US Senate Proclaimed 2006 Year of Study Abroad

The United States Senate passed a resolution declaring 2006 the “Year of Study Abroad.” We decided to take advantage of this special situation to present study abroad and international education to the university community in new and creative ways. We set up a Year of Study Abroad link for the web site. The site has links to the Senate resolution, provides notice of upcoming events, poses a question of the month (see below) for students, and more. A Study Abroad Programs Banner was created to be hung in the UMC and several other places around campus (see photo on page 2). We asked study abroad students to send a postcard to their senators from their study abroad country to thank them for the YSA resolution. We promoted the “Top 10 Best Kept Secrets of Study Abroad,” highlighting outstanding program offerings that are off the beaten track or are underused by CU students. During the World Affairs Conference, we held a Year of Study Abroad Reception and invited the campus community and conference participants to celebrate international education opportunities at CU-Boulder. A display of the History of Study Abroad at CU-Boulder was created and showcased at the April 13 reception. The office is posing a “YSA Question of the Month” to solicit discussion and opinions from study abroad and international students about important world events. The results are posted on the YSA web page. The Director of International Education Larry Bell asked the Colorado State Legislature to pass a Year of Study Abroad Resolution for the state. This was accomplished in May; the resolution can be viewed on the YSA web page. Since 1999, the U.S. Departments of State and Education have sponsored International Education Week “to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States” (see http://iew.state.gov for more information).

This international observance, held during the third week of November, will be marked at CU-Boulder with a reception on November 15 at CU’s new Atlas Building that recognizes the first winners of the Office of International Education Global Citizens Awards. Finally, the office is either hosting or helping to publicize a series of Brown Bag Lectures featuring international topics. We hope you will check out our web page and talk to your family, friends, or co-workers about your international experience. After all, you alumni are in the best position to celebrate the Year of Study Abroad by letting others know how your experience affected your life, your career, and your view of yourself as an American.

Nancy Stubbs to Retire December 2006

Nancy Stubbs, will be retiring after 34 years of service to students at CU!

Nancy has worked tirelessly for all these years in support of students, like most of you readers, providing opportunities to experience education abroad. Nancy has fought through bureaucratic tangles long and hard on behalf of students and encouraged the development of new opportunities for education abroad. Nancy is a primary reason that CU-Boulder is one of the leading universities in the country for students having the opportunity to receive a portion of their education in another country. Nancy has developed programs in new destinations; helped establish scholarship funds that help expand opportunities for students; and has been a tireless supporter of the “students first, last, and always” attitude of this office. Nancy’s hard work and good humor will be missed by OIE, the campus, and CU-Boulder students with interests abroad.

The opportunities to study abroad and learn about the world first-hand will continue with the rest of OIE carrying things on as we have before, but Nancy will be missed!
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CU Boulder’s Office of International Education actively promotes the ideal of international harmony by facilitating the exchange of people and ideas. We provide opportunities that encourage understanding of and appreciation for all people and cultures of our world.

Staff Notes

Nancy Stubbs is not the only staffer retiring at the end of December 2006. Another long-time staff member, Susan Fey, intends to hang up her study abroad hat after 10 years with this office (she will have a total of 16 years at CU). Susan plans to spend time with her family as well as working on the many projects she has postponed during the years.

SAP welcomes two new SAP Advisors: Cindy Bosley and Sarah Westmoreland. Sarah, a CU alum with a degree in French, studied abroad on the CIEE Rennes (Spring 2002) program. She was a study abroad peer advisor; after graduation in December 2003, Sarah spent several months teaching English in Tunisia and France.

Cindy comes to us from the University of Denver, where she worked in graduate admissions while completing her MA in International and Intercultural Communication. She studied abroad in Belgium and Germany where she developed a passion for chocolate and diplomacy. During the summer, Cindy attended a week-long institute at the University of Minnesota: Maximizing Study Abroad.

Mary Dando spent 3 weeks in January participating in Syracuse’s University’s traveling seminar Syracuse University’s traveling seminar to China, accompanying the students going on the spring semester program to Hong Kong. She also participated on a site visit to the University of Kansas Costa Rica program. CU has been sending students on this program since 1964. Lastly, Mary is the chair of a national committee for NAFSA: Association of International Educator’s national conference to address problems in getting student visas to study abroad.

Kim Kreutzer visited Scotland for both business and pleasure during the summer. She attended the British Universities Trans-Atlantic Exchange conference in Durham before spending three weeks hiking and exploring. In 2005, Kim was elected to the Advisory Board of The Forum on Education Abroad, an international study abroad association. She also began a three-year term on the Arcadia University National Advisory Board.

Sylvie Burnet-Jones and Jami Nelson-Nunez have spent the last year serving as the driving force behind the change to our new online system (see article on New Application Process). Sylvie also found time to visit CIEE’s Paris and Rennes programs.

Mark Holsclaw organized another successful Study Abroad Peer Fair in mid-September. Many of you may remember first learning about study abroad at a fair and later taking your pictures and other memories to talk to excited new students.

We are very grateful for the excellent assistance our study abroad peers have provided this office over the past year. The Honor Roll of Peers for AY 2005-2006 is: Katy Lopez, Dee Zucco and Nathaniel Thompson. We are very pleased that Nathaniel is staying in the international education field by working for CIEE as the Resident Advisor for the Santiago Dominican Republic program!

Steven Reinhold has joined OIE as our new IT wizard.

Larry Bell has been involved in several campus committees that are exploring ways to increase the number of international students at CU-Boulder. Larry continues his work for the profession as the Vice President of Public Policy and Practice of NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

Nancy Vanacore worked with Larry to prepare a record number of successful Fulbright Scholarship applications. A total of eight awards were given for 2006-07. Since 1977, a total of 95 CU-Boulder students have become Fulbright Scholars, but never eight in one year.

Janice Zinnecker attended the Region II NAFSA conference at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs last winter.

Marie Cox and Ginger Jones, our financial team, have been working extra hard to interpret and make sure this office complies with all the new CU regulations that came into effect this year.
Sleepless in Rome and Other Assorted Delights by Suranjan Ganguly

Suranjan Ganguly is a Professor of Film Studies. He is the faculty director of the Paris Film Studies and Rome Film Studies summer study abroad programs.

When I taught my first Study Abroad class in Rome three years ago, I wasn't sure what to expect. My goal was to enroll fifteen students but only nine had signed up. My program focused on the relationships between Italian film and art but most of my pupils belonged to disciplines that had very little to do with celluloid or canvas. The course material was intellectually daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting. We would study films that were generally deemed "difficult" as well as art from the 15th to the 17th centuries that were generally deemed daunting.

Would my nine bravehearts be able to rise to the occasion? We barely got any sleep on our first night in Rome. And it wasn't because we were keyed up for the program to begin next morning. Outside, on the piazza, a noisy game of football went on until 2 AM. Dogs barked, cats yowled, beer bottles shattered. Then there was the ceremonial dumping of garbage from nearby restaurants that continued most of the night. We wondered if people ever slept in this town.

Noise, we gradually found out, was integral to Roman life. It was everywhere and it pervaded everything. So, why worry about it? In fact, soon we were too busy to even notice. Each day was proving to be a revelation. Each day we were discovering wonderful things: the Chiesa del Gesù's great baroque painted ceiling from which figures floated into space; Caravaggio's chiaroscuro lighting which made Christ's hand stand out like a knife; myth-encrusted Trevi Fountain from which a pagan goddess emerged in Fellini's La Dolce Vita. And, outside Rome, there was Piero della Francesca's cycle of frescoes at Arezzo; the ruins of Pompeii in the shadow of Vesuvius; Greek Cuma with the mysterious Cave of the Sibyl...Every film we studied sent us on a journey to an enchanted place.

We were still sleepless in Rome but loving it. To shut one's eyes was to shut out the magic of the city, and nobody wanted to do that.

Although I would teach in Rome again (this time with fifteen mostly film and art majors), that first class would always remain close to my heart. It's not often that a group of diverse people form such close bonds or develop an enthusiasm for things they had never encountered before. My students were extraordinary in that respect.

For me, the whole experience was profoundly creative. To put together an interdisciplinary class is always a challenge because one must find correspondences between art forms that at first seem utterly disparate. Then there is the added challenge---and thrill---of planting the course on foreign soil and watching it sprout. I had to be both teacher and gardener, twin roles that I enjoyed immensely. I think all students should give Study Abroad a try at least once. If nothing else, they would discover that going without sleep means waking up to the endless delights of a new world.

In Search of Spain by Danielle Barbeau

In December 2005, Boulder's Daily Camera newspaper published a travel log written by CIEE Barcelona (Fall 2005) alum, Danielle Barbeau. Danielle spent the semester completely captivated by the magic of this great Spanish city, learning lots of Catalan, making life-long friends and ultimately following a spiritual direction of walking the pilgrim's path to Santiago de Compostela. This 500-mile trek was chronicled in the Camera article; here is a short vision describing what that pilgrimage meant to her. The entire article is available on the Daily Camera's fee-based archive service at www.dailycamera.com.

I didn't go to Spain with plans to make the 500 mile journey, but now, having been there and back, I think about it everyday. Each day of the one month I spent walking is memorable in a way like no other time in my life. I made friends without speaking fluent Spanish, and stayed in places I never would have made time to visit had I been traveling any way other than by foot. Life was simple, slow, yet each night I slept in a new place, met new people, saw new landscapes and endured constant change. Anything can get to be routine, even waking before dawn to walk for six or eight hours with all you possess strapped to you back. Sometimes I would pause, thinking, "How in the world did a twenty-one year old American girl end up here, alone somewhere in rural Spain?" Most of the time I didn't really know where I was, but I continued west from the Pyrenees until finally I hit the Atlantic. It was there, swollen footed and weather worn, that I realized the pilgrimage on the Camino was maybe the reason I was meant to go to Spain. Surrounded by pilgrims from around the world, on the steep cliffs of the Northern Spanish coast, I just barely began understanding the spiritual, cultural, and cerebral implications of Camino de Santiago on the rest of my life. Even though I reached the end of the road, the journey has hardly come to an end.
Everyone wondered why in the world I wanted to go on Semester at Sea, known to some as the "booze cruise." Of course, the world was the precise reason I was interested in this program. Still, as a fifth year senior hoping to graduate with honors, the decision to study abroad was a serious one. With some hesitation, I packed up and embarked upon the adventure of my lifetime.

As my southern Californian roommate arrived with more bikinis packed than I had clothes, I began to second-guess myself. The guessing didn’t last long. Professor after professor loaded me with syllabi including one for a class entitled “The Anthropology of Food.”

I had already considered writing my International Affairs honors thesis on foreign cuisine but I had few ideas on how to integrate this passion into an academic work. As it turns out, a worldwide culinary tour coupled with weekly assignments on foreign food experiences is one such gateway to a fascinating thesis on the cultural impact of cuisine.

Days wound on, and Semester at Sea became a cache of resources I never anticipated. My professors were more accessible than I had yet come across in my college career. I dined with people whom I admired on a weekly basis, engaging in both casual and heated political discussions, observing where the wide-ranging conversations would go.

The nature of the trip meant that my classes became an interconnected web, providing me with varied political, cultural, geographic and economic information on each region we were to visit. In addition, at each port we took on a new lecturer to supplement our academic understanding with personal interactions.

One day I would learn about the amazing progression from apartheid to democracy in South Africa and that evening I would find myself conversing with Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu about his own experience as head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and about his adoration for his beautiful wife Leaf.

In port my plan was simple: get as far away as possible as quickly as possible. It was this rationale that found me in the bloody meat markets of Salvador eating beef and sausage, in a rural orphanage in India scooping rice and curry with my fingers and in the antiquated town of Mandalay crunching on a fried locust.

We learned about the poverty-stricken favelas of Salvador da Bahia, Brazil and the next day I saw, touched, smelled, and tasted this real-world crisis. Public transportation became my secret weapon, teaching me more about the world than any class but made possible by my class notes on etiquette, common phrases and money exchange.

Unfortunately, as long as we fled the sunset we only managed to gain one day on our trip eastward, but my adventures and desire to understand the world persisted. I took my experiences from Semester at Sea and my knowledge from my Anthropology of Food class and began to write about that passion.

I had seen the world and I knew what cuisine could mean to the local and to the interloper and how sharing such experiences could change one’s understanding of an entire nation.

In May, nine months after embarkation, I received the departmental award for best thesis in the International Affairs. As I apply to grad school for Food Studies I consider where I might be without the support of my school, this program and the world.

In reflecting back upon this program, as long as one is willing to progress beyond the nearsighted view of the semester as a four month vacation, he or she will encounter the same fascinating opportunity that Semester at Sea offered me– the world, portside.
2000s

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1990’s

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1980’s

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1970’s

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Hutchings, Alan (Bordeaux, France 1976-77 – Boston, MA) I have been working at Harvard Business School for almost 25 years. Prior to that, I taught French, German and other subjects in my hometown high school and junior high schools for two years. Travels have taken me to London, Montreal and the Canadian Maritimes. Would enjoy hearing from those in the Bordeaux group from 1976-1977. Email: ahutchings@hbs.edu

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1960’s

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We want to hear from you! Please submit your news via the Alumni Contact Form under the ALUMNI link on our website: http://studyabroad.colorado.edu
My Dear Friends:

After spending 27 years in OIE, I will soon retire from dear old CU. Before I go, I’m going to say a few things that have been on my mind.

First, thanks to all whom I’ve had the pleasure to meet. I had no idea there were so many interesting, diverse people in the world. We tend to go on and on about how wonderful study abroad is, how it changes lives, helps promote world peace, and turns children into world citizens. All of that is true. But the real reason this was such a great job is YOU – the students, faculty, administrators, host families, and international colleagues. We talk, argue, learn from each other, and eventually decide that, in the most important ways, we are all the same. What a great lesson to learn!

I had only a short study abroad experience compared to most of you, but I’ve learned to be a world citizen, which has helped me become a much better citizen of the U.S. After my first experience abroad, I knew absolutely that I was an American. That certainty has never changed, partly because of subsequent experience abroad but also because working in OIE has allowed me to meet and learn more about the world from so many of you.

I never set out to have a career in study abroad; when I was young, few knew what a study abroad advisor was. I’ve had many mentors over the years, some of whom you know because they are or were faculty and staff here in Boulder. I can’t thank them by name here – there is limited space, but I hope all my colleagues, past and present, know how much fun I had working and learning from them.

Unlike some who retire from the university, I won’t be reappearing after I leave. The office is in tremendous shape, with perhaps the best staff in its 41-year history. It will give me great pleasure to get future copies of The Peregrine and read about the many accomplishments of the staff, the students, and the programs.

Thanks to you all – it’s been more fun than I ever thought I could have. I am very lucky.

Nancy

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