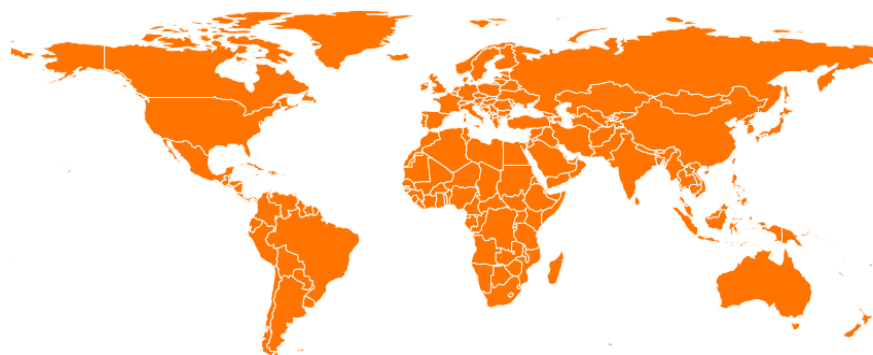




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From the Director's Desk

by Federico Chalupa

Hello and welcome to our newsletter!

Our main objective in this edition is to share with you news about our students, faculty, and alumni, as well as a number of noteworthy activities and events that took place during this past year. I think that after reading our newsletter, you will concur with me that the humming sound of accomplishment and excitement continues to be ever present. Please allow me to bring to your attention some of our significant achievements.

During this calendar year, 12 students have had the opportunity to intern with different organizations, both in the U.S. and abroad in Morocco and China. You will read in this newsletter about some students' engaging and productive internship experiences. I would like to mention that this fall semester Zeke Gonzalez is an intern with Congressman Dan Lipinski in Washington D.C., and Brint Florkowski, is an intern with Kids' Club, at the Qujiang Branch in China.

For the third consecutive year, our students have had the chance to take INST 3900 – International Studies in Context, which includes a one to two-week field trip abroad to gain firsthand experience of the processes

of globalization. A group went to Cuba with Dr. Pedro Porben during spring break and another group went to Morocco with Dr. Beatrice Guenther and Dr. Mireille Rebeiz.

We published the first volume of our *International ResearchScape Journal* -- <http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/irj/>--which included nine articles written by BGSU undergraduate student authors. The journal "aims to publish and showcase outstanding student research on international issues" and "to promote research collaboration between faculty mentors and undergraduate students." Volume One has been a success! During the first six months there were 1,500 full-text downloads of articles, a rate of about 258 per month. Also the Journal is now listed in the Directory of Open Access Journals, one of the world's most comprehensive directories of freely available scholarly journals.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Abby Greutman, who received the "2014 Outstanding Graduating Senior Award."

Best wishes to all you,
Dr. Federico Chalupa



Photo Contest Winners

ISP brought back its photo contest this fall, "Where in the world in BGSU?" We accepted photos from students who embarked on international adventures. With over 50 entries we chose our top 3 photos.

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International Fall Events

BGSU hosted many International events on campus. Photographed are visitors from Al-Azar University

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International Events Fall 2014

Embracing Global Engagement September 17- An undergraduate research conference where exhibitors spoke to provide information on study, internships, and volunteer opportunities in over 50 countries around the world.

Prospects for Peace: Will a boycott in Israel help?

September 21- Catherine Cassara, (School of Media & Communication) As a faculty teaching in the International Studies Program, held a Forum in recognition of International Peace Day for students to discuss Israel's boycotts.

Naturalization Ceremony November 14- The ceremony was held in the Wolfe Center where we celebrated more than 40 people representing 22 countries were sworn in as U.S. citizens, including a faculty member and a student.

International Dinner November 15- BGSU World Student Association hosted the International Dinner where they showcased different cultures through performances, clothing, food, and music.

International Film Series Thursdays- The Gish Film Theater and Gallery sponsored The International Film Series this fall. They featured classic and recent foreign-language films every Thursday hosted by Department of GREAL.

Education Abroad Information Sessions- Sessions were offered everyday of the week in 216 University Hall for students to learn more about Education Aboard opportunities



Upcoming Events Spring 2015

Africana Studies 17th Annual Research Conference February 13, 2015. Olscamp 101 "Emerging Perspectives in Africana Studies" will be presenting papers dealing with issues affecting Africana people in the global context from undergraduate and graduate students.

Asia Day February 16 (Presidents' Day) 9:30AM. Gish Theater Hanna Hall Asia Day, sponsored by Asian Studies Program will present BGSU Asian studies programs and clubs and feature a number of Asian activities including origami, anime, games and Martial Arts performances.

Cherry Blossom Festival April 18 6:00PM – 9:00 PM BTSU Grand Ball Room Come celebrate the Japanese culture with games, food, martial arts, Japanese folk dance, sushi, and much more. Sponsored by Japanese Club and Asian Studies Program.

For more international-focused events for the BGSU community visit bgsu.edu/international-programs-and-partnerships/events

ISP Student Spotlight

Graduate Brings World into Classroom

by Alexis Martinez



Del-Vaunté D Scott, a BGSU International Studies recent graduate, spent his summer in US boundaries but had the sense of an international experience through the eyes of young children. Scott interned as teacher assistant at International Montessori School located in Durham, North Carolina.

International Montessori School prepares students, Pre K to 4th grade, to succeed in a global society while maintaining their own bilingualism and heritage. Scott's summer involved teaching children who were native and non-native speakers of French and Spanish.

With the rise of cultural exposure in the US, it is necessary for young students to gain knowledge of the world to engage

with people from many cultures and countries. With the classroom globalizing and integrating students, the role of teachers internationalizing teaching methods has never been clearer. Scott used the skills he earned in the BGSU International Studies program to bring the world into the classroom.

"Part of being an International Studies major is being able to step outside your comfort zone to experience other cultures and parts of the world," he said

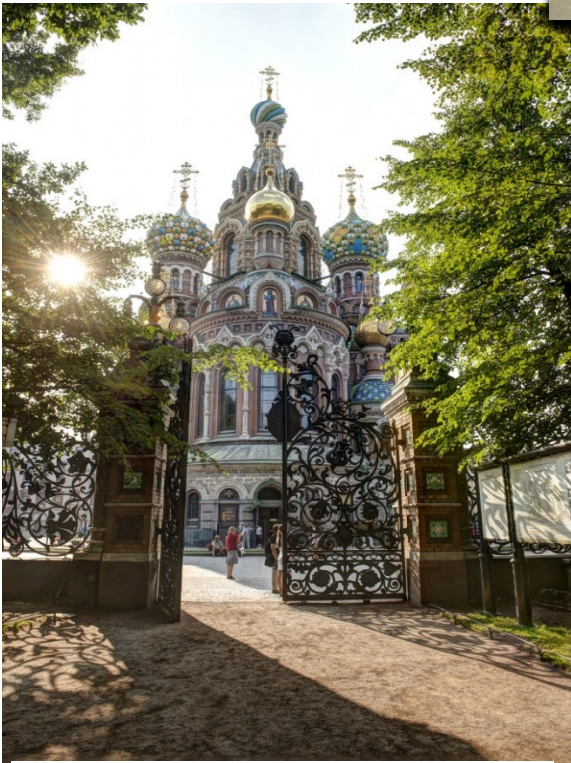
Scott accepted the teaching assistant internship eager to make connections and to network. He also made the goal of advancing his language skills beyond English. (Cont. on page 4)

ISP Photo Contest Winners

International Studies Program sponsored a photo contest open to all BGSU Students. We asked students to send in their best International photo, which included city skylines, historic buildings, memorials, natural landscapes, and much more. It was difficult to select among our 50 plus entries, but we narrowed it down to the top three. Here are the winners of the 2014 ISP Photo Contest!

1st Place KanyKey Karabaeva
Location: Kyrgyzstan, Osh Province,
 Nookat District

"It was an amazing week, we met interesting people, their culture, and adorable animals as well."



3rd Place- Erica Pax
Location: Saint Petersburg, Russia



2nd Place Emily Little **Location:** Galway, Ireland

"I chose the picture of my friends documenting their own experience, in order to focus attention on the value of taking time to truly recognize where you are and how far you have come. To relish in the astonishing impossibility - yet complete reality of our journey abroad."

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At the end of his international internship experience, these set goals were indeed accomplished.

Looking forward, He hopes to expand his international experience by using what he has learned in his International Studies classes and his internship to apply them to his long-term career goals.

"I got the opportunity to advance my studies and experience real life instances that helped expand my international knowledge," said Scott. "It benefitted me personally because I grew as a person and learned new things about myself."

He found that internships and volunteering were beneficial in guiding his career aspirations of educating foreign students. Scott's long term goals include permanently moving to Spain, continuing his education, and sharing his knowledge to young students all over the world.

Scott has set out five to seven years of his life to enroll in classes and earn multiple degrees and certificates. During this time, he hopes to travel and spend every year in a different country teaching English to children. His internship as a teacher assistant was a great step in achieving his long-term goals. He emphasizes the importance of all students having an international experience.

"You to get a taste of how the world functions from an international perspective," he said. "Taking the opportunity to have an international internship experience will help the step from the college world to the adult world. "

Scott has just relocated to Spain. He is turning these dreams into a reality. He has used the International Studies Program as a way to propel himself into a global sphere.

"It encouraged me to continue to go abroad and to really dive into the cultures and languages that the world holds," said Scott. "My international internship experience definitely helped me with achieving such abilities."

International Studies Network

Are you an International Studies major or minor? Would like to get involved on campus? The BGSU International Studies Network (ISN) provides opportunities to connect with students within your field and enhance your educational international goals. Joining ISN will give you the chance to engage in conversations about the concept of globalization and the impact of creating an international community on campus.

Within ISN you will be able to attend guest lectures and panel discussions about careers, internships, and volunteering opportunities with an international scope. You can attend fun events and discuss your ideals and goals with your peers. ISN is open to any BGSU student who is internationally minded or has interests in the field of International and Global Studies.

The ISN mission states, "To provide International Studies majors and minors as well as other BGSU students interested in the field with opportunities to network as well as to promote co-curricular activities to enhance their educational goals."

ISN Meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at 101 Shatzel Hall.

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For updates on ISP events, visit our bulletin board located on the first floor of Shazel Hall!



Intern-national Student

by Alexis Martinez



Senior, Zachariah Kervin stayed in close proximity of BGSU but managed to keep ties with a number of different countries around the world.

This summer, he interned at the global headquarters of

Master Chemical Corporation in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Master Chemical Corporation is a global network that expands to the United Kingdom, and Asia. According to the company's website, Master Chemical has consistently been a world leader in the scientific research and development of cutting and grinding fluids.

Kervin interned in the Supply Chain Management department. He is a BGSU International Studies major and Economics minor.

As one of the world's largest companies, he operated internationally and benefited from a limitless range of opportunities. He gained knowledge from the brightest minds of an array of different fields and contributed to the success of the company.

"I got an understanding of how an entire global corporation works- I got to experience working in both the factory floor and the offices," he said. "I spent time with the CEO, CFO and Vice President to get an understanding what the staff does."

Prior to receiving the internship, Kervin hoped to network and create professional connections both inside and out of the industry. He was aware that the connections he made in the summer would one day be his references after college.

Successfully, he gave one hundred percent every day and suggests that students who plan on interning in the future should do the same.

The most profound change was working a full 8 to 5 work day. Unlike some undergraduate internships, Kervin worked independently in the supply chain department and his mentors utilized his decision making abilities.

"I had a real job, I was not a coffee getter or paper boy. I went from college to a professional environment every day," he said.

His success with the supply chain department led to him to his next opportunity—sitting in business conference calls from China and India. Also, he was chosen to participate in a seminar in Detroit.

Kervin learned how various and diverse aspects of supply chain can be leveraged. His International Studies knowledge incorporated itself into his internship when he communicated and connected with business partners around the world.

"I was able to see how a division halfway around the world was able to successfully coordinate with the Perrysburg headquarters," says Kervin. "That was challenging but it was satisfying to understand how to excel in a professional manner."



His hard work in the summer paid off. His

success as an intern led him to continue working part-time for the company as he finishes his final year at BGSU. "I have been working part-time with Master Chemical Corporation while I am still in school and it has been an incredible experience!"

AROUND TOWN



International Friendship Program

The International Friendship Program pairs international BGSU students with families or individuals. They have been around for more than 50 years. Students may share meals, trips, holidays, and other experiences with the families in a program that focuses on friendship. For more information contact, Ms. Laukhuf at 419-575-2610 or Ms. Oster at 419-352-4360



Global Connections

Global Connections is a non-profit organization in Bowling Green, comprised of volunteers of BGSU and the local community to serve the International community. Global Connections exists to provide cultural events for the international community to participate in. Visit globalconnectionsbg.org



Want to Study Abroad?

Students have the opportunity to study abroad for the fall semester, spring semester or full academic year through Bowling Green State University. BGSU sponsors numerous semester or academic year programs in many countries world-wide. Information on these and many other programs is available from the Education Abroad Office, McDonald Quad, 419-372-0309.

*Photos courtesy of BGSU website : www.bgsu.edu

Q &A with 2014 Outstanding Senior, Abby Greutman

Q: What influenced your decision to choose International Studies as your major?

A: I have been highly interested in the international arena since I was a young child. The first time I traveled abroad was when I was 5, and I haven't stopped since. When I was 14 I spent 7 weeks in Ukraine with my parents when we were adopting. It was then I knew I wanted a job in the international field. Initially when I was applying to BGSU I highly considered picking International Business as my major. I went to a degree info session lead by Dr. Chalupa, and he spoke about all of the different job opportunities there are with an International Studies degree (including international business!) that weren't necessarily available to International Business students. Also, I could easily double major in Russian since both majors were in the same college.

Q: What are your professional ambitions?

A: There are so many amazing job opportunities with an International Studies degree! Currently, however, my ambitions are to work in International Adoption in Russia and Ukraine and do document translations on art from Russian English on the side

Q: During your studies, did you have the opportunity to study abroad, if so where?

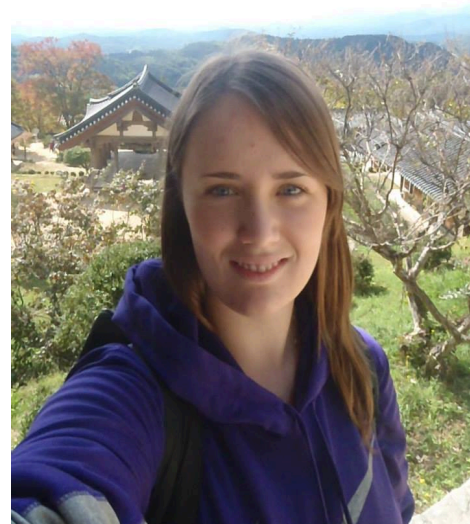
A: Yes, I did! I studied at St. Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia, and also at Daegu University in Daegu, South Korea.

What have you learned after graduation?

A: ISP has really helped me by broadening my horizon, as they say. I see people and situations differently than I did before I went through the ISP, and this makes me a more effective member of my team.

Q: How did your experiences in the ISP benefit/challenge you personally and professionally?

A: Personally, the ISP has made me better understand cultural differences. This has helped me understand and interact with not only people in different countries, but also people in my own community with different backgrounds and cultures. Before I started at BGSU I had already traveled internationally, but ISP helped me to understand and gave me strategies to help deal with culture/reverse culture shock. Professionally, ISP challenged me to be a leader both in my own community and while I was abroad. I was also taught how to best represent the United States and break stereotypes about Americans. ISP challenged me to be a leader both in my own community and while I was abroad.



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International Studies Fall Intern



Alexis M. Martinez, Senior

Major: Public Relations **Minor:** Communications

I was lured to the International Studies internship by its mission which "offers diverse opportunities for students to gain unique insight into our global communities," yet I could not have anticipated how rewarding the internship would be. During my time with ISP, I was exposed to a wide range of challenges and responsibilities to think deeply about my future. I was introduced to a brilliant array of young international students and alumni who encouraged me to travel the world and gain insight on a global perspective. I now would like to use my public relations knowledge to expand my American-centric perspective to become a global leader. This fall, I cherished the conversations I had with my mentor who taught me so much about internal and external communications. The structure and diversity within the International Studies Program allows each student to truly experience a journey of personal and professional growth and I am happy I got to contribute to that during my internship.



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