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# Faculty International Activity Report

**David A. Westbrook**, visiting professor of Law, participated in two internal "policy roundtables" on the consequences of the financial crisis for European financial regulation in the medium to long run, held by the Bureau of European Policy Advisers of the European Commission in Brussels, in September and December.

**Dr. Norma Juma**, Assistant Professor of Strategic Management at the School of Business, attended the 11th International Conference in Lagos, Nigeria, May 18 - 22, 2010. Her paper titled "Perceived internal labor market attributes and organizational citizenship behavior: A Case Study of the Kenyan Banking Sector" won the Best Paper award for Track 13: Human Resources, Management and Organization.

**Dr. Reinhild Janzen**, Professor of Art History, Art Department, presented a paper at the Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting in Venice, Italy, (April 8-10), on "The Emergence of Anabaptist/Mennonite Prayerhouse Architecture" for the panel on "The Vision of Architecture in Religious Reform Movements (Fifteenth to Sixteenth Centuries): A Comparative Assessment." Professor Janzen received a Sweet Sabbatical to see key works of Western and Islamic art and architecture in Spain (Madrid and environs, and Andalusia: Malaga, Granada and Cordoba), as well as in Germany (Munich and Berlin), between May 24 and June 26.

**Linda Elrod**, the Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, participated in a conference on "International Child Abduction, Relocation and Forced Marriage: Three Linked Topics and the Global Perspectives" in London, June 30 - July 2, 2010. Linda was the Session Chair for a plenary session on the first day. She moderated the session

which included Lord Justice Matthew Thorpe, Head of International Family Justice, High Court, London, who talked about "The Continuing Search for Common Principles" and Linda Silberman, Professor at NYU Law School whose topic was "Taking 'Ne Exeat' Rights Seriously: The U.S. Supreme Court's Abbott Decision." On July 1st, Linda presented a paper entitled "Balancing the Best Interests of Parents and Children in Relocation Cases." Other presenters on her program were from British Columbia, Canada, London, England, and Australia. The conference featured social events at some barristers' chambers on Bedford Row; the Terrace Pavilion at the House of Commons; and a reception and dinner at Lincoln's Inn.

**Dr. Kim Morse**, Associate Professor of History, received a Sweet Sabbatical for research travel to Seville, Spain and Venezuela in May and July. At the Archives of the Indies in Spain Dr. Morse researched eighteenth century indigenous-Spanish relations in Venezuela. In Venezuela, she continued the study of indigenous issues in Venezuela in the nineteenth century. She will present preliminary results of her research at the Latin American Studies Congress in Toronto in October and at the Rocky Mountain Conference of Latin American Studies in April in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Dr. Dmitri Nizovtsev**, Associate Professor of Economics in the School of Business, attended the 8th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference in Vancouver, Canada, May 14-16, 2010. At the conference, Dr. Nizovtsev presented a research paper, "Reasons for Dumping, Import Demand Elasticity, and Exporter Responses to Antidumping Duties", dealing with international trade policy issues.

**Dr. Kimberly Harrison**, assistant professor of social work and BSW program director, attended the 10th International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations, in Belfast, Ireland from July 19-21st, 2010. Dr.

Harrison also gave a presentation at the conference related to her research with undocumented Latino children and families.

**Dr. Lori Khan**, Assistant Professor in Physical Therapy, provided a series of research lectures on women's health and orthopedic physiotherapy to the physiotherapy students and faculty at Bangladeshi Institute of Health Professions in Dhaka, Bangladesh in May 2010. Dr. Khan also participated in collaborative research regarding "Female Sexual Health of Bangladeshi Women with Spinal Cord Injury" with Mst. Reshma Parvin.



*Dr. Khan and Sohail* photo / Khan

**Dr. Karen Camarda**, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy, attended the 10th International Conference on Computational Science in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 31-June 2, 2010.

**Dr. Robert Boncella**, Professor of Information Systems & MBA Director of School of Business, as a Guest Professor in the School of Management

of Wuhan University of Science and Technology, presented two sets of lectures May 4-28. The first set, for undergraduate students, was on "Global Information Systems and Global Supply Chains". The second set, for WUST faculty and graduate students was on "Business Research Methods".

**Dr. James E. Smith**, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, School of Applied Studies presented a theoretical and conceptual research paper at the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Diversity in Groups, Communities, and Nations, Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland which was held 19-21 July 2010. It was scheduled for and presented on the first day of the conference, Monday, 19 July. The title of the presentation was "An Emotional Conceptualization of People and Diversity: Integrating Emotional Intelligence in Human and International Relations for Social Justice". The presentation was based upon his continuing research with emotions, human interpersonal and intrapersonal interaction, emotional intelligence and behavior within and between individual(s) and small and large groups.

**Dr. J. Karen Ray**, Emeritus Professor of English, attended the Gerard Manley Hopkins Summer School in Newbridge, Ireland, this July. She presented the paper, "The Secret Poet Society: Gerard Manley Hopkins and Emily Dickinson as Harbingers of Modernism," to the fellows at the symposium. Professor Ray previously received from this organization the prestigious Hopkins Award for outstanding contributions to international scholarship.

**Dr. Karen Kapusta-Pofahl**, Assistant Professor of sociology, assisted by Dr. **Sharla Blank**, assistant professor, and Dr. **John Paul**, associate professor, directed the WTE in Northern Ireland and Dublin program from May 18-25, 2010. The group of 19 Washburn students and three professors visited multiple political and cultural sites throughout Derry, Belfast, and Dublin.

**James Kelly**, Producer at KTWU Public Television, attended the 23rd annual Gerard Manley Hopkins International Literary Festival in Newbridge, Co. Kildare Ireland, July 24th - 30th, 2010. Kelly served as event photographer and conducted a video production workshop with 30 Irish secondary school students.

**Dr. Karen Díaz Reátegui**, Assistant Professor of Spanish at the Department of Modern Languages, presented at the IX CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL DE LITERATURA HISPANICA in Lima, Peru, which took place during March 17-20, 2010. At the conference, Díaz Reátegui presented a paper called LA NOVELA DE LA GENERACION X/McONDO COMO BILDUNGSROMAN POSNACIONAL: UN NARCISO EN LA ERA GLOBAL and attended presentations which dealt with current issues as immigration, violence, exile, globalization and otherness, to name some of the most popular ones.

**Dr. Sangyoub Park**, Assistant Professor, Sociology/Anthropology, spent June and July in Korea on a Sweet Summer Sabbatical to investigate the rising popularity of golf in Korea and cultural change in Korean society. He visited prestigious local golf courses. Further, he interviewed Korean salarymen (i.e., white-collar businessmen) to study golf in the corporation world. He also had the opportunity of meeting local scholars for future research.

**Dr. Nora Clark** took a group of four Washburn nursing undergraduates and one graduate nursing student to Dublin Ireland for a three-week nursing practice immersion experience in July, 2010. The students spent 3-4 days a week working with Irish nurses at Beaumont Hospital, a 350-bed regional transplant, neurological and medical center for the Republic of Ireland. The nurses and doctors were generous as they included our students in daily care of patients, observing procedures, and enhancing learning in specialty areas such as in the intensive care unit, critical care cardiology, respiratory, oncology, emergency, and the

operating theatre. We learned about the culture of Ireland by interacting with patients in the hospital and exploring on days off. We toured Coombe Women and Infant's hospital and got an extensive overview about maternal and infant care in Ireland. Nicole Sauer summed up student reaction to the Irish experience writing that it 'challenged me to recognize the global community around us and to consider it in practice.' Students who participated are Ellen McCaffrey, RN, Alainnia Williams, Nicole Sauer, Theresa Pineda and Laura Henderson.

**Dr. Bob Beatty**, Professor of Political Science, delivered guest lectures in southern China from May 23-June 2, 2010 and conducted research on the changing political situation in Hong Kong from June 2-9. Dr. Beatty lectured at Xiamen University, Sun Yat Sen University in Guangzhou, and participated in a special forum on regional politics at the United States Consulate in Guangzhou. He ended his trip with a week in Hong Kong as a visiting scholar at the University of Hong Kong.

## Dean's Report

### **Gordon McQuere, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences**

During the Spring and Summer of 2010, faculty and students in the College continued to be active participants in international activities in spite of the lingering effects of the recession. Several highly successful faculty-led study-abroad opportunities took place. Among them were opportunities to visit and learn in such places as London, Paris, Ireland, and Africa. A significant number of faculty were individual travelers. One example that stands out as a unique opportunity was the trip of Bob Beatty (Political Science) in May to witness and study the parliamentary elections in Great Britain, where he met and worked with several

candidates. Activities such as this enhance the learning environment for the students of Washburn University. Finally, many of the large number of international students attending Washburn University found learning homes in the departments and courses of the College. Their presence and their typically fine work help all Washburn students to understand better issues such as communication across language and cultural lines. We will be looking forward to a new school year with new opportunities to enhance international connections.

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

Professional travel by School of Business faculty in spring and summer 2010 ranged from the tropics to the arctic. In the tropics, Dr. Norma Juma, Assistant Professor Management, presented the paper "The Moderating Effects of Internal Labor Market Beliefs on Employee Affective Commitment and Their Turnover Intentions" (co-authored with Jeong-Yeon Lee and Eileen Kwesiga) at 11th International Academy of African Business and Development, May 18-22, 2010, in Lagos, Nigeria. In the arctic, Professor Michael Stoica drove into the Arctic Circle as part of his Sweet Summer Sabbatical program to visit Magellan Exchange partner institution Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences in Lapland in Finland. Professor Stoica visited twelve universities in Romania, Germany, Finland, the Netherlands, and Belgium, both in and outside of the Magellan Exchange. In addition to his own professional development in the teaching of international business, in his visits he discussed international academic collaboration in general, and especially ways to collaborate in providing students with a true international experience, including through the use of Skype and social media technology in business classes. In the Western Hemisphere, Dr. Dmitri Nizovtsev, Associate Professor of Economics, presented the

paper "Reasons for Dumping, Import Elasticity, and Exporter Responses to Antidumping Duties" (co-authored with Alexandre Skiba) at the 8th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference, May 14-16, 2010, in Vancouver, British Columbia, while Associate Dean Russ Smith attended the Tenth International Congress of the Brazilian Studies Association, July 22-24, 2010, in Brasilia, Brazil.

School of Business faculty members have continued their activities in China. In May, for the fourth consecutive year, undergraduate business students in Professor Michael Stoica's BU 406 International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience visited China to work with their teammates and to finish and present their company project reports. In addition, two MBA students working on independent research projects were part of the group. The itinerary included a week and a half working with their student partners at the Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST), as well as visits to Shanghai, Beijing, Xian, and Hong Kong. Also in May at WUST, Dr. Robert Boncella, Professor of Information Systems and MBA Director, presented two sets of lectures as Guest Professor in the School of Management. The first set, for undergraduate students in the WUST International Business Administration entering 2008 class, was on "Global Information Systems and Global Supply Chains." The lectures included a Skype-supported virtual guest speaker presentation by Alissa Sheley, Social Media Director of Jones Huyett Partners, and her associate and Washburn MBA student, Angie Marquart, on the topic of social media. The presentation was given Sunday evening from the offices of Jones Huyett Partners in Topeka and was viewed simultaneously Monday morning on the campus of Wuhan University Science & Technology in central China. The second set of lectures, for WUST faculty and graduate students, was on business research methods. Dr. Xiaofeng "Sheldon" Peng, Assistant Professor of Accounting, spent four weeks in China from May 15 to June 13 visiting six Chinese universities

including partner Zhejiang Normal University. Dr. Peng's activities included assisting Baili Zhang, Director of International Programs, in recruiting exchange students from Xiamen and Nankai Universities, attending an academic conference at Shanghai University of Economics and Finance, teaching demonstration MBA classes, and discussing research projects and inter-university cooperation. This past academic year, the School of Business hosted a number of exchange students from China under cooperation agreements or relationships, including from Zhejiang Normal University, Wuhan University of Science and Technology, Nankai University, and Yiwu Industrial and Commercial College. This fall, the School is hosting two visiting scholars from China, Professor Yong "Lisa" Liu from the School of Management at WUST and Professor Jinsong Huang from the School of Economics and Management from Zhejiang Normal University.

The broader international engagement of the School of Business was strengthened in the spring 2010 semester when the School adopted several positions with strategic implications. These positions build on the global involvement of its faculty, staff, students, and friends and commit the School to provide a globally relevant curriculum. Specifically, the School's mission statement was amended to include a bullet point that reads: "The School: . . . prepares students to make decisions in an increasingly globalized economy." While for several years the School has included among its strategic goals "Increase the emphasis on the global component on the business program," the amended mission statement makes managing in a global economy central to the educational mission of the School. The current strategic goal has three objectives: a) achieve consistency in the delivery and assessment of the global component, b) maintain the present 20% study abroad participation rate among business students; and c) increase student exposure to international aspects of business, each with its own necessary actions. These include the creation of an international showcase in the main floor hallway of the

Henderson Learning Resource Center and the creation of an "international classroom" in Henderson 103 expressly designed to support classes with a Skype or teleconference component. The project is presently in the development phase. The Skype-installed international classroom is needed to support and expand the ongoing program of guest lecturers and projects with multi-country student teams, most recently linking Washburn students with teammates in Finland and China. Recent guest lecturers in MBA courses have included Professor Andrew Martin from the Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen Scotland, who was a visiting professor of marketing in the School of Business in spring 2009 and Professor Kailing Pan, dean of the School of Management at WUST, among others.

In the key curriculum area, the School of Business has approved a new "Global Dynamics" graduation requirement for the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree to take affect with the 2010-2011 Washburn University Catalog. Each candidate for the degree is required to take one of the following three courses: BU 355 International Business, BU 477 International Finance, and EC 410 International Economics, each selected for containing the necessary material on the dynamics of the global economy. The initial impetus came from a sense in the faculty that international material needed to be provided more consistently for all students, but the final proposal was crafted in light of outcome assessment results from the Major Field Test (MFT) and informed by changes in AACSB Standard 15: Curriculum Management, which makes dynamics of the global economy and a global perspective an explicit requirement.

### **Thomas Romig, Dean, School of Law**

Alex Glashausser, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the School of Law, published an article

in the *Comparative Law Review*, which is run by Waseda Law School in Tokyo, Japan. The article was published in Japanese as "Joyaku wa Kenryoku no Bunritsu Shita Renposei no Moto de Ikani Saikosei o Mochiuruka" [How "Supreme" Can Treaties Be in a Federal System of Separated Powers?] in volume 43 of the review after translation by Shigeo Miyagawa and Yoshiaki Haraguchi.

Linda Henry Elrod, Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, presented "The Best Interests of Parents and Children in International Relocation Cases," International Child Abduction, Relocation and Forced Marriage Conference, The Centre for Family Law and Practice, London Metropolitan University, London, England, July 1, 2010.

J. Lyn Entrikin Goering, Professor of Law, participated in a panel presentation on Comparative Legislation and Global Statutory Drafting Skills at the Global Legal Skills Conference V in Monterrey, Mexico, February 25-27, 2010, hosted by the Facultad Libre de Derecho de Monterrey. Together with fellow panelists Craig Smith (Vanderbilt), Richard K. Neumann, Jr. (Hofstra), and Zecharias Fassil (Munich IP Law Center), Professor Goering compared the civil law legislative process in Sweden, Germany, and Ethiopia with the state and federal legislative process in the United States. The panel discussed why civil law codes tend to be relatively general and abstract ("fuzzy") while U.S. statutes tend to be specific and detailed ("fussy"). Professor Goering questioned whether the traditional classification of the U.S. as a "common law" jurisdiction remains accurate given the increasing emphasis on statutes and administrative rules as primary sources of law.

Rory Bahadur, Associate Professor of Law, co-taught Comparative Legal Systems during Washburn University School of Law's Summer 2010 Barbados Study Abroad Program.

Amy Deen Westbrook, Associate Professor of Law, co-taught International Economic Relations during Washburn University School of Law's Summer 2010 Barbados Study Abroad Program.

Nancy Maxwell, Professor of Law and Director of International Legal Programs, directed the relocation of Washburn University School of Law's Summer Study Abroad Program to Barbados. The program uses a comparative model and takes advantage of co-teaching by the University of the West Indies and Washburn law faculty members in addition to enrolling law students from the University of the West Indies. Students may earn six hours of academic credit. Specific courses vary from year to year.

## From the Desk of ...

### **Heidi Staerkel, Coordinator, International Student Services**

The Office of International Programs is very excited to report an even larger Fall class than last year, which had been the largest in recent memory: almost 95 new and transfer students chose to come to Washburn to study! Again this semester, we welcome almost 50 Chinese direct exchange students from our partner universities. One of the partner universities is a new addition this year: Chengdu Institute Sichuan International Studies University. Other new and transfer students come to Washburn from Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Tajikistan, Turkey, the U.K. and Venezuela. Altogether, students from over 40 countries call Washburn and Topeka home!

In addition to our international students, we currently have two short-term scholars from China



visiting our campus: Professor Jinsong Huang from Zhejiang Normal University and Professor Yong “Lisa” Liu from Wuhan University of Science & Technology. Both Professor Huang and Professor Liu are being hosted by the Washburn School of Business.

Serving as International Club president for 2010-2011 is Hiu Lam “Ceci” Lau, one of our students from Hong Kong who’s double majoring in Music and Business. The I-Club has already begun planning for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual W.U. Celebration of Cultures, and we hope you’ll be able to join us! This year’s celebration will be on Saturday, November 6, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. in White Concert Hall. Although there is no charge, free-will donations will be accepted to support the I-Club’s activities. This past April, the Office of Student Activities and Greek Life (SAGL) presented the I-Club with the SOAR Award for *Outstanding Program for Diversity* for the 2009 Celebration of Cultures, so for those of you that didn’t have a chance to attend last year’s celebration, you won’t want to miss out this year!

### **Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator**

The Office of International Programs Scholarship Committee awarded Scholarships to 116 students participating in study abroad programs in over a dozen different countries. Programs range in length from one week to a semester during the summer, fall & academic year of 2010-2011. Included are the following 2010 Summer Faculty-Led Transformational Experiences: International Business and Entrepreneurship (China) led by Dr. Michael Stoica, Sports Traditions & Cultural History of Europe (England) led by Dr. Ross Friesen & Dr. Roy Wohl, Language & Culture in Paris led by Dr. Sophie Delahaye, European Cultures & Societies (Ireland) led by Dr. Karen Kapusta-Pofahl, Introduction to Irish Culture (Ireland) led by Dr. Karen Ray, Nursing in Dublin led by Dr. Nora Clark, and Animal Behavior (South Africa) led by Dr. Joanne

Altman

Congratulations to Scott Barkemeyer for receiving a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Award for his fall semester program in Asuncion, Paraguay. Scott is a sophomore studying Spanish and Secondary Education. He will spend the fall semester studying Spanish at the Catholic University of Asuncion. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program offers grants for U.S. citizen undergraduate students of limited financial means to pursue academic studies abroad. Such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world. Recipients are chosen through a national level competitive selection. The program aims to encourage students to choose non-traditional study abroad destinations, especially those outside of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand. This congressionally funded program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and is administered by the Institute of International Education through its Southern Regional Center in Houston, TX.

### **Don Anderson, President of ICT, Inc**

It has become very obvious as we are now in the early years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century that our world faces some very serious problems. Some of these problems are of a recent origin and some of them are of long standing. But one thing is very clear: all of our countries and all of our societies must work together to solve these problems. We cannot solve them separately or independently. These problems have become very obvious and demand our attention. They are the problems of climate change, environmental degradation, economic stability, peaceful settlement of political issues, religious tolerance, world hunger and health care. These problems will not go away on their own and cannot be pushed off into the future. We must face them and bring to bear our most



creative and effective solutions.

Unfortunately, one of the largest hurdles we must face in dealing with these is the need for us to work cooperatively with each other and to trust each other. As long as we look at each other with suspicion and hostility, it will be very difficult for us to make progress toward a better future for all of us. That is why it becomes urgent for us to get to know each other and to establish bonds of trust among the many peoples of our world. Only in this way can we work together and be effective in finding solutions to our common problems.

Fortunately, this is happening more and more on university campuses around the world. On such campuses there are international students from many countries that have the opportunity to know each other, to study together, to appreciate each other and to learn how to work together. This is certainly true on the Washburn Campus. We are exceedingly fortunate to have students from a variety of countries that come here to get a good education and to learn from each other. This experience, along with the relationships that are built, is a vital part of the building of a more hopeful future for all of our peoples. I invite all of our Washburn students, therefore, to be open and accepting of all of the international students that are here on campus. They are an important part of our educational experience and they have an important role to play as we seek to build a better world for all of us.

## **Congratulations!**

**We are very proud to announce the 27 international students were placed on the President's Honor Roll for spring 2010. Please congratulate the student(s) if you know them.**

Jong-Tak Choi  
Isabella Gichiri  
Xin Jiang

Manuel Tabora  
Jimena Vallejos Barriocanal  
Judy Ann Wahome  
Haiji Wang  
Luodan Wang  
Renato Doldan Vallejo  
Chenning Fu  
Huayi Jia  
Rui Jia  
Fangfei Jiang  
Yihong Jiang  
Di Li  
Jie Li  
Mengjing Li  
Dandan Mei  
Tongtong Qi  
Xiaoliu Qiu  
Ruth Santos Flores  
Zhangminzi Shao  
Luting Wang  
Tingting Xu  
Yue Zhang  
Liwei Zhou  
Zhiyi Zhou

### **The following international students received the School of Business Scholarship Awards.**

Rizki Aljupri  
Jongtak Choi  
Jorge Delgado Breuer  
Isabella Gichiri  
Xin Jiang  
Hiu Lau  
Trang Nguyen Thuy  
Luodan Wang  
Yiyang Zhang

### **The following faculty members received the 2010 Sweet Sabbaticals**

Gaspar Porta  
Michael Stoica  
Maria Stover  
Azyz Sharafy

Kim Morse  
Miguel Gonzalez Abellas  
Reinhild Janzen  
John Paul  
Russell Jacobs  
Howard Faulkner  
Sangyoub Park

**Kim Harrison, Aliza Organick, and Joanne Altman were inducted into Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for international Scholars.**



*from left, Harrison, Organic, Altman photo/bz*

## Features-

### **Cultural Exchange Project Result in New Sister Relationship**

Steven Elisha, Music

On Wednesday, March 10, 2010, Washburn University gained another sister in Taiwan. President Jerry Farley and Kuang-Nan Huang, president of the National Taiwan University of the Arts, signed documents in Farley's conference room that create a sister university relationship between the two institutions. Jacqueline H. Liu, director general and Daniel Cho of the Taipei

Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City were present during the signing ceremony.



*President Farley and President Huang at the agreement signing ceremony photo/bz*

As collaboration between Washburn University, The Mulvane Art Museum and the National Taiwan University of the Arts (NTUA), two honored guests from National Taiwan University of the Arts, were invited to the Washburn campus, sharing Taiwanese music and traditional ink painting in a series of performances, lecture-recitals, informances, art workshops, musical coachings and piano master classes. The Mulvane Art Museum featured artworks of Dr. Huang Kuang-Nan, President of NTUA, in an exhibition March 3 – March 21, 2010. Dr. Huang and fellow NTUA piano professor David Cho presented a series of individual and collaborative lectures, workshops and musical performances, focusing on associative interplays between traditional Chinese art and Taiwanese music. On March 12, 2010, Professor David Cho performed a program at White Concert Hall. This performance included collaborations with his son, Samuel Cho, (Washburn Cello student of Dr. Steven Elisha), of traditional Chinese music; and the Topeka Symphony Youth Orchestra, directed by Dr. Steven Elisha in a performance of Mozart Piano Concerto No. 21. On March 14, 2010, David Cho also presented a recital on Taiwanese music at the Topeka Shawnee County Library with Samuel Cho, as a concluding part of the ten day residency.

This event represented the second collaboration between Washburn University and NTUA. In March 2008, the Elaris Duo (Drs. Steven and Larisa Elisha), initiating the beginning steps in developing a sister relationship between Washburn University and NTUA, were invited to Taiwan to conduct master classes at NTUA. They also played two concertos to a capacity audience in the Taipei's National Concert Hall, including Brahms Double Concerto for Violin and Cello and Beethoven's Triple Concerto with David Cho as pianist.

outfits) by watching "big girls" in *hanbok* at the event.



## Getting to Know Korea

Sangyoub Park, Sociology/Anthropology



Sunyoung Cheong screen-printing Korean words on T-shirts  
photo/bz

On March 5th, the cultural event "Getting to Know Korea" sponsored by the International Center of Topeka (ICT) was held. When members of ICT, Sungkyu (Associate Professor, Business), and I planned the event, we had no idea how many guests we should anticipate. Unexpectedly but excitedly, the event attracted a huge crowd - over 250 people. International House was absolutely packed. Among them, there was a couple who drove about two hours to learn more about Korean culture because of their two children adopted from Korea. They wanted to make sure that their kids maintain their roots. The mother told me that one of girls fell in love with *hanbok* (Korean traditional

The showcase included a *tae-kwon-do* (Korean Martial Art) demonstration, a Korean cooking demonstration (*kim-bap*), Korean movies and music, and a Korean cultural artifact display. Especially, the *tae-kwon-do* demonstration was a great hit - they demonstrated great moves (kicking/punching) in harmony. In fact, I am just glad that I did not have to demonstrate *tae-kwon-do*. Further, despite the late addition to the event, screen-printing of T-shirts with Korean words was another huge success. Sunyoung Cheong, who is a local artist, mentioned that she printed about 50 T-shirts.

The zenith of the event was food-sampling (for your information, any event without food is very unKorean. Koreans may not talk much, but they do eat). There were a wide variety of Korean dishes including *kim-chi*, *bi-bim-bap*, and *bul-go-gi*. It was awesome to see people enjoy and appreciate Korean food, which was provided by a Korean community in Topeka. They prepared the food for about a week, and it seems that their hard work paid off.

The "Getting to Know Korea" event was a great opportunity for the Washburn community and the general public to learn about Korean culture and society. In addition, it was a great cultural addition to Topeka. After the event, one audience member came up to me said, "Can you hold this Korean event EVERY YEAR?" I am not sure this is going

to be an annual event, but I do hope that there will be another event like “Journey to Korea” in the offing.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to Korean-Topekans, specifically the married Korean women (*a-jum-ma*) who prepared all the Korean dishes.

## Meet New International Faculty



from left: Kwon, Park, and Zwikstra photo/bz

Before coming to Washburn, Dr. Young Sub Kwon was a research associate at University of New Mexico, where he got a PhD in exercise science. Dr. Kwon’s study is the first to assess the impact of mild palm cooling on fatigue during high intensity, resistance exercise. *Los Angeles Times* and *Wall Street Journal* reported his Palm Cooling research on July 25, 2010 and July 10, 2010, respectively. He is a committee member of the Korean Association of Certified Exercise Professionals (KACEP) and an editorial board of *Kinesiology*, an official journal of the KACEP. He has a website <http://health-diet.co.kr>, which was recommended by Korean YAHOO and several other Korean search engines, and high school physical education text books for teachers. Over 1,600,000 people have visited this site since

1998, and he has answered over 10,000 questions about health, exercise, diet and fitness. He also published a nonfiction book entitled *A Wonderful Young Man*, John Baker’s *The Last Race*, which is the bestseller in Korea.

JaeYoon Park received her Ph.D. in Film and Media Studies from the University of Kansas in 2008. She has a Master’s degree in Film Studies (Han Yang University, Seoul, Korea), and a Bachelor’s degree in Korean Language and Literature from Ewha Women’s University, Seoul, Korea. Her research interests include studies of movie stars, the woman’s film, media audiences, and the representation of race, gender, and sexuality in mass media. Before coming to Washburn, she taught in the Department of Film and Media Studies, the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, and Continuing Education at KU.

Professor Corey Zwikstra was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Before coming to Washburn, he taught at Temple University in Philadelphia, where he taught courses in English literature, Medieval Literature, and English composition. He earned his B.A. from the University of Alberta and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He specializes in Old English literature and is particularly interested in how intellectual history reveals itself in literary styles and genres.



## Photo News



*Bill Wagon, former director of International Programs and retired chair and professor, History, and Alice Soper, Coordinator of the English for the Foreign Born program, were recognized by ICT for their contribution to Washburn's international programming. Photo/bz.*



*With Russ Smith, Associate Dean, School of Business, Xiangguo Zuo, President of City College of Wuhan University of Science and Technology visited Washburn. As a result of the trip and a reciprocal visit to Wuhan by President Farley, the City College and Washburn has signed an exchange agreement. photo/bz*



*Professor and member of the Paraguay-Kansas Committee, Alberto Granada (third from right), visited Washburn in May, 2010. photo/bz*



*Congressman Jerry Moran and Jiang Fangfei, exchange student from China's Nankai University, exchanged opinions after Moore's talk in the International House. Photo/bz*