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Islamic Studies Website Created By Consortium

The Consortium for Education Resources on Islamic Studies (CERIS) – a collaboration of academic, nonprofit, and religious organizations in the tri-state region – has inaugurated a new website offering information and resources relating to the many languages, literatures and disciplines of Islamic studies.

People who visit www.cerisnet.org also will find news on classes lectures, cultural events, conferences and other activities related to Islamic studies available in the region.

In the coming months, the website will expand to include modules on Islamic studies experts in Pennsylvania and on available films, books and CDs.

CERIS also is sponsoring a visiting Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Abdul Dardery, who is lecturing at many CERIS institutions. Dardery is director of the Center for Language Teaching and Research at South Valley University in Egypt. Details about his public lectures may be found on the website.

WWW.CERISNET.ORG will include news on classes, cultural events, conferences, and other activities related to Islamic studies.

Institutional members of CERIS include [California University of Pennsylvania](#), [Carlow College](#), [Chatham College](#), [Community College of Allegheny County](#), [Duquesne University](#), [Geneva College](#), [Indiana University of Pennsylvania](#), [Islamic Center of Pittsburgh](#), [Juniata College](#), [La Roche College](#), [Pennsylvania Highlands Community College](#), [Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education](#), [Pittsburgh Theological Seminary](#), [Point Park University](#), [Saint Francis University](#), [Saint Vincent College](#), [Seton Hill University](#), [University of Pittsburgh](#), [Pitt-Bradford](#), [Pitt-Greensburg](#), [Pitt-Johnstown](#), [Washington and Jefferson College](#), [Waynesburg College](#), [World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh](#), and [Youngstown State University](#).

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President's Post...

As we embark on a new year, we at PaCIE are excited about our new electronic newsletter, and hope that you will be, too! We encourage you to read *PaCIE News* and to forward it to your colleagues.

Please use this newsletter as a forum to inform international educators throughout the Commonwealth about programs and opportunities at your institution by submitting articles and announcements. You can do that by contacting Judy Pehrson at 717-291-3956 or email her at jpehrson@fandm.edu.



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The PaCIE mailing list includes international educators in primary, secondary and higher education, as well as non-profit organizations, state legislators and their staff, and administrators at the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

We hope that our new electronic format will assist the international education community in making positive changes and advancing its goals by learning what others are doing and creating opportunities for collaboration in 2005.

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Hold This Date For PaCIE 2005 Annual Conference!

PaCIE has scheduled its 36th Annual Conference for Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, 2005, at International House in Philadelphia. Mark the date and look for more details in the next issue of *PaCIE News*.

If you want to work on the committee for the conference, contact Inge Herman, University of Pennsylvania, at 215-573-2345, or e-mail her at inge@wharton.upenn.edu.

Foreign Student Numbers Decline While Study Abroad Numbers Rise

The number of foreign students studying in Pennsylvania colleges and universities declined 4.3 percent during the 2002-03 academic year, according to the [Institute of International Education's](#) Open Door Report 2004, which was released in November.

The decline – which also occurred nationwide – marks the first time the numbers of international students have dropped since 1971. Three factors appear to be responsible: more restrictive U.S. visa policies since 9/11, increased global competition for students, and diminished perceptions of the U.S. abroad.

Some 23,428 overseas students studied in Pennsylvania during the 2002-03 academic year. The top five Pennsylvania host institutions with 1,000 or more foreign students are [Penn State - University Park](#), the [University of Pennsylvania](#), [Carnegie Mellon University](#), [Temple University](#), and the [University of Pittsburgh](#) – Pittsburgh campus. The top sending countries were India, China, Republic of Korea, Taiwan and Japan.

Though their numbers declined, international students' financial contribution to the state's economy continued to be substantial. Their tuition and fees and living expenses for themselves and dependents, less U.S. support, totaled \$626.9 million. Their net contribution to the U.S. economy was nearly \$13 billion.

Meanwhile, more U.S. students are choosing to study abroad, according to the Open Door study – an increase nationally of 8.5 percent compared to the previous year's 4.4 percent increase. In Pennsylvania, numbers of students receiving credit for studying abroad increased 9.5 percent – from 9,897 students in 2001-02 to 10,842 in 2002-03.



Seven Pennsylvania schools were in the top 20 listings in their categories nationally for sending the most students abroad. They were (doctoral institutions) [Penn State](#) and [University of Pennsylvania](#); (master's institutions) [Villanova University](#); (baccalaureate institutions) [Dickinson College](#), [Messiah College](#), [Bucknell University](#), and [Lafayette College](#).

For more information, visit www.iie.org. Also, see the article by Martyn Miller on foreign students' contributions at www.pacie.org.



ESL Teachers Learn First-Hand About Benefits Of Cultural Immersion

Twelve Huntingdon County teachers last summer left the comfort of their Pennsylvania classrooms and family life to travel to northern Ecuador for a unique cultural and language learning experience.

The teachers, enrolled in the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) certificate program at [Juniata College](#), had already bonded during several weekend courses on linguistics and language learning at Juniata that were designed to prepare them to be immersed in a new culture.

During their three weeks in Ecuador, they took courses in second language acquisition and ESL instruction at the University of Otavalo in the city of Otavalo and did practice teaching with Ecuadorian elementary and high school students. Classroom activity was complemented by a homestay with an Ecuadorian family, a series of cultural discovery tasks in the local community, and discussions on Ecuador's people, history, economics and political relationships in the Americas with university professors and indigenous leaders.

In their daily lives in Ecuador, the 12 American teachers experienced the cultural dislocation many ESL students experience in U.S. classrooms. "In Otavalo, the teachers move through daily life in a second language environment, and they quickly build an awareness of the challenges that second language speakers face in our schools," says Elizabeth Smolcic, coordinator of Juniata's TESL certificate program.

Lucinda Megill, a 2004 Juniata graduate in elementary education, agrees. "I really feel that my successes, failures and emotions while learning and living in a different language and new culture helped me relate to my students and to the world."



Julie Hawkes, ESL support teacher for Unionville-Chadds Ford School District, works with students in Ecuador. She was one of 12 Huntingdon County teachers who spent three weeks in the South American country as part of Juniata College's Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) certificate program.

Catherine Carbaugh, a middle school English teacher for the Central Fulton School District in McConnellsburg, believes all ESL teachers should have the experience of going to a place where they don't speak the language. "Because I had this experience," she states, "I better understand my students' frustrations at cultural differences and hope that I will be able to provide a safe environment for them – one where they feel comfortable expressing their emotions and asking questions to understand their new home."

For information on the program, contact Elizabeth Smolcic at 814-641-3183 or e-mail her at smolcie@juniata.edu or visit the program's website at www.juniata.edu.

- Christopher Kohler

Kutztown Launches China Exchange With Visits By Faculty And Staff

Kutztown University is in the early stages of a faculty-student exchange program with Yantai University in eastern China.

Four faculty members and an administrator visited Yantai for a week in October as guests at the university's 20th anniversary celebration. They were Roberta Crisson, chair of speech communication and theater and director of international studies; Leslie Netting, professor of health/physical education/dance; Wendy Ryan, professor of biology; Edward Simpson, acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and professor of physical science; and James Sutherland, vice president of admissions and finance.

Netting, who was on sabbatical, also spent three weeks at Yantai teaching American jazz dance. She also choreographed a dance performance during the anniversary festivities.

Language Conference Promises To Open Teachers' Cultural Windows

The 52nd annual Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (NECTFL) will explore the theme "Opening Cultural Windows" March 31-April 3, 2005, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City.

The conference attracts pre-kindergarten through graduate school educators, administrators, materials developers and service providers in the foreign language and international studies fields.

The 2,500 participants, who represent a broad spectrum of languages and institutional settings, come from 40 states and 15 countries.

For further information or to register, go to www.nectfl.org or call 717-245-1977. NECTFL is headquartered on the [Dickinson College](#) campus in Carlisle, Pa.

New Global Studies Program Takes Off At Penn State - Berks/Lehigh

Although only in its second year, the new Global Studies Program at [Penn State-Berks/Lehigh](#) has already attracted considerable attention. Some 21 students have declared Global Studies as their major and the program has sponsored a variety of events.

The new interdisciplinary program draws on faculty expertise in international relations, world literature, intercultural communications, foreign languages, and the contemporary history of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. It is the only program of its type in the 24-campus [Penn State University](#) system.

In its quest to globalize the campus, the Global Studies faculty coordinated a number of events in the past year. In the spring of 2004, the college hosted the National Collegiate Conference on Refugees as well as the African Peace Tour.



Global Studies Program participants visited the United Nations in New York.

This fall, a two-day Ethiopian Festival exposed students and the local community to Ethiopian culture, including informational displays, films, music and food.

In addition, two faculty members taught a learning community titled "Global Terrorism and Political Violence."

Twenty students took three courses together: Introduction to International Studies, English Composition and the First-Year Seminar. All three revolved around the theme of terrorism and political violence as experienced in the U.S., Asia, the Middle East and Latin America over the past 100 years.

As part of the learning community experience, faculty and students journeyed to New York City to tour the [United Nations](#) and to be briefed by one of the U.N. Secretariat's experts on Middle Eastern terrorism.

During the spring 2005 semester, Global Studies students may opt to take a course on International Law and Organizations which will include a Spring Break trip to the U.N. and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland.

This global experience is part of the program's larger effort to get students abroad and is linked to new study abroad initiatives in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Puerto Rico and Spain.

For more information, e-mail Kirk Shaffer at krs14@psu.edu or Randall Fegley at raf8@psu.edu. Or visit the website at www.bklv.psu.edu/academic/glbst/glbst.html.

Pitt Law Professors Teach English To International Lawyers, Students

In what has become a global road show of sorts, [University of Pittsburgh](#) law professors Teresa Brostoff, Ann Sinsheimer and Kevin Deasy have traveled to a variety of countries to teach English for Foreign Lawyers (EFL). Their students have ranged from practicing lawyers and law students, to law faculty and translators.

Aided by a two-year Fulbright Senior Specialists grant, Brostoff and Sinsheimer have taught the course in Ghent, Belgium; Belgrade, Serbia; Donetsk and Kiev, Ukraine; and Reykjavik, Iceland. Deasy and Brostoff have taught together in Lodz, Poland.

The Ghent course had the most diverse group of students, according to Brostoff and Sinsheimer. The course was required for all students enrolled in Ghent's European Union and Comparative Law LL.M. program, and the class of 30 included 11 Chinese lawyers, as well as LL.M. students from Ethiopia, Germany, Belgium, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Italy, Chile and Cambodia.

For information, call Caroline West at the [Center for International Legal Education, University of Pittsburgh School of Law](#), at 412-648-2079 or e-mail her at west@law.pitt.edu.

World Affairs Council Launches High School Globalization Effort

The [World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh](#), through a partnership with Atlanta's [Southern Center for International Studies](#), is one of a handful of World Affairs Councils in the U.S. chosen to organize regional workshops to provide high school teachers with current information and materials for teaching about the world.

Using the Southern Center's *The World in Transition* multimedia educational series as a framework, these workshops give teachers hands-on materials, resources and ideas for teaching about contemporary global issues. The series included extensive lesson plans covering world regions from a geographic, economic, political, cultural and environmental standpoint.

In 2004, the Council provided 65 secondary school teachers throughout Western Pennsylvania with complete sets of *The World in Transition* series – nearly \$50,000 worth of materials. A workshop held in the fall featured a training session that enabled 23 "master teachers" to potentially reach hundreds of area educators through follow-up workshops at their schools.

Unique professional development opportunities are also being offered to teachers currently using the series in their classroom. For example, in June the Council will host a summer workshop on the European Union in Washington, D.C., for 20 high school teachers.

For more information, call Annie Prucey at 412-281-7028, e-mail her at anniem@worldaffairspittsburgh.org, or visit www.worldaffairscouncils.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

Juniata College in Huntington was highlighted as an exemplary program for its campus internationalization efforts in a major report published in November 2004 by NAFSA: Association of International Educators. To order a copy of *Internationalizing the Campus 2004: Profiles of Success at Colleges and Universities*, go to www.nafsa.org.

Community College of Philadelphia has received a \$170,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education under its Title VI Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program. The college's project focuses on Middle Eastern cultures and languages.

The grant will enable faculty to develop nine new courses and new materials for 22 existing courses, plus a speaker series will bring specialists to the college for lectures and workshops and a summer seminar. For information, contact Samantha Drake at 215-751-8227 or by e-mail at sdrake@ccp.edu.

Anthony C. Ogden, associate director of the **Penn State University** Education Abroad Office, has developed a series of brochures addressing multicultural diversity and education abroad.

Covering five topics – race/ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation and disability issues – each brochure provides resource information and encourages reflection on three levels: preparing to study abroad, living and studying abroad, and bringing the experience back home. For information, go to www.international.psu.edu or e-mail Anthony at ogden@ip.psu.edu.

Franklin & Marshall College has acquired the international study program Advanced Studies in England (ASE), and has assumed oversight of ASE's academic program as well as ownership of two historic residential buildings and the lease on a third.

According to Kent Trachte, dean of the college, "We wanted to strengthen our involvement and presence in the international arena, and the ASE program offers us a mature, high-quality program that will enable us to educate students in a global sense."

ASE offers up to 60 undergraduates from 13 affiliate campuses the opportunity to live and study in Bath for one or two semesters. For information, contact Patti Brown at pbrown@fandm.edu.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania was showcased on the international stage in October when 14 faculty and administrators from member universities of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) visited campus.

They came from universities in Australia, China, Sweden, Finland, Japan, South Africa and the

Netherlands. IUP has been a member of ISEP for more than 20 years, and sends an average of 15 to 20 students on ISEP exchanges per year. A total of 200 IUP students study abroad each year. For information, contact Michele Petrucci at Michele.Petrucci@iup.edu.

PaCIE has welcomed four new members to its governing board: Patti Brown, associate dean for international and off-campus study at **Franklin & Marshall College**; Mary Ann Hollinger, dean of external programs at **Messiah College**; Jane Krepp, International Baccalaureate coordinator and Honors/IB Small Learning Community facilitator at **McCaskey High School** in Lancaster; and Michael Stuckart, director of international affairs and associate professor of anthropology at the **University of Pittsburgh** at Bradford.

Eleven **Temple University** students who participated in the school's six-week Public Health and Development in Costa Rica summer program presented their research at the Pennsylvania Public Health Annual Conference in Philadelphia in October.

Students presented poster sessions on Women's Health Concerns in Costa Rica and First Aid Education and Practice in Rural Costa Rica. For information, call Barbara Gorka at 215-204-0720 or e-mail her at gorka@temple.edu or go to www.temple.edu/studyabroad. (See picture below.)



From Temple University (left to right), Adrienne Mullock, Professor Clara Haignere (Temple's Costa Rica program director), Amy Rogerino, Natasha Reidy, and Brooke Hardison at the Pennsylvania Public Health Annual Conference.

PaCIE News welcomes your news briefs. To submit news items, as well as articles or story ideas, please contact Judy Pehrson at 717-291-3956 or e-mail her at jpehrson@fandm.edu.

Asia Seminars Offered For Secondary School Teachers

The [National Consortium for Teaching About Asia](#) (NCTA), funded by the Freeman Foundation, is a multiyear initiative to offer 30-hour seminars on East Asia to secondary school teachers of world history, geography, social studies, literature, and art. The seminars focus on content as well as pedagogical issues.

Participating teachers receive stipends, funds for teaching materials, and opportunities to apply for Asian study tours to China, Japan and Korea. In return, they are expected to work energetically for the wider inclusion of East Asia content within the secondary school curriculum.

The University of Pittsburgh is the regional headquarters for NCTA, where it is housed within the Asian Studies Center, University Center for International Studies. Pennsylvania schools and organizations that offer NCTA seminars include [Bucknell University](#), [Elizabethtown College](#), [Mercyhurst College](#), [Slippery Rock University](#), [University of Pittsburgh](#), and the [World Affairs Council of Philadelphia](#).

For information on the program and each seminar site, call Diana Marston Wood, NCTA coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh, at 412-648-7411 or e-mail her at dmwood@ucis.pitt.edu. Or visit the website at www.ucis.pitt.edu/ncta.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES APPROACHING

January 31 – Application deadline for colleges and universities to host IREX **Muskie Fellows**. For information, go to www.irex.org/programs/muskie/index.asp.

January 31 – **Arabic Distance Learning Network** participation (Network offers a full two-year program of Arabic language taught through distance learning complemented by face-to-face instruction and an integrated study abroad component for students). Call Yvonne Rudman at 406-994-4032 or e-mail her at rudman@montana.edu or go to www.arabicstudies.edu.

February 10 – Application deadline for **NSEP Boren Undergraduate Scholarship Competition**. Awards available for study in world regions critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Latin America and the Mid-East. Information and online applications at www.ii.org/nsep. Call 1-800-618-6737 or e-mail nsep@iie.org.

March 1 – Materials and information available for 2006-07 **Fulbright Scholar** competition. For information go to www.cies.org.

Elizabethtown College Expanding International Business Programs

[Elizabethtown College's](#) Department of Business is on the move to expand its international capacity. Over a two-year period (2004-06), the department will receive grants and contributions totaling \$468,000 to enable it to set up a Center for International Business and Economics and to assist in developing special programs.

The funds will be used to create study tours, provide domestic and foreign internships to students, establish an International Business Executive-in-Residence program, support research, set up a speaker series on global issues, and publish a periodical on global issues.

For more information, contact Sanjay Paul at pauls@etown.edu.



PA Gov. Ed Rendell met with Mexican Fulbright Exchange teachers when they visited the National Constitution Museum in Philadelphia as part of a two-week orientation to prepare them to teach in the U.S. Messiah College hosted the program for 17 Mexican teachers.

Welcome to PaCIE News

PaCIE News is brought to you three times a year by the Pennsylvania Council for International Education.

For 35 years, PaCIE has provided important professional development and networking opportunities to the state's international educators, as well as advocating for continued funding and academic freedom in campus globalization efforts.

Membership is open to college and K-12 educators, administrators, students and community organizations involved in international education.

For information on joining PaCIE, visit our website at www.pacie.org, or contact Christina Good at 215-884-9430 or e-mail her at ceagood@comcast.net. She also can help you subscribe or unsubscribe to *PaCIE News*.

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