UNC Charlotte Celebrates International Education Week 2011

“UNC Charlotte is proud to celebrate International Education Week!

Our institution has enjoyed a long and active tradition of supporting the internationalization and exchange efforts on our campus.

Students, faculty, and staff are all encouraged to participate and recognize this important week of programming in celebration of the global village.”

Chancellor Dubois

International Education Week 2011 is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. At UNC Charlotte, IEW is an opportunity to highlight our commitment to global and international understanding.

This special edition of Global Perspective showcases the variety of programs and events occurring during International Education Week. See inside for a listing by day with detailed information on each event.

The UNC Charlotte celebration of IEW will begin on Friday, November 11 with a unique opportunity to meet Robert Guest, author and business editor of The Economist as part of the 4th Annual International Speaker Series.

After our kick-off event, please plan to join us for a screening of the award winning feature documentary, Crossing Borders, followed by a discussion with the director, Arnd Wächter, Monday, November 14 in the Student Union theater. The Office of International Programs is pleased to co-sponsor this exciting event with the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the College of Arts + Architecture and the Resident Student Association.

The celebration continues throughout the week with events highlighting language, culture, food, music, history and much more. In addition to those mentioned above, other participating campus areas include: Chartwells Catering, the Multicultural Resource Center, the Education Abroad Association, the Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, Caribbean Connections, the Iranian Student Organization, and the Latin American Association.

We welcome you to attend events of interest and to encourage your students to celebrate International Education Week as well.

Please check the IEW website http://oip.uncc.edu/IntEdWk.htm for the most updated calendar of events and contact international@uncc.edu for more information or to arrange a sign-in sheet for course credit at any of the events.
International Speaker Series:
Robert Guest
Halton Reading Room,
Atkins Library 3:00-4:00pm

Limited-seating roundtable discussion with signed book copies for first 20 registrants

Join a roundtable discussion with author and business editor for The Economist, Robert Guest. Guest’s latest work, Borderless Economics: Chinese Sea Turtles, Indian Fridges and the New Fruits of Global Capitalism, leads the reader through 44 states and 70 countries to investigate how, in Guest’s estimation, migration makes the world wealthier and happier as global networks create wealth, spread ideas and foster innovation. Signed copies of Guest’s book will be available for the first 20 registrants.

Faculty members are encouraged to reserve space for students and the Office of International Programs is happy to make arrangements for extra credit attendance sign-in. Contact international@uncc.edu or call 704-687-8685.

The roundtable with Guest is the second event in the 4th Annual International Speaker Series at UNC Charlotte which is free and open to the campus community. Our first speaker, Former Ambassador Edward Peck, visited in October to discuss Peck’s Postulates: The Four Keys to Total Understanding of International Relations. Check the OIP website for spring speakers at http://oip.uncc.edu/eventcalendar.htm.

Leader in the field of Curriculum Integration Visits UNC Charlotte

UNC Charlotte faculty representing several Colleges and various departments attended a recent presentation on approaches to integrating experiences abroad into undergraduate curricula.

Martha Johnson, director of the Learning Abroad Center at the University of Minnesota, shared lessons learned from over a decade of work with curriculum integration (CI) efforts on her campus which is considered to be a pioneer institution in the creation of a successful model for internationalizing curricula.

Those in attendance discussed discipline-specific examples of successful curriculum integration, a partnership between academic departments and education abroad professionals which identifies advantageous points in undergraduate degree progression to insert experiences abroad as well as programs and partners abroad which provide appropriate credit-bearing experiences for their students.

Johnson offered insight to the variety of motivations behind and benefits of integrating curricula as well as successful examples from several disciplines on her own campus.

The Office of Education Abroad welcomes the opportunity to facilitate this process with any interested College and the departments within it.

Contact Brad Sekulich, director of the Office of Education Abroad, at sekulich@uncc.edu for more information.

Service Learning Showcase
C HHS 281 1:00pm-4:00pm

The Service Learning Showcase for faculty will provide an overview of service learning, a type of pedagogy in which students learn through organized service that is conducted in and meets the needs of the community.

Sessions and presentations from faculty, students and groups will highlight current or recent service learning initiatives which may have international elements while linking back to the academic course content in an intentional manner. On the agenda:

Service Learning 101 and Panel Discussion Poster Sessions with coffee/drinks/snacks Faculty Presentations by Janni Sorensen and Bruce Taylor

The showcase is sponsored by the Center for Teaching & Learning and the NC Campus Compact Interest Group.

Registration for the showcase is available at http://teaching.uncc.edu/special-events/service-learning-showcase-faculty
Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) within the Office of International Programs has added a member to their already international staff. In addition to the full-time staff members representing three countries, IOP welcomes Kana Nishikawa, an intern from Japan.

Kana comes to UNC Charlotte as part of the Long-term Educational Administration Program (LEAP), a year-long professional development program sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology and managed by the Office of International Programs at Montana State University. Her current professional experience is as an administrative staff member at Okayama University.

At UNC Charlotte, Kana will intern in the various departments of the Office of International Programs to understand their various functions and goals. Kana’s personal goals as an intern are to improve her knowledge of international education systems, to learn ways of supporting study abroad, and to help international students gain academic skills and adapt to U.S. culture by encouraging engagement in training programs.

IOP has participated in the LEAP program since 2003 and enjoys fostering its continuing relationship with Japan. As IOP welcomes multiple short-term programs, in spring 2012, Kana will serve as a link between UNC Charlotte and a Japanese program arriving from Sophia University in Tokyo in March. IOP looks forward to learning from Kana during her time at UNC Charlotte.

Kana will remain with the Office of International Programs until mid-March of 2012. IOP welcomes interaction from faculty and staff from across campus during Kana's stay here at UNC Charlotte. Please contact Susan Lambert, slambert@uncc.edu, to discuss ways in which Kana can interact or assist with programming in Colleges or departments around campus.
IEW Events for Monday, November 14

“Where in the World?” Trivia Contest
Plaza between COED and CHHS and in the Office of International Programs 11:00am-1:00pm (Monday-Wednesday)

Test your knowledge of some of the world’s most iconic images for a chance to win a $200 gift certificate toward study abroad administration fees! This activity is designed to introduce students to the offices and programs within the Office of International Programs at UNC Charlotte.

Crossing Borders Film Screening and Discussion with Director Arnd Wächter
Student Union Theater 163
3:00pm-5:00pm

Watch the award-winning feature documentary, Crossing Borders, on the big screen and discuss the film with the director! Crossing Borders follows students from the United States and Morocco as they travel together through Morocco and learn much about themselves in the process.

In the words of the director Arnd Wächter, ”The film is designed to empower youth by deepening intercultural empathy and initiating student dialogues.” A post-film discussion with the director will follow. See http://crossingbordersfilm.org/ for information on this film.

This event is sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, The College of Arts + Architecture, the Resident Student Association and the Education Abroad Association.

Contact international@uncc.edu for more information. Extra credit sign-in sheets for attendance will be available on-site.

Writings & Readings on Native American History with Dr. Malinda Lowery
Student Union Theater 163
7:00pm-8:00pm

Sponsored by Multicultural Resource Center

Interested in learning more about American Indian culture? Come view a short film, Real Indian, by Dr. Malinda Maynor Lowery, a member of the Lumbee Tribe. Lowery has published articles about American Indian migration and identity, school desegregation, and religious music. She has also produced three documentary films about Native American issues.

Lowery will read excerpts from her latest book Lumbee Indians in the Jim Crow South: Race, Identity, and the Making of a Nation. There will also be time for questions and answers with the author.
Faculty Designed Education Abroad Experiences
CHHS 207 11:00am - 12:00pm
RSVP to Kimberly Kuhn, kkuhn3@uncc.edu

Are you interested in integrating an international experience into your academic course? Create an exciting international and experiential learning opportunity for you and your students. The Office of Education Abroad will hold an informational workshop for UNC Charlotte faculty members interested in learning how to develop short-term study abroad programs.

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Dinner and Dancing with LASO
Student Union 340 A&B
7:00pm

Join the Latin American Student Organization in celebrating the many cultures and traditions of Latin America! Sample various culinary delights, discuss Latin American countries and cultures, and end the night with sizzling salsa lessons!

Faculty Interest in International Academic Components on the Rise

Consistent with national trends, UNC Charlotte has seen significant growth in recent years in the number of students participating in faculty-led, short-term programs abroad. These for-credit international programs, typically offered during spring break or summer, play an important role in facilitating study abroad participation at UNC Charlotte. These programs often diversify the student populations that participate in education abroad opportunities and offer students who might be unable to participate in traditional semester or year-long study abroad programs the opportunity to incorporate an international experience into their academic career at UNC Charlotte.

Faculty interest in short-term programs abroad has also risen substantially in past years, with an increasing number of UNC Charlotte faculty members from a variety of academic disciplines developing and leading their own programs. Faculty who are interested in learning how to develop, implement, and lead a short-term program abroad are invited to join staff from the Office of Education Abroad for a workshop to investigate short-term program development.

To confirm your attendance at the workshop on Tuesday, November 15 at 11:00am, or for more information, please contact Kimberly Kuhn, Coordinator of Short Term Programs in the Office of Education Abroad, at kkuhn3@uncc.edu.
**International Coffee and Tea Tasting**
Atkins Library Café
9:30am-11:00am

Savor different international blends of coffee from Costa Rica, Colombia, Africa and the Pacific as well as teas from China, India, and Japan. Learn about their origins while enjoying music from those regions.

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**Intercultural Outreach Programs Bring Groups from Around the World**

As an example of the University’s goal to cultivate relationships with international institutions, Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) will welcome the third group of pre-service teachers from various universities in Australia in January as a result of an expanding partnership with the Australian Institute for Mobility Overseas (AIM Overseas).

January 2012 marks the third consecutive year IOP has coordinated this program with participation increasing from six participants in 2009 to 20 students in 2011.

The three-week program takes the education majors to local schools to observe and interact with classes and administrators before concluding with a one-week internship experience that pairs each student with a mentor teacher.

Additionally, faculty from UNC Charlotte’s College of Education present lectures to the Australian students on current topics in U.S. education. These lectures allow education exchange between students and faculty as they compare the educational systems in Australia and the United States. For most Australian student participants, this is their first experience with the magnet school system as well as the concept of urban education.

In addition to the education program, IOP will also welcome in January the first program from AIM Overseas focusing on international business.

IOP expects four additional groups of students in the spring semester from Japan, Korea, and Argentina to visit between January and March for short-term, custom-designed programs focusing on language development and more.

For additional information or to participate in these programs contact Susan Lambert, director of Intercultural Outreach Programs at slambert@uncc.edu.

**Lost Boys of Sudan Film Screening and Discussion**
Atkins Library 126
5:00pm-7:00pm

Megan Mylan and Jon Shenk’s award-winning documentary *Lost Boys of Sudan* examines what happens when a pair of Sudanese boys, orphaned due to a civil war in their home country, are allowed to live for a year in the United States.

Santino and Peter must contend with extreme examples of culture shock, while also figuring out how to negotiate a world that is physically safe but emotionally and intellectually foreign to them.

Each Lost Boy has a similar story: their parents were killed during an attack of their village, leading them to begin their extraordinary exodus. At the end of their epic journey, some boys had walked for 2000 km, an equivalent of hiking from Paris to Rome.

Sponsored by the Center for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Studies and the Department of Global, International and Area Studies.

**ELTI Talks: Speed Friending!**
CHHS 281
3:45pm-5:00pm

How many friends from how many different countries can you make in an hour? It is probably more than you think!

Encourage your students to join the English Language Training Institute for refreshments and exciting opportunities to chat with international and internationally-minded students! Faculty are also welcome to participate.
International Coffee Hour
Faculty/Staff Dining Room of Prospector
4:00pm-6:00pm

Meet people from around the world, share ideas, and relax with coffee and refreshments! This event is sponsored by the International Student/Scholar Office in the Office of International Programs and is open to all international and U.S. students, faculty and staff. Bring a friend or meet one there!

Travel the Islands with ‘Caribbean Connections Airlines’!
Student Union Room 266
6:30pm-8:30pm

Guests will be taken on a Caribbean adventure via Caribbean Airlines. The ‘trip’ will include stops and tours through a few Caribbean islands, complete with cultural information and cuisine! Learn about various parts of the Caribbean while engaging with local residents, tour guides, and the pilot during this virtual cultural journey.

PBD Annual Meeting and New Member Induction*
3:30pm-5:00pm
*this event is by invitation only

Phi Beta Delta is an international honor society that recognizes experience in the areas of international education exchange and/or international scholarship and the creation of scholarly connections between internationally-oriented members.

The Mu chapter of Phi Beta Delta at UNC Charlotte inducts new faculty and student members as well as celebrates the international contributions of one honorary community inductee at the annual meeting in November.

The Chapter recognizes members of the University faculty, staff, and student body who have contributed to the internationalization of the University through their participation in international teaching, research, study and international activity. Phi Beta Delta accepts nominations for membership each fall. See http://isso.uncc.edu/pbd/index.htm for more information and future membership opportunities.

WorldQuest with World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC)
Westin, Uptown Charlotte
5:00pm - 9:00pm

This unique event debuted in Charlotte and has become a major fund-raising event around the country for other World Affairs Councils. Teams compete for prizes in the annual international trivia competition covering current events, geography, and international issues.

In 2010, over fifty teams (500+ people) competed for generous raffle and door prizes donated by the community.

In addition to the competition, a silent auction raises funds in support of the WACC’s education outreach in the Queen City. The deadline for individual or team registration is November 11, 2011.

For more detailed information, see the website for the World Affairs Council of Charlotte at www.charlotteworld.org.
National Recognition for Sekulich

Brad Sekulich, director of the Office of Education Abroad, has been elected chair of the NAFSA Education Abroad Knowledge Community for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2012.

The role provides leadership for education abroad professionals among the nearly 10,000 members of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, widely regarded as the leading professional organization in the field of international education.

“NAFSA and its members believe that international education and exchange—connecting students, scholars, educators, and citizens across borders—is fundamental to establishing mutual understanding among nations, preparing the next generation with vital cross-cultural and global skills, and creating the conditions for a more peaceful world.” (taken from www.nafsa.org/about)

In addition to this current role for Sekulich, the senior staff team from the Office of International Programs has a strong record of service to the Association of International Educators, providing direct access for cutting-edge international initiatives to the UNC Charlotte campus community.

Though not an exhaustive list, some current and former leadership roles held by members of OIP’s senior staff are listed in the box to the right.

Fulbright Opportunities for Faculty
Discussion Led by Former Fulbright Grantee Dr. Harish Cherukuri
CHHS 207 9:00am-10:00am

Professor Cherukuri was a Fulbright-Nehru senior research scholar during the 2010-2011 academic year and spent the first six months of 2011 at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru, India. During this period his work as a Fulbright Scholar took him to several culturally and linguistically diverse regions of the country.

Dr. Cherukuri will speak about the Fulbright application process and share his experience as a Fulbright research scholar.

Iranian Music and Culture: Is it Persian or Iranian?
Student Union 3rd Floor, Multipurpose Room 7:00pm

This educational program will explore the history, arts, people and places in Iran. The program will offer a brief perspective on the differences between Iranian and Persian culture and include live Persian music performances by local musicians, poetry and a post-program reception. Sponsored by the Iranian Student Organization and the Iranian community.

OIP NAFSA Service

S. Kelly Franklin
Director of the English Language Training Institute
• National SEVIS II Task Force, 2010-present
• English Language Teaching and Administration liaison to the Recruitment, Advising, and Preparation Knowledge Community, 2007-2009
• NAFSA region VII leadership team (ATESL Representative), 2000-2002

Joël Gallegos
Assistant Provost for International Programs
• Content team chair, 2012 Annual Conference Committee 2011-present
• NAFSA Leadership Development Committee 2005-2007
• Appointed on NAFSA's Leadership Network Task Force on Resource and Material Development for International Education Leaders 2006
• Chair and contributor, NAFSA Toolkit for Education Abroad, published for NAFSA in January 2004

Susan Lambert
Director of Intercultural Outreach Programs
• Campus Internationalization Task Force, 2010-2011
• Short-term Programs Task Force, 2008-2010
• International Education Leaders Knowledge Community Leadership Team, 2006-2010
• Training Coordination Subcommittee, 2006-2010
• Conference Symposium Planning Committee, 2006-2010

Christina Sanchez
Associate Director for International Programs
• Intercultural Communication and Training Network Leader, 2011-present
• NAFSA Trainer Corp (F-1 regulations, intercultural communication, and community engagement) 2008-present
• Academy Mentor 2007-2008
• Region XII Conference Planning Team 2008
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Jill Morin, Core Instructor
Nancy Pfingstag, Core Instructor
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Carrie Berkman
Sara Bowers
Jacqueline Cervantes
Jeremy Cervantes
Corie Crouch
Katherine Elliott
Constance Fessler
Terri Goode
Mary Wilkes Harris
Allison Hase
Maria Lee
Jeanne Malcolm
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Rebekah Schlottman
Rosemary Schmid
Linda Scott
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Seth Stroud
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