

PaCIE News

Keynote Speakers Announced For PaCIE's September Conference

Dr. Peter McPherson, president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and chair of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Commission, will deliver the keynote address at PaCIE's 37th Annual Conference that will be held September 28-29 in Pittsburgh. His remarks will highlight the conference theme, "Navigating a Flat World: Bridging and Expanding Resources Across the Pennsylvania Landscape."



Dr. Peter McPherson

McPherson has had an illustrious career that cuts across the academic, business, government, and nonprofit sectors. Former president of Michigan State University, he has also been a group executive vice president at Bank of America. He is founder and co-chair of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa and served as director of economic policy for the Coalition Provisional Authority of Iraq.

Deputy secretary of the U.S. Treasury from 1987 to 1989, McPherson also was administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) from 1981 – 1987, and board chair of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation from 1981 – 1987. In 1975-77, he served as special assistant to President Gerald Ford and deputy director of the Presidential Personnel Office.



Dr. William I. Brustein
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Also addressing the conference as opening speaker will be Dr. William I. Brustein, director of the University Center for International Studies and professor of sociology, political science, and history at the University of Pittsburgh. Before coming to Pittsburgh, he was a McKnight Distinguished University Professor at the University of Minnesota where he also served as chair of the Department of Sociology and director of the Center for European Studies.

Brustein has published widely in the areas of political extremism and ethnic/religious/racial prejudice. His most

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recent books are *The Logic of Evil: the Social Origins of the Nazi Party, 1925 to 1933* (Yale University Press, 1996) and *Roots of Hate: Anti-Semitism in Europe Before the Holocaust* (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

Brustein has served on the National Science Foundation Sociology Panel and on the NASULGC Task Force on International Education. Currently, he is president-elect of the Association of International Education Administrators, and serves on the executive committee of the Association for Studies in International Education as well as on the editorial board of the *Journal of Studies in International Education*. He also chairs the Academic Affairs Committee of the NASULGC Commission on International Programs.

The PaCIE Conference, according to conference chair Elaine Linn, of the University of Pittsburgh, is "designed to keep international educators abreast of trends and tools needed to remain competitive in this age of globalization."

For more information on the conference, visit PaCIE's Web site at www.pacie.org.

President's Post...

Help Us Bring the World to Pennsylvania

As the late Congressman Tip O'Neill wryly observed, "All politics is local." That applies to international education as well. We live in a state that is far behind many others in preparing students to participate in the new global economy. We're still struggling to get standards for teaching world languages in our K-12 schools. We're fighting off attacks on International Baccalaureate Programs. We must deal every few years with strong attempts to pass legislation making English the state's official language.

At the tertiary level, while there are a number of colleges and universities in Pennsylvania that have made great strides in internationalizing their campuses, there are quite a few others that have not. It is important to provide a forum and a connection that enables "best practices" school to share expertise with those who are just beginning the internationalization process. It is also important to provide linkages between tertiary



Judy Pehrson

institutions and K-12 schools so resources can be shared and more globally minded students can flow into the tertiary pipeline.

PaCIE's goal is to provide the forum, the advocacy, and the connections that will strengthen international education in our state. We hope you will join us in these efforts by renewing your membership in PaCIE or becoming a member if you aren't already.

Many of you recently received a letter reminding you to renew your institutional or individual membership. Please fill out the form and return it. If you aren't a member, see page 6 of this newsletter for details, visit our Web site at www.pacie.org, or contact Christina Good, PaCIE executive director, at ceagood@comcast.net. I invite you to join and be an active participant in the organization. Sign on for one of our committees, attend our annual conference in September, contribute to our newsletter, and support our ongoing advocacy efforts on behalf of international education.

Best regards,

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Welcome to PaCIE*News*

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

For 37 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.

For information on joining PaCIE, please visit our Website at www.pacie.org, or contact Executive Director Christina Good at 215-884-9430 or email her at ceagood@comcast.net. She can also help you subscribe or un-subscribe to PaCIE*News*.

Please send us news about your institution's international education efforts, including new programs, events and activities, grants and honors, and outstanding administrators, faculty and students. We also appreciate receiving photos, either print or digital, to accompany your articles. To submit articles, photos, or story ideas, please contact Christina Good at ceagood@comcast.net.

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Last Call for Presenters!

Some slots are still open for presenters and panelists at PaCIE's 37th Annual Conference. If you'd like to participate as a panelist, poster presenter or roundtable discussant, check out the listings on our Web site at www.pacie.org.

World Affairs Council Asks For Your Advice

Two years ago, the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh launched its Global Travel Scholars Program in partnership with World Learning's Experiment in International Living, enabling area high school students who otherwise might not have the opportunity to travel outside the U.S. to experience a life-changing educational summer travel abroad.

Through this transformational program, student leaders gain a deeper understanding of how to communicate across cultural, national, racial, and linguistic borders. For three to five weeks during the summer, students immerse themselves in other cultures and languages through homestays, group and community activities, and travel.

In the past two years, the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh has sent 12 area students to Argentina, Botswana, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Italy, Japan, and Spain. Students are nominated by their teachers and selected through a highly competitive process, with emphasis on providing a transformational opportunity to student leaders who otherwise would be unable to participate in such a program.

We welcome your suggestions and ideas on grants and other means of financial support that would help sustain this unique opportunity for students who can only dream of a formative international experience!

For more information, email Annie Prucey at annie@worldaffairspittsburgh.org, call 412-281-7970, or visit www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org.



Global Travel Scholar benefits from her international experience.

WorldQuest Competition Rewards Global Knowledge

The World Affairs Council of Reading and Berks County has for the last three years sponsored Academic WorldQuest, an exciting international competition for high school students. It is a team game testing competitors' knowledge of world affairs, geography, history, culture, countries, current events and more.

Each school district's team is composed of four students and one alternate in grades 9 through 12. Teams are coached by the advisor, a teacher or a parent. The teams compete by answering 10 questions per round for 10 rounds. World Affairs Council board members and

university professors prepare the questions, which are presented by projected Power Point slides. Each team must respond with a single answer in an allotted time frame. Sixteen of the 20 public and private school districts in the county entered teams in this year's competition. The winning team came from Fleetwood District, and they went on to compete in the national WorldQuest competition in Washington, D.C.

Trophies are presented to the top three teams. The winning team, in addition to being sent to the all-expense paid national competition, retains a traveling trophy until next year's competition.

Financial support for the WorldQuest competition comes from the World Affairs Council, local businesses, universities and colleges, governmental organizations and individuals.

WorldQuest seems to have sparked interest in the World Affairs Council itself. There has been an increase in the student attendance at general World Affairs Council luncheons, where speakers present a variety of topics. In addition, there has been an increase in participation and in the number of Model UN competitions, with a large crossover between Model UN and WorldQuest participants. For information on Academic WorldQuest, contact Sheila Lattin at gslattin@comcast.net.



The Fleetwood District's WorldQuest team earned a trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the national competition.

New Home For Franklin & Marshall College's International Programs

A \$500,000 lead gift from a Franklin & Marshall alumnus is helping build a new international center to house the college's international programs. Donor Andrew Schindler '72 requested that the new center be named in honor of Dr. John Joseph '50, emeritus professor of history and Schindler's former professor.

The \$945,000 center will be approximately 3,600 square feet and is slated to open in August of this year. Features of the new building will include a resource center, a seminar room, a classroom/multipurpose room, six offices, a kitchen and storage area. A Japanese garden will be constructed behind the center. The center will bring the college's International Studies, International Student Services, and Off-Campus Study programs together in one location.

For information, contact Patti Brown, associate dean of international programs, at patti.brown@fandm.edu.

Juniata Campus Joins in Celebrating Eid al-Adha

More than 300 people attended the 10th annual Eid al-Adha (Feast of Sacrifice) at Juniata College in February. Eid al-Adha is the most important feast of the Muslim calendar.

Originally established to help Muslim students celebrate the Eid al-Adha when they are away from home, the event has grown to be a tradition for Juniata students, faculty, staff and local community guests. The celebration this year was sponsored by several student organizations, including Club International and the Muslim Student Association.

It was the sense of cooperation among all the students (and even some helpful staff and faculty) that made the Eid this year so special. For those who attended the event, the feeling of excitement began from the moment they entered the Ellis Hall lobby, which was ornamented by Middle Eastern rugs and flags. It really felt like a night that would take them some place else.

The high-light of the entertainment for the evening was the traditional *debka* dance, led by 10 students. It brought the crowd to their feet.



Students performed traditional debka dance at Juniata College's Eid feast

The Eid dinner was the biggest student-run event on campus, and it illustrated the continued cooperation between Muslim and non-Muslim students. It is another example of the sense of openness that Juniata College and its students, staff, and faculty seem to enjoy.



Middle Eastern adornments added to the authentic atmosphere of the Eid al-Adha feast

(Muhammed Shamma '07, a student from Syria, contributed to this article. Shamma is on the U.S. State Department- sponsored program Partnership for Learning in Undergraduate Studies)

Study Abroad Attracts Non-Traditional Students

More and more non-traditional students are taking advantage of study-abroad opportunities at their schools. Trudy Oliver, business students at Reading Area Community College (RACC), is a good example. She, along with traditional student Josh Faith, spent three months in an exchange program at the International Business Academy in Kolding, Denmark.

Both Oliver and Faith attended the same classes at the IBA, but were placed in different groups for projects. They spent most of their days in classes, and found they had less homework or class work than they do at RACC. Oliver also shared the fact that the school put less of an emphasis on testing.

"When we were in Denmark," she explained, "we went to classes almost every day from 8 in the morning to 3:30 in the afternoon. The classes were challenging, and both Josh and I felt that it was good that we had the background at RACC, or we would have been lost. The style of learning is much more hands-on. We were surprised that we were not given tests as often as at RACC."

The subjects they studied included marketing management, managerial economics, global communications and global marketing. "At the end of the term we were required to do a 30-page group project that summarized all that we had learned in the term," said Oliver. "It was a very interesting way of learning."

Both students are grateful for the learning experience and made many new friends. Both said that they would definitely recommend that other students should take the opportunity to study abroad when offered, and they would gladly do it again if they could.

"If I think about the overall experience I would say that it definitely has changed the way I think of the world and Europe in particular," Oliver noted. "It is amazing how I read an article in the newspaper and I feel that I can

relate to it much more than before I went to Denmark." For information, contact Melissa Kushner, director of public relations at Reading Area Community College, at mkushner@racc.edu.



Trudy Oliver and Josh Faith applied their RACC education in a global setting through an exchange opportunity with the International Business Academy in Denmark.

West Chester Undertakes Major Global Initiative

West Chester University has formed a Global Development Collaborative that is designed to promote, support and coordinate global awareness and global perspectives in academics and extracurricular activities.

The Collaborative plans to:

- Increase quality and quantity of study abroad programs
- Increase quality and number of international students and scholars
- Establish partnerships and agreements with institutions abroad
- Facilitate faculty and curriculum development and integration of global perspectives
- Value and celebrate international efforts that promote learning
- Create and maintain an information clearinghouse on global opportunities.

Among activities undertaken by the Consortium was sponsorship of a visit by 35 members of the Guizhou University (People's Republic of China) cultural arts delegation.



Dance students from southwestern China entertain members of the West Chester University community

The delegation included 19 dance students from The Art College of Guizhou University and also vocal and piano artists. Members of the delegation presented lectures on regional history and culture at Westchester and gave a cultural performance to a sold-out audience at Holy Family University in Philadelphia. The delegation raised \$2,042 through auctioning off five of their costumes and through sale of cultural artifacts. They donated the money to the WCU Katrina Relief Fund.



The Cultural Arts Delegation from Guizhou University auctioned off traditional costumes to benefit the Katrina Relief Fund at WCU.

The Global Development Collaborative also hosted Professor Ying Lu, vice-director and professor in the School of Geography and Environment at Jianzi Normal University in Jiangxi, China. He spent two months at West Chester University and presented a variety of guest lectures, including: "Studies on Changes in Land Use and Ecological Environment in the Poyang Lake Area in China."



Professor Joan Welch welcomes Dr. Ying Lui to West Chester University

This event attracted a wide audience from both on- and off-campus community. For more information about West Chester University's Global Development Collaborative, contact Gopal Sankaran at gsankaran@wcupa.edu.

Kutztown University Sponsors Conference, Hosts Foreign Scholars

The Office of International Studies at Kutztown University has coordinated two major events this spring: the "China at the Crossroads" Conference and the arrival of two faculty exchange professors from Ukraine.

The "China at the Crossroads" Conference, which took place March 27 and March 28, encompassed a broad spectrum of areas including the sciences, humanities, social sciences, arts, and history. The conference invited 12 speakers from across the nation, including Dr. Marilyn Levine, the keynote speaker, who discussed "China as a Leader in the 21st Century."

The conference also included a performance by the Philadelphia Chinese Opera Society. Abstracts from each of the speakers as well as the program from the performance can be found on the International Studies website at <http://www.kutztown.edu/acad/intlstudies/events.asp>.

The Office of International Studies also coordinated the visit of two faculty exchange professors from Precarpathian National Vasyl Stanyk University, Ukraine. This will mark the first exchange to the U.S. for the university, located in Ivano-Frankivsk, in western Ukraine. Nataliya Chahrak, an assistant professor of pedagogy, and Klanichka Iryna Volodymyrivna, an associate professor, were active faculty members through the month of April.

On the Road Again: This Time to Moldova, Belarus And Ukraine

Elisa Harding Hunt, assistant dean of students and international programs at Wilson College, recently traveled to Moldova, Belarus, and Ukraine. Hunt was invited by IREX, the International Research and Exchanges Board (www.irex.org), which administers the UGRAD program for students from former Soviet countries to come and study for one year in U.S. institutions. Funding comes from the U.S. Department of State.

Hunt traveled to the three countries to conduct interviews of potential exchange students. The program is highly competitive – over 6,000 students from 12 countries applied for 170 spots. Of the more than 100 students Hunt interviewed, 70 students were selected for U.S. study. Students selected will study in colleges, but also do community service and internships. The goal is more of a cultural exchange emphasis rather than just a year abroad.

For the past three years, Hunt has helped rank student applications from Ukraine. Hunt previously worked as a teacher trainer in Ukraine from 2000 – 2001 on a grant from the U.S. Department of State, so she is familiar with the area, culture, and educational system.

Hunt spent most of her time interviewing, but did manage to visit local spots of interest. In Moldova, she visited the world's largest underground wine collection, attached to 220 kilometers of underground tunnels for storing wine. In Belarus, she had a quick walking tour of Minsk, including several parks and WWII monuments. She spent a week in Ukraine and had the opportunity to see "The Barber of Seville" performed in Ukrainian.

For the past three years, Wilson College has hosted students from the UGRAD program, including three Ukrainian students and one Georgian student. Wilson College hopes to continue the strong working relationship with IREX in the future.

For information, contact Elisa Harding Hunt at ehunt@wilson.edu



Left to right: Andrea Kalan (IREX), Elisa Hunt (Wilson College), and Lisa Hammond (IREX) visit an underground wine facility in Moldova.

Join PaCIE!

Current PaCIE members recently received a mailing reminding them to update their memberships. We invite new members to join as well.

Membership is open to college, university, and K-12 teachers and administrators involved in international education, as well as to members of organizations involved with international education.

There are three levels of membership:

- **Basic Institutional membership** for \$100, which covers five people from an institution or organization joining.
- **Sponsoring Institutional membership** for \$250, which covers up to 12 people within an institution or organization.
- **Individual membership** based on income. People earning below \$25,000 may join for \$20, those at the \$25,000-\$44,999 level may join for \$35, and those at \$45,000 and above for \$50.

All memberships entitle people to receive a discount on registration for the annual conference, PaCIE*News*, the organization's newsletter; and NewsFlash email bulletins on important international education events, issues, and opportunities. In addition, members are able to tap into a network of colleagues with whom to discuss issues related to international education.

We hope you will consider either renewing your membership or joining as a new PaCIE member. For information, visit our Web site at www.pacie.org or call Christina Good at 215-884-9430 or email her at ceagood@comcast.net.

June 16 Deadline For IREX Program

The U.S. Department of State and IREX have announced a competition for U.S. universities to design and host a professional development program for 14 secondary-level teachers of English as a Foreign Language, social studies, civics, mathematics, and science for the International Educators Program (IEP).

The deadline is June 16th. Application materials are available online at www.irex.org. For more information, contact Amira Maaty at 202-628-8188 Ext. 148, or email iep@irex.org.