS Sr.) helped lead this outstanding experience.



Topeka High Students on the Great Wall. Photo submitted by Andy Vogel.

Next the International Club hosted the largest Celebration of Cultures ever. Thanks to all those who performed in and attended this successful event! Special thanks to International Club Officers Miyuki, Ayaka, Alex, Ling and Jenny!



Celebration of Cultures April 2017. Photo submitted by Andy Vogel.

The new Presidential Ambassadors for International Students (PAIS) inductees for Spring 2017 were Lakpa Sherpa (Nepal), Shawn Oliver (USA), Rosie Nichols (USA) and Brittney Childers (USA). The following PAIS graduated and were recognized for their service helping to internationalize our community: Semakaleng Smarts, Janice Ho, Suqueen Zhou, Jack Van Dam, and Fahad Alfaryan. PAIS are instrumental in the success of our students; they help instruct the new international student health and safety orientation, lead trips and activities, hold focus groups and volunteer at the ICT Cultural Event and Celebration of Cultures.



The PAIS were welcomed to a spring reception and dinner at Susan and Dr. Farley's home. Photo submitted by Andrew Vogel.

The International Summer Institute finished its fifth year with 29 international students from Japan and Taiwan participating in the six-week program, which emphasized a rigorous intensive English curriculum and a variety of educational and social activities. A special thanks to all those that hosted and participated in this year's ISI.

Congratulations!

Our office would like to recognize and congratulate our Spring/Summer 2017 graduates:

- Meaad Aldarbi (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology
- Fahad Alfaryyan (Saudi Arabia) - BA in Mass Media
- Salihah Alghamdi (Saudi Arabia) - BA in Communications
- Khalid Alharbi (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology
- Fadwa Alharbi (Saudi Arabia) - MSW in Social Work
- Fawaz Alhumaidhi (Saudi Arabia) - BA in Computer Information Science
- Nouf Almutlaq (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology
- Hanan Alsharari (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology
- Salihah Alsharari (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology
- Amal Altamimi (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology
- Nzingha Banks (Anguilla) - BBA in Finance and Accounting
- Yunhai Chen (China) - BS in Computer Information Sciences
- Dunzhuluobu (China) - BA in Mass Media
- Yunzhu Feng (China) - BBA in Management and Marketing
- Pui Fu 'Janice' Ho (Hong Kong) - BSN in Nursing
- Pratity Joshy (Nepal) - Master of Liberal Studies (MLS)
- Mohammed Juraybi (Saudi Arabia) - MBA in Business Administration
- Pritam Khadka (Nepal) - MBA in Business Administration
- Arshan Munif (Bangladesh) - MBA in Business Administration
- Ashim Poudyal (Nepal) - MBA in Business Administration
- Julie Ravn (Denmark) - BBA in Int'l Business and Economics
- Hadeel Sabbagh (Saudi Arabia) - MEd in Educational Technology

- Semakaleng Smarts (Botswana) - MEd in Curriculum and Instruction
- Sho Sugahara (Japan) - BA in Kinesiology
- Sanjeet Tandukar (Nepal) - MBA in Business Administration
- Jue Wang (China) - BBA in Accounting
- Yuetian Yang (China) - MBA in Business Administration
- Ayaka Yoneda (Japan) - BBA in Marketing
- Yujie Zai (China) - MBA in Business Administration
- Bo Zhao (China) - BA in Computer Information Science
- Shuhua Zheng (China) - BM in Music Performance
- Shujing Zhou (China) - MBA in Business Administration
- Yi Zhu (China) - BBA in Finance and Management

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

Magna Cum Laude

- Qiyao Li
- Lina Xu
- Bo Zhao
- Shuhua Zheng
- Fahad Alfaryyan
- 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
- Ayaka Yoneda

MED – Stoffer Scholars

Meaad Rasheed A Aldarbi
 Khalid Alharbi
 Hanan Alsharari
 Salihah Alsharari
 Amal Altamimi
 Hadeel Sabbagh
 Semakaleng Smarts