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Celebrating Growth and Change

Greetings to all Study Abroad Alumni, Friends and Supporters!

We have much to celebrate as we look back at this year: We have new study abroad team members; There has been a streamlining of our application process; International and intercultural experiences are regularly mentioned in the CU Flagship 2030.

Our move to an online application process has proved to be an enormous success—We have reduced the paper burden by almost 80 percent — environmentalists take note!

We now have six Study Abroad Program Managers and are proud of this team of dedicated, talented and visionary professionals. Each Manager has studied abroad, and is ready to share their experiences with future students and returnees alike.

With new team members came the need to move a few staff to another building entirely. The University Club now houses a few of the work spaces for staff of the Office of International Education, while the bulk of our personnel remains in the Environmental Design Building.

Do you have a story you want to share in the Peregrine?

The Peregrine is always looking for submissions. We love to receive articles from alumni on what their study abroad experience meant to them. We welcome articles (400 words or less is a good size) and photos are great additions.

Suggestions for articles:
1) Have you had a chance to return to the country or region where you studied? How would you compare this with the time when you studied there?
2) Is there a story or experience you’d like to share that illustrates change in your study abroad country?

Please send questions or submissions to the Peregrine at: AlumniSA@colorado.edu

Magic in the Ordinary
By Jami Nelson-Nuñez

Working in the field of study abroad, I have spent many days trying to convince others about the merits of spending time in another country. While we international educators make it a point to continue to build our international experience, some days I feel like I need to practice what I preach a bit more. I spent two months trying to have a little study abroad time of my own. I carted my husband and four-year-old son to Peru for two months.

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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.

Study Abroad welcomes new staff members

Cloud Baffour has come to the office as a Study Abroad Program Manager. Cloud received her BA from the Evergreen State College in Olympia Washington. She studied abroad in Ghana on the SIT Arts and Culture program. Studying in Ghana influenced her decision to pursue graduate school and ultimately a career in international education. She completed graduate work for a Master's in International Education from the School for International Training. She also worked for the International Office at the University of Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

Kirstin Bebell joins the team as a Study Abroad Program Manager. She studied abroad twice in Russia, and was the onsite Resident Coordinator for Middlebury College’s program in Irkuts (Siberia) before she joined the CU Study Abroad office. She received a B.A. in Russian from the University of Denver.

Nate Frank is another Study Abroad Program Manager. Nate studied abroad on the Syracuse University program to Madrid for a semester as a CU-Boulder undergraduate. Nate first advised study abroad students as a peer advisor in our office in 2001-2002. After graduating, he worked in a similar capacity with AustraLearn study abroad programs. He received a Masters of International Studies from the University of Otago in New Zealand.

Liza Hensleigh served as a peer advisor in study abroad and then spent a year working in the SHIP office as a mentor. After working in Housing, Liza became our Lead Study Abroad Advisor. She spent a semester in Nicaragua as well as a summer in Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania studying issues of peace and conflict. Her degree is in International Affairs and Women & Gender Studies.

Jeanne Marion joins us as a Study Abroad advisor. After student-teaching in Magdeburg, Germany as part of her B.S. in Education from the State University of New York at Oswego, she returned to Germany twice, first as an exchange teacher in Dessau and then as a graduate student at Friedrich-Schiller Universitaet Jena.

Michal Pickett is a new program assistant. She studied abroad in Kenya, and before she joined us here, she worked in the Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary in Longmont.

Madrid, Spain—El Escorial
Photo by Megan Brocknell, 2005
Meet our Peer Advisors!

LAURA BRUBAKER  
Peer Advisor: August 2008—Present  
SIT Tibetan and Himalayan Studies - Fall 2007, Villa of Maxentius Field School, Rome, Italy - Summer 2008: Tashi Delek! I am a senior Anthropology student who spent the Fall of 2007 on SIT’s Tibetan and Himalayan Studies Program, traveling to India, Nepal, and Tibet. In the summer of 2008, I also attended the CU faculty-led archaeology field school at the Villa of Maxentius in Rome, Italy. I hope to make traveling an important part of my future! Ciao!

CHRIS FENTON  
Peer Advisor: August 2007—Present  
Palma de Mallorca, Spain - Academic Year 2006-2007, Tokyo, Japan - Summer 2008: I first got involved in the international community my freshman year as a SHIPster in the Smith Hall International Program. Then I studied abroad for an academic year in Palma de Mallorca, Spain where I studied business and improved my Spanish fluency. I also studied East Asian and Japanese culture abroad this past summer in Tokyo, Japan.

LEVI LINDSEY  
Peer Advisor: August 2008—Present  
Monterrey, México - Fall 2007 and San José, Costa Rica - Spring 2008: I studied abroad in Monterrey in order to improve my Spanish skills and to better connect with the Mexican culture. I then went to Costa Rica to further my Spanish skills while working on my EBIO major and seeing some of the most beautiful and diverse bi-ozones in the world! Both experiences were amazing to say the least and I can’t wait to return to Latin America!!

KRISTIN MAYER  
Peer Advisor: August 2008—Present  
Rennes, France - Academic Year 2007-2008: I studied abroad in Rennes, France for a year and absolutely loved it. I am majoring in anthropology and French, and spending a year in France was an invaluable addition to my academic career. After I graduate in May 2009 I hope to work in French-speaking Africa and continue my travels!

Office of International Education (OIE) Global Citizens Awards

The Office of International Education is pleased to announce the OIE Global Citizens Awards to honor and recognize outstanding contributions to international understanding by members of the CU-Boulder community. The recipients of these awards were honored during International Education Week at a special awards ceremony on Monday, November 12, 2007. Awards were given to the following recipients in each of the following categories: Campus Global Citizens of the Year, Professor Laurel Rasplica Rodd and Thomas Naumann; International Student of the Year, Muneeb Kamal; Scholar of the Year 2006, Lixin Lu; SHIP Student of the Year 2006, Daniel Levinson and Study Abroad Student of the Year 2006, Kaleigh Issacs.

In 2008, the Office of International Education awarded the following people in recognition of their support of internationalism at CU: the Campus Global Citizen of the Year—Jeannine Bell; Muneeb Kamal International Student of the Year—Philipp Wetzler; and Study Abroad student of the Year—Kashyap Kaul. The awards were presented during the International Education Week Reception, November 18, 2008 in British and Irish Studies on the fifth floor of Norlin Library.
It’s no surprise that my year abroad in Germany, where *Spazieren gehen* (walking) is regarded as its own activity, presented me with an opportunity to walk farther and longer than I had ever before conceived.

Together with 10,000 fellow pilgrims, I embarked on a three-day walking pilgrimage from Regensburg to Altötting, a 120 mile journey that has been a sacred annual tradition for over 500 years. I was underway with my host dad, two water bottles, one backpack, and an open mind. As the only person under 35, as well as non-catholic and foreigner, I felt considerably out of place among the devoted Bavarian pilgrims.

Our 6,000-person train organized itself into *Dreierreihe*, rows of three, making us approximately 5 miles long. Loudspeakers placed every fifty meters amplified the priests’ repetitious ritual of singing and prayer. As we marched through the stunning Bavarian countryside I became lost in the repetition of prayer, and absorbed in the beauty of rolling green hills, endless farms and fields of open space, and 500-year-old churches. I thought about the deep history of the ground I tread upon and reflected on my newest understanding of this country.

Between masses we turned to our neighbors and engaged in discourse about ourselves, family and religion and the interest over my awkward presence in the pilgrimage was a source of considerable clamor in our section of the train.

As the long hours of relentless late-May heat pressed upon us, thoughts of the next break and our aching hot feet fought with our concentration on prayer and meditation. We used one another’s company to defer the negative thoughts.

The climax of my journey came the last day, as we finally arrived at our destination. Altötting rang her bells and crowds of citizens encouraged us walking pilgrimage from Regensburg to Valparaíso, Chile for the 2006-2007 Academic Year. She has been very active promoting it on campus through the Multicultural Business Student Association (MBSA).

**Tyffanie Ammeter**

The Chilean culture has changed me. I now have a little South American flavor added to my personality. Although I cannot name all the ways I have changed, I have grown in ways I had not expected. I would like to share a small portion of what I have learned as it is the only way to quantify my 13 months in Chile.

**I have learned…**

... I am stronger than I thought I was. Although I tried from the beginning to speak only in Spanish, I sometimes reverted back to English. After three months however I decided I was finished speaking English for the rest of my time in Chile. I’m proud to say that I was successful in achieving my goal and my fluent Spanish is the outcome!

... it is okay to make mistakes, as long as I learn from them. More than a few times I was humbled by inadvertently mixing up vocabulary. Once, instead of saying “porotos refritos” for refried beans, I said “porotos resfriados” which translates into sick beans. Occasionally goofing up frustrated me, but luckily I learned how to simply laugh it off.

... to let myself relax. Spending the afternoon under the sun, just listening to the ocean crash into the sand, is one of the best ways to unwind. Relaxing is something that I am constantly trying to incorporate into my busy life as a student—even though the ocean is not longer only 10 minutes away... that being a tourist all of the time gets old. I had planned to spend every weekend traveling, but I realized that if I had always left Viña del Mar, I would have never really integrated fully into the city and its culture.

... to appreciate diversity even more than before—from the diversity of other cultures, languages, and knowledge, all the way down to the diversity of flavors in food.

Most of all, I have learned to take things as they come, deal with one problem at a time, and look on the bright side because things always work out in the end. It is all part of the Chilean spice I now carry around in my pocket, my own little secret.
At each home stay, I have come to understand another fractured piece of globalization and development, and their effects on the world’s poor. Yet, as I leave one community and move to the next, I cannot help but feel guilty for the transitory nature of my stay. Fortunately, privileged students can become valued agents of change in their communities abroad.

We students from CIEE (the Council on International Educational Exchange) in Khon Kaen, Thailand have announced an easy-to-use three-step plan. Just:
1. Redefine education;
2. Redefine help; and
3. Throw a party.

Redefine Education

At CIEE, we controlled the content of our education. We were challenged to move beyond understanding problems, and start using our education to do something about them.

We discovered that we could only do so collectively—together as students, and together with the communities of activists with whom we lived, worked, and played.

Classes at CIEE were called “exchanges.” That’s code for conversations with host-country friends about their lives—on the floor, in a circle, three or four or five hours long. We learned from real people about real, current, meaningful trends and issues.

Said one student: “I have learned that the power of one is not to make a difference singularly, but to join others and make a difference as a community. And in communities there is power to change.”

Students become leaders when they inspire a vision inside a group of committed friends. This is how study abroad becomes more like social justice than about it.

Redefine Help

As we stepped over used syringes on a tour of the Khon Kaen landfill, students came upon an incinerator. It was built by the Danish government in recompense for colonization; it was used once before it broke and was never fixed.

In fact, local residents never wanted it. In contrast, we at CIEE were inculcated with the oppressive nature of the word “help.”

We learned that successful community initiatives are led by communities, for their own ends. Only thus can people feel ownership over their development.

One day, Kovit Boonjear, a friend of CIEE-Thailand, wondered where his trash went—so he followed a truck to the landfill. When he found whole communities there, he stopped for dinner. Eating, drinking, gambling: he made friends and learned their stories.

Scavenger Khampuk Khwanvla recalls, “We used to never meet together. He got us to talk together about our problems. He asked us if we wanted the government to help us. He brought in outside knowledge and strengthened our community.”

Kovit explains: “I try to make [the community] feel confident that they can solve the problems themselves.”

As outsiders and activists, our role is not to “help” impose our ideas of progress and development, but to facilitate the connections and capacities that empower communities to address their own needs.

Throw a Party

Students began whispering about ways to forge connections that could propagate long after we left. Until one student suggested a party.

And by party, I mean an all-day community gathering, which would bring together everyone we had met during the semester for a celebration. We closed down the block and brought in over 500 people—complete with dancing, murals, and a market bearing the crafts of each community. We gave [the community] a space to talk—in their language—about the use of certain human rights frameworks as a tool for demanding the community’s right to self-determination.

More than a celebration, this event provided a forum to connect communities struggling with the multifarious changes wrought by globalization. It would facilitate the building of a grassroots network around ideas like student activism, alternative education, and human rights.

Our host community friends are still talking. And our community gathering was quickly promoted to a semi-annual event—at the locals’ behest.

Our project made a difference because it reconceived the role of privileged outsiders in the communities that host foreign students.

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In Peru, we were part of the 800,000 annual visitors to Machu Picchu and we visited many of highly touted tourist sites throughout the country, but we spent the majority of our time in less-touristy Arequipa. Many of Peru’s tourist sites are so amazing that they are nearly indescribable. Yet, for me, the best gifts of being abroad rarely come neatly wrapped in a tourist package.

My best memories stem from the spontaneous experiences and the chance encounters with people. On our first night in Arequipa, we joined a vigil of public university professors that flooded the town square at sunset. Our curiosity about the demonstration led us to chat with a local engineering professor, who later took us to lunch at a picanteria.

Picanterias, a type of traditional restaurant iconic of the region, are mentioned in guidebooks but the recommendations are usually high-end, touristy restaurants. The picanteria we visited, however, was inconspicuous and has been in the professor’s family since at least 1899. Over lunch we learned about the traditions of the real picanterias, like the communal spirit of sitting with strangers and sharing pitchers of chicha.

From the connections we made with locals, we heard first-hand accounts of historical events, we learned about contentious issues in Arequipa, and we experienced several off-the-beaten track highlights, such as a bike ride through the surrounding countryside. The best part of being abroad is realizing the magic in the ordinary.

Sometimes, I worry whether the goal of promoting more and more international travel will somehow wear away at the potency of difference in the world. Certainly the well-beaten paths from big hotels to tourist sites have started to create little alleys of Western world comfort and culture stripped of Peruvian character. The less we wander off the track of the popular sites to see unplanned and unpolished “real” life in other countries, the less opportunities we have to learn about ourselves and others.

Above photos by Katie Campbell, 2006.
Left: Colca, Peru—Woman
Right: Uros Islands, Peru

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Colours of Peru, from Jami’s blog

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Rather than suffer the fate of a broken Danish incinerator, we realized that students can be leaders even as they listen and learn by inspiring a vision inside a group of committed friends.

It has made a difference to each of the disparate communities struggling to be heard—And, most importantly, it will continue to make a difference after we’ve left—because we know we can’t stay forever, but we can help communities begin to craft collaborative solutions to the social and environmental problems we encounter in our studies abroad.

Study abroad need not perpetuate a global imbalance whereby the richer travel and study at the expense of the poor. In fact, it can be a remarkable launching pad for a global countercurrent to inequity and injustice.

If only we threw more parties.

Darren Legge studied abroad on the CIEE: Khon Kaen, Thailand in Fall 2006. “Throw a Party” was printed in Abroad View. It is reprinted here with permission.
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KATI MAYFIELD
Peer Advisor: January 2008—Present
Buenos Aires, Argentina - Spring 2007: I spent a semester on the CIEE Buenos Aires program, studying Spanish and Argentine foreign politics. My time abroad allowed me to immerse myself in an incredible culture, and find direction for my interests in International Affairs and Spanish. Upon graduation I hope to expand those interests by exploring the rest of Central and South America.

JULIA PAICH
Peer Advisor: January 2008—Present
Buenos Aires, Argentina - Calendar Year 2007: I studied Spanish on the CIEE Buenos Aires Liberal Arts program and lived with a host family for a year. I had the time of my life in this European-like city, where dancers tango on the streets and there's always more delicious parilla (barbeque) to eat! I really enjoy helping students figure out where their journey will take them. My own will take me to Brazil to teach English after I graduate.

Thanks to last year’s peers for all their hard work as well!

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Front row (from left): Janice Zinnecker, Ginger Ellison, Mary Dando, Sylvie Burnet-Jones
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Study abroad welcomes your submissions! Please send your update to AlumniSA@colorado.edu. Please note that the following updates were received by our office in 2007.

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Ackerman, Bradley (Barcelona, Spain—Spring 2004) Brad is working for the Peace Corps as a small business development volunteer in the mountains of northern Peru. He is involved in organic coffee production, building corrals for disease-free pigs, teaching English, and building a library for the secondary school. Brad believes that his second year will be spent working with a mothers group on a marmalade project and a project for designing art from bamboo with a youth group. E-mail: brad.ackerman@gmail.com

Aldridge, Alexa (Madrid, Spain—Spring 2002) E-mail: alexaaldridge@yahoo.com

Balcazar, Coral (Santiago de Compostela, Spain Spring 2003) E-mail: coralbalcazar@hotmail.com


Beaum, Marisa (Dublin, Ireland Fall 2005) Marissa is in Budapest, writing long features on business and travel news for the English language magazines: “Business Hungary” and “Where Budapest.” She also is teaching English at the Berlitz Language School.

Benton, Jared (Rome, Italy Spring 2002) After Jared graduated from CU Boulder, he went to University of Arizona and received his M.A. in Classical Archaeology. During that time, he did excavations in Pompeii, Tuscany, Spain, and Greece. He is now at the University of Virginia working on his Ph.D. E-mail: bentonjt@hotmail.com

Brown, Margot (Brisbane, Australia AY 2001-2002) E-mail: margotbrown@hotmail.com

Check, Elise (Buenos Aires, Argentina Fall 2004) Elise is working in the Environmental Education program. He is planning to stay in Paraguay until Dec 2009. E-mail: kesse祀@hotmai.com

Butler, Courtney (Buenos Aires, Argentina Fall 2004) Courtney spent 4 1/2 months in Spring 2007 volunteering in Ecuador, working with a human rights and legal aid organization and working with street children. The last few months of her trip were spent traveling throughout Ecuador, Peru, and Bolivia, as well as returning to Argentina to see the friends and family she had made while studying there. She is now in law school at the University of Denver, and she hopes to use the Spanish skills she acquired while abroad in a legal career focused on either immigration, international, or environmental law.

Cassedy, Benjamin (London, England, summer 2003 – Ohio) Ben passed the Ohio Bar Examination in July, 2006 and is now practicing civil litigation, insurance defense, and estate planning in Cincinnati. Email: bencassedy@hotmail.com

Conner, Adam (Lancaster, Spain Spring 2002) Adam graduated from the University of Texas-Austin in May of 2004, then went back to school to pursue his M.A. in Water Management from Texas A&M. He says he should graduate in May of 2008. E-mail: adamatut@hotmail.com

Crandell, Jaimie (Brisbane, Australia Fall 2002). Jaimie writes that she graduated from CU’s School of Journalism and now works at the Integer Group in Denver. She says she loves Australia and the experiences she had there! E-mail: jaimiecrandell@yahoo.com

Crane, Elise (St. Petersburg, Russia Summer 2005) Elise is working for a non-profit media organization in Prague and says that she is loving being abroad!

Craun, Dustin (Ghana, Spring 2006) Dustin is working towards his masters in Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University with a focus on Critical White Studies. He is also taking classes at the Zaytuna Institute, an Islamic educational institute.

Diamond, (Baizer) Alexis (Semester at Sea Spring 2001) Alexis got married in July 2006 and is now teaching first grade in Thornton, Colorado. E-mail: lexbird@aol.com
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**Duvall, Kristy** (Sydney, Australia Spring 2002) Kristy writes that she is living and working in San Francisco, but would love to get back to Australia in the near future.

**Farlow, Jessica** (Semester at Sea Fall 2000) E-mail: jeccajean@aol.com

**Fels, Samantha** (Wollongong, Australia Fall 2002) E-mail: Samantha.Fels@lennar.com

**Fischman, Alison** (Otago, New Zealand Spring 2005) Alison worked at the National Park Foundation and plans to attend graduate school in September 2008. She will be continuing her international environmental interests and may either attend the University for Peace in Costa Rica to obtain a degree in Environmental Security and Peace or the School for International Training in Vermont for a degree in Sustainable Development. E-mail: arfischman@gmail.com

**Fisher, Allison** (Semester at Sea Spring 2001) Allison attended Wake Forest University School of Law and graduated in 2005. She is currently a Legislative Analyst for the Pennsylvania Treasury Department in Harrisburg, PA. E-mail: Allisonwf@gmail.com

**Gallardo, Kathleen** (Seville, Spain Spring 2006) Katie returned to Seville and is working as an English assistant in an elementary school. She says that she only works about 12 hours a week and is looking into other job opportunities. She tells us that she, “absolutely loves Europe and the culture and am hoping to become more fluent in my Spanish!”

**Goldworm, Jeffrey** (London, England Spring 2001). E-mail: goldworm@gmail.com

**Gutierrez, Jean-Marcel** (Seville, Spain Summer 2004) Jean-Marcel has been working in the IT field for two years now in Colorado. He says loved his time abroad so much that he is thinking of getting an MBA in International Business. If anyone knows something about the major, he’d love to hear from you. E-mail: jeanmarcelg@aol.com

**Habeck, (Brandt) Shelly** (Perth, Australia Spring 2001) E-mail: shellyhabeck@gmail.com

**Hand, Gunnar** (Copenhagen, Denmark Spring 2002) Gunnar is working and living in Los Angeles. E-mail: GunnarHand@hotmail.com

**Hanson, Lauren** (Regensburg, Germany 02-03) – Lauren graduated from CU in December 2004 and is currently a medical student at Albany Medical College.

**Hastings, Jeff** (Guadalajara Spring 2000; Monterrey, Mexico Fall 2000) Jeff met his wife, Adriana, while studying in Mexico in 2000 and they married in Puerto Vallarta in 2002. Their first child, Ian, was born in Boulder on July 22, 2007. Jeff is fluent in Spanish and says he continues to try and convince Adriana that they should move back to Mexico, if even for only a couple years! E-mail: jeffreyphastings@hotmail.com

**Henderson, Laurel** (Perugia, Italy Spring 2003) Laurel is working on a masters degree at CU Boulder in education. She wants to teach secondary English. laurel.henderson@colorado.edu

**Henningster, Stephanie** (Perth, Australia Fall 2005) Stephanie is in Japan working as an assistant English teacher. E-mail: brownie9545@msn.com

**Hensleigh, Liza** (Nicaragua, Spring 2003) Liza is now working as a study abroad advisor in the CU Office of International Education. She is thrilled to be helping students in the very office where she got her start!

**Heyward, George** (Brisbane, Australia Fall 2004) George tells us he is moving back to Australia in February 2008 for five months. He says he loves it there!

**Holt, (Abril-Gonzalez) Patricia** (Perugia, Italy Summer 2003) Patricia recently was married to Chad Holt, a graphic designer from Tennessee. She is a 4th grade teacher in a dual immersion elementary school in Denver and teaches the Spanish component. She is also working on her M.A. in bilingual education at CU-Denver. She says that she is looking forward to studying abroad again someday! E-mail: LittlePatyCake@yahoo.com

**Hunt, Brett** (Alicante, Spain Spring 2000) After graduating in 2002, Brett entered the Army, serving as a communications officer in Georgia and Arizona and overseas in Kuwait and Iraq. In 2006, he was married to Lindsey Rousseau and after leaving the Army, entered the Foreign Service where he served in Washington, DC. Brett is currently serving as a Vice Consul at the US Consulate General in Guadalajara, Mexico. E-mail: hunt.brett@gmail.com

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**Husid, Zachary** (Gold Coast, Australia Spring 2003) E-mail: zhusid@gmail.com

**Johnson, Noah** (Yunnan Province, China Fall 2004) Noah is currently participating in the National Flagship Language Initiative Chinese Flagship Program at Brigham Young University. In 2006-2007, Noah participated in CET:Beijing Chinese Language Program and Inter-University Program...
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for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University. In Fall 2008, he will travel to Nanjing, China, to directly enroll in Nanjing University classes and complete an internship with a Chinese company. E-mail: noahj@gmail.com

Journey, Kelley (Seville, Spain Spring 2006) Kelley is in Lusaka, Zambia, volunteering at a community school called Chikumbuso. She tells us that she is very excited to be working with kids in grades K-5 and single mothers and widows on micro-enterprise projects. Kelley welcomes your inquiries and explains that the children are AIDS orphans and her volunteer group is providing food and education for them. The children need sponsors and donations. She says that it has been an eye-opening experience and that she will be there for a year. E-mail: Kelley.Journey@colorado.edu

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Katsimpalis, Kory (Vietnam, Summer 2005) Kory is still at CU, working on her M.A. in Art History, with a specialty in Southeast Asian art. E-mail: kory.katsimpalis@colorado.edu

Kenerson, Katherine (Kassy) (Edinburgh, Scotland Spring 2002) E-mail: katarina.lea@hotmail.com

King, Greta (Morocco, Spring 2005) E-mail: greta.ing@gmail.com

Larsen, Dane (Barcelona, Spain Spring 2004) Dane is currently working at a major interactive advertising agency on the General Mills account. E-mail: Dlarsen@gmail.com

Laterza, Ryan (Lancaster, England Spring 2004) E-mail: laterza@colorado.edu

Lawrence, Leron (Semester at Sea Fall 2003) E-mail: fyahworx@yahoo.com

Lawrence, Rebecca (Switzerland Fall 2002) Rebecca’s most recent abroad experience took her to India for the Summer 2007, where she did a practicum for her Masters in Public Health (specialization in International Health) and did a project on the Government Policy around Indian Systems of Medicine. She has one more year left before she graduates and then hopes to return to India to continue to work in public health and Indian systems of medicine!

Lazard, Bradley (Barcelona, Spain AU 2004-2005) After studying abroad in Barcelona during his junior year, Bradley returned to Boulder to finish his degree at the Leeds School of Business. He also applied to the Peace Corps and is now a Rural Economic Development Volunteer living with an indigenous community in Isla Ybate, Paraguay. He helped his community create and execute a business plan to develop the first data center in that region, providing computer classes and VoIP services. E-mail: Bradley.lazard@gmail.com

Little, Mackenzie (Brisbane, Australia Spring 2005) Mackenzie is living in Brisbane and working as an interior designer for a major Australian property developer. Mackenzie says that Brisbane is beautiful and asserts that “there is so much to see in this city that you are not exposed to as a study abroad student.” E-mail: cumackenzie8@yahoo.com

Lloyd, Cynthia (Alicante, Spain Summer 2005) Cindy is in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, serving as an environmental education volunteer. She lives in a rural town outside the capital. She says that “It's always a great experience to learn a new culture and live in another country.”

MacIntyre, Sarah (Anney, France Summer 2005) Sarah is living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, completing a master's degree in French literature at Bryn Mawr College. E-mail: sarah.macintyre@gmail.com

Manocchio, Teresa (Florence, Italy Fall 04). Teresa is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador for 2007 – 2009. E-mail: teresa.manocchio@gmail.com

Marlene, (Dietrich), Jana (Cameroon, Spring 2004) E-mail: jana_marlene@yahoo.com

Martinez, Aaron (Madrid, Spain Spring 2002) Aaron writes: “I loved study abroad, and have lived in Europe ever since - well besides my last two semesters in Boulder. I started in Madrid, then moved to Mallorca, then back to Madrid, then Berlin then Paris and I now am living and have a little family in Berlin. I work as a freelance TV and film editor, I was a film major, and I never want to return to the USA!” E-mail: aaron.martinez@colorado.edu

Mason, Katie (Sydney, Australia Spring 2002) Katie is currently attending American University in Washington DC pursuing her Masters in Public Policy.

Mayo, David (Valparaiso, Chile Spring 2004) David is with the Peace Corps, working as a Community Economic Development Volunteer in the Dominican Republic. He says he is doing accounting work for a coffee producers group and its 33 associations, and also is helping the local avocado producers start a cooperative.
**2000s Continued**

**McCartney, Ann Marie** (Monteverde, Costa Rica Summer 2002) Ann Marie is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She tells us that she started her medical residency as a fourth-year student by participating in a unique program geared toward increasing the number of primary care physicians. She will complete her residency in internal medicine and then hopefully return to Colorado to practice general internal medicine. Since her study abroad in Costa Rica, she has traveled to the Dominican Republic and Europe and also has participated in medical service trips to Nicaragua and Jamaica. In the spring of 2008, Ann Marie will travel to Cape Town to learn about the systems of health care delivery in South Africa.

**McLarin, Megan** (Lancaster, Fall 2005) E-mail: lukychrm42@hotmail.com, megan.mclarin@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk

**McKenna, Jessica** (Annecy, France Summer 2002) E-mail: jessica_mckenna@hotmail.com

**McNally, Kaitie** (Samoa, Spring 2007) E-mail: kaitemcnally@gmail.com

**Melusky, Corinne** (Seville, Spain 2004-2005) Corinne has just started her first year of law school at John Marshall Law School in Chicago. She is planning on going into immigration and international law and hopes to be able to study abroad again. E-mail: corinne.melusky@colorado.edu

**Miale, Cara** (Seville, Spain Summer 2003; Valaparaiso, Chile 2004-2005; Sao Paulo, Brazil Winter 2005) Cara is working in Denver and is also involved with The Student Movement for Real Change. She explained that this is “a non-profit that works to engage young people on issues of health and education in neglected regions of the world and to create an informed generation that is truly global and actively making a difference in the lives of the 2.5 billion people in our world living on less than $2 a day.” E-mail: CMiale@gmail.com

**Minckler, Geoffrey** (Florence, Italy Spring 2004 and Paris, France Summer 2005) Geoffrey has been working for over two years at Sotheby's in New York City and says that it has been a wonderful experience. He goes on to tell us that, “The time that I spent abroad was some of the best times of my college career. I am still able to reflect on those experiences and gain perspective and inspiration for my daily life.”

**Murray, Megan** (Dunedin, New Zealand Spring 2002) E-mail: meganaimee@gmail.com

**Nervais, Fabien** (Beijing, China Spring 2003) Fabien writes that the language skills he learned during his study abroad have proved invaluable. Since graduation, he has had opportunities to live and work out of China, Taiwan, India and is currently in Seoul, Korea as a partner in a small internet solutions company Global Advances, LLC (www.globaladvances.com).

**Nicholson, Haley** (Seville, Spain Spring 2005) Haley moved from Boulder to Washington D.C. this past summer. She was interning on the hill for Rep. Diana DeGette and now she is working for a lobbying firm. E-mail: haley.nicholson@gmail.com

**Novaral, Jenna** (Perugia, Italy Summer 2005) Jenna is currently on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in South Korea.

**O’Leary, (Glicken) Lauren** (Sydney, Australia Spring 2002) Lauren e-mails us that “the infamous duo of Danielle and Lauren are still at it only this time in New York City!” She explains that they met their very first day in Australia as room mates and have remained staid best friends. Lauren is a beauty and fashion publicist in Union Square. Lauren’s husband also went to CU and studied abroad in Chile. His study abroad experience led him to a career as a bilingual fourth grade teacher in Harlem. This community experience inspired him to go to law school where he is hoping to become an international rights lawyer. Lauren says “amazing how six months in another country can change the entire span of your life.” The O’Leary’s hope to spend a semester at an Argentine law school and Lauren hopes to become fluent in Spanish and to raise bilingual children. She says she hopes that all of her fellow Aussie friends are doing well and that maybe she’ll see you in Coogee sometime soon. Finally, Lauren says that she and Dani are making plans to return to Australia for their 10-year study abroad anniversary. E-mail: lepr4321@aol.com

**Olmstead, Geoff** (Regensburg, Germany 02-03). Geoff is studying advertising in Graduate School at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. E-mail: geoff391@gmail.com

**Olsen, Marit** (Copenhagen, Denmark Fall 2005) Marit is working in Minneapolis as a tax associate for KPMG’s International Corporate Services Group.

**Overs, Shannon** (Dominican Republic Summer 2000) E-mail: shannon@2vega.com

**Patel, Rupal** (Sydney, Australia Fall 2001) E-mail: rups125@hotmail.com

**Peetz, Liz** (Semester at Sea Spring 2002). She tells us that after her amazing experience at CU and on Semester at Sea, she spent four years working in Washington D.C. for former Colorado Congressman Scott McInnis and a non-profit that does democracy promotion overseas. She now is back in academia as a first year law student at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She also explained that her international travels are giving her the itch to get out there again and she is already contemplating new study abroad opportunities in Law School. E-mail: lizpeetz@aol.com
2000s Continued

Pharo, Megan (Rome, Italy Fall 2005) E-mail: megan.pharo@gmail.com

Plotnick, James (Rome, Italy Summer 2002) James would love to hear from alums from his program – Art History in Italy. E-mail: james.plotnik@gmail.com

Preston, Matthew (Tanzania Fall 2002) Matthew is currently in Tanzania working on his PhD dissertation. He is studying the effects of disturbance in forests on monkeys. At the same time, he is working on setting up a non-profit organization that is aimed at protecting forests and therefore protecting the villages they depend on called, "Protect the Forest, Protect the Village". (http://ProtectTheForest.googlepages.com) E-mail: ProtectTheForest@gmail.com

Ralph, Morgan (Westminster, England Spring 2006) E-mail: morgan.ralph@colorado.edu

Reddaway, Becky (Sydney, Australia Fall 2002) Becky writes: “I am currently working on my PhD in Biopsychology at the University of Virginia. With years of hard work in front of me, I always look back on my study abroad time in Sydney, Australia as one of the most amazing and completely irreplaceable times of my life. Studying abroad is something every student who has the chance should do because there is no other time in our lives that you can experience a far away land like you do by studying abroad. Now I just need to figure out a way to do a complete my post-doctoral studies in Australia.”

Rich, (Hager) Leslie (Lancaster, England AY 2001-2002) Leslie writes that she is married now with a baby. She says that even though she may be tied down now, she will always remember her year at Lancaster fondly. She still hears from friends she made while there and even keeps in touch with one of her professors. She says that it was an opportunity that truly changed and enriched her life. E-mail: les18d@yahoo.com

Richichi, Jon (Semester at Sea Fall 2001) Jon does post production work at A&E Television Networks in Stamford, Connecticut and keeps in close contact with all of his Semester at Sea friends. E-mail: jon.richichi@aetn.com

Robinson, Erin (St. Petersburg, Russia Summer 2004) After graduating from CU in 2005, Erin moved to Boston and worked for a year at a bank while applying to graduate schools. She went to Columbia University in New York for her masters starting in the fall of 2006 and completed her coursework in the spring of 2007. She anticipated graduating from Columbia in February 2008 with a degree in Regional Studies of Russia, Eurasia and Eastern Europe. She continued studying Russian at Columbia and during the following summer through Columbia's intensive language program. She is currently living in Boston with her fiancé, whom she planned to marry in March 2008. She says her time abroad in Russia proved to be very rewarding and she been able to apply her personal experiences to her graduate studies.

Rozanski, Tanith (Dublin, Ireland Spring 2005) Tanith writes: “Well, I moved back from Dublin after the Spring 2005 term and spent the following year back at CU. In the early stages of scoping out graduate schools I [somewhat accidentally] landed myself in Dublin again. Through the University of Iowa's "Irish Writing Program," I was not only able to return to my home-away-from-home, but I was also able to pursue a more specific educational goal of mine, writing. Returning home from that amazing summer--living and working with other writers and absorbing more Irish culture--I found myself anxious to leave again… And so I have. I finished my BA in Literature, and am now pursuing my MLitt postgraduate degree at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. I certainly don't wait to hop over to Dublin (my other home), but they're keeping us pretty busy with loads of course work right now. I'd say that every time I left the States to come abroad has been a different experience and posed different challenges for me, but even now--preparing for a dark, cold Scottish-winter--I can see that those challenges have pushed me toward a far greater educational goal than I ever anticipated, while shaping who I am and how I see myself in this world.”

Rumery, Theresa (Regensburg, Germany 2001-2002) After graduating from CU, Theresa moved back to Germany to work for an international consulting company. She tells us that she has been living in the Frankfurt area for several years now, loving the European life style and all the travel opportunities.

Schiernburg, Taylor (Semester at Sea, Spring 2001) E-mail: TayTay0503@hotmail.com

Schreiber, Will (Semester at Sea, Summer 2004) After graduating from CU one term after returning from Semester at Sea, Will moved to Australia to complete a master’s degree in environmental and business management. While in Australia, he decided that he wanted to do some volunteer work in the developing world. After completing his degree, he spent 7 months in Uganda with Student’s Partnership Worldwide, doing environmental education and sustainable community development in a rural community. It was through this organization that he met his future wife, Ilana. After following her back to England, he completed a second master’s in international law and married Ilana in August 2007.

Shereshewsky, Beryl (St. Petersburg, Russia AY 2005-2006) Beryl is writing for a Russia travel website, as well as working full time as a copy writer for a firm in Lakewood, Colorado. E-mail: b.sherehewsky@yahoo.com

Standley, Elizabeth (Semester at Sea Summer 2005) After graduating from CU, Liz received an offer to work as an Engineering Project Specialist for Verizon Telecomm in Thousand Oaks, California.
2000s Continued

Stewart, David (Prague, Czech Republic 2001-02 – Beaverton, OR) Email: stewz369@hotmail.com

Valenti, Christine (Seville, Spain Spring 2002) Christine teaches the Spanish component in a dual language program in the Boston Public School system. E-mail: cavalenti@msn.com

Van Trump, Eric (Madrid, Spain Fall 2000) Eric says that travel is still his passion. He has been to 27 countries and is only 27 years old! Eric recruits blood donors through Blood Drive Centers for South Florida Hospitals. He planned to move to spend a year working at an orphanage outside Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He says “Go Buffs!”

Videtic, Matthew (Semester at Sea, Spring 2006) E-mail: matthew.videtic@gmail.com

Weaver, Lindsey (Tibet Summer 2005; India and Bhutan Spring 2006) Lindsey has finished up her fifth and final year at CU. She wrote an honors thesis through the Anthropology Department focusing on issues of immigration and integration in Greeley, Colorado, her hometown. She hopes to continue working with immigrants and immigrant issues after she graduates next May. She also worked as a Peer Advisor in CU's Study Abroad Office. She says that it's a wonderful job with a wonderful group of people and at least partially keeps her wanderlust satiated! As for her future study abroad plans, she thinks her next trip will be somewhere in Latin America to work on her Spanish. E-mail: lindsey.weaver@gmail.com

Wilson, Rachel (Tsukuba, Japan 2004-2005) After graduating from CU-Boulder, Rachel moved back to Japan and is now working in Tokyo. Her position is in sales and business development for a Japanese market research company, and in her free time, still meets with the friends she made from her study abroad experience! E-mail: rmwilson06@gmail.com

Valutas, Jordan (Semester at Sea Spring 2005 and London, England Spring 2006) Jordan is in New Jersey working for the Official Olympic Ticket and Hospitality Agent. She says that she is getting excited to go to Beijing in 2008 and see all the changes since the last time she was there. She loves to travel and share advice on the programs she participated in.

Yoches, Jeffrey (Florence, Italy Spring 2004) Jeff lives in Denver, working as Creative Director for a web technology company. He also owns his own web design/consulting firm.

1990s

Ayad, Mary (Uppsala, Sweden 1997-98) Mary attended study abroad at Uppsala in Sweden for AY 1997-1998. Since then she has accomplished much. Mary did Peace Corps training in Morocco in the Summer 2000, worked at the Economics Institute in Boulder in the Graduate Student Office 2001-2002; attended graduate school at the School for International Training (SIT) 2002-2007, earning her MA in Intercultural Relations (her fieldwork was done in Cairo from 2003 to 2006); attended graduate school at The University of Malta 2006-2007, earning her second MA in International Human Rights Law (she did her field work in Oxford at the Refugee Studies Center as a visiting scholar.) E-mail: maryba-yad@hotmail.com

Cashen, Jill (Granada, Spain Spring 1992) Jill lives in Washington, D.C., where she is the Assistant Director of Communications for the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union. She and her husband have two daughters. E-mail: jillcashen@gmail.com

Evers, (Ward) Stephanie (Regensburg, Germany 1993-1994) Stephanie and her husband Randall (also a Regensburg 93-94 alum) recently moved back to Colorado after living in Bitburg, Germany for 4 1/2 years. Randall is a financial analyst for a company in southeast Denver and Stephanie manages the elementary libraries for a school district. The Evers are in the process of adopting a little boy from Russia and hope to have him home with them soon. E-mail: swevers99@hotmail.com

Fiero (Sherrin), Andrea (Lancaster, England 1991-92 – Annandale, VA) Andrea works in mental health policy at the National Association of State Mental Health Programs. She lives in Virginia with her husband and two daughters.

Figura, Julie (Jerusalem Fall 1999) Julie tells us she is a 5th grade teacher in sunny Miami – where she explains that fruity drinks with colorful umbrellas abound! She has done some traveling in Central and South America and wants to go back.

Kane, Scott (Fudan, China 1993 – Solomons, Maryland) Email: droopy_guam@hotmail.com

Lichtenstein, Elizabeth (Italy, Summer 1999) Elizabeth married fellow CU J-school grad, Greg Avery in September 2003, and had a son, Elijah William Avery, on her birthday, July 23, 2007. She works as a Web content developer and editor. She hopes to return to Italy to live with her family some day. E-mail:

Seeberger (Austin), Holly (Regensburg, Germany 1993-94 – Longmont, CO) Email: hollymarieaustin@yahoo.com

Batchelder, Rob (Linkoping, Sweden AY 1989-1990) Rob is the Consular Section Chief at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, Germany. His daughter Sofia was born in Berlin last November, joining big brother Matthew, who is now five and attending kindergarten at the John F. Kennedy Schule.
1980s

Bravo, (Woods) Beverly (Seville, Spain 1982-1983 and Xalapa 1978) Beverly tells us that she is still living in same neighborhood in Denver where she grew up. She is busy raising her middle schooler and is working as a bilingual paralegal in an immigration law firm. She says that her Spanish has paid off big time! She also teaches salsa aerobics dance/exercise class and supports the organization “Save the Children-Mexico.” E-mail: bravodener@gmail.com

Dunaway, Cathy (Chambery, France Spring 1980) Cathy says that, “My partner Jennifer and I continue to enjoy renovating our 1900 Victorian House in Minneapolis. I continue to enjoy being an investigator/senior social worker in Adult Protection. I dabble in my artwork (painting, ceramics) as time allows. I would love to get back to Chambery some day soon. Most of our travel out of the country has just been to Mexico to relax on the beach. Would love to hear from folks.” E-mail: catherine.dunaway@co.hennepin.mn.us

Fanning, Michael (Regensburg, Germany 1988-1989) Michael writes that he is “Still located in DC working as an analyst for a three-letter government agency (no, not that one). I still travel a bit and use my German at every opportunity, but I fear it's slipping into the past day by day. Very active in the DC Chapter of the CU Alumni Association - coach of the 2006 Capital Alumni Network Flag Football Champions! Drop me a line if you ever hit DC.” E-mail: mwfanning@att.net

Fisher, Robert (Bordeaux, France 1983-84) Rob works for Gerresheimer Glass, a large European glass manufacturer as a Sales and Business Development Manager in International Sales, Based in Dallas, TX. He earned his MBA from Keller Graduate School in Chicago and is married with two children.

Kenyon, Nancy (Bordeaux, France 1980-1981) Nancy writes “In the past year, I have passed my 5-year anniversary with the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) in Chicago and moved to a new position in the organization as a Program Dean. As Dean, I manage the IES Amsterdam, Freiburg, European Union, Paris Business and International Affairs, Nagoya and Tokyo programs. It's an interesting time to be in the study abroad field, given governmental and other scrutiny of study abroad programs, and especially of relationships between providers (like IES) and schools. My kids are 13 (Hannah) and 11 (Mitchell), and my husband (Troy) is still remodeling our house on the far south side of Chicago. And I'm still involved in the Beverly Unitarian Church. Look for me on LinkedIn.” E-mail: nkenyon@iesabroad.org

Paton, John (Regensburg, Germany 1980-1981) This Fall, John acted and sang in eight performances of the musical, “The Fantasticks.” E-mail: jgpaton@gmail.com

Pickles, (Varner), Janet (Bordeaux, France 1987-1988) Janet says “Bonjour!” She is now in her fourth year as a full-time French teacher in a rural New York school – and is very excited about “finally going to Quebec.” She says “she can’t wait to be done with all the logistical stuff and be on our way! She is also the AFS liaison for two international high school students who are studying abroad here in New York. She recently gathered all the students for a weekend retreat and says it was wonderful to spend a day working with them! E-mail: jhpickles@juno.com

Robl, Greg (Regensburg, Germany 1985-1986) Greg is still on the staff at Norlin Library. On the side, he writes for Fodor's guidebooks and most recently wrote chapters for "Colorado," 8th ed. He volunteers as a Colorado Master Gardener and still likes to travel, particularly to Germany. On his most recent trip there in early 2007, he made it to Berlin (first time since 1992) and went up the Alex tower, visited the new Reichstag, and checked out the museum at the former Stasi headquarters. E-mail: gregory.robl@colorado.edu

Rossel (Bailey) Valerie (Regensburg, Germany 1987-88 – Lakewood, CO) Valerie tells us that she moved back to Colorado in 2005 after living in Germany for 17 years! She is a technical writer for a German telecommunications company. Valerie has two sons, ages 10 and 11, who have been brought up bilingually. She returns to Germany at least twice and year and feels that her life is so enriched by the cross-cultural experiences that she has/is encountering. E-mail: valerierossel@hotmail.com

Steinberg, Robert (Lancaster, England AY 1986-1987) Robert earned his master's in history from the University of Denver. He is married with three children and moved to Israel in 2002. He owns and operates a business providing outsourced IT services to small companies in the Jerusalem area. E-mail: reuven@criticalmass.ws

1970s

Balyeat, Michael (Berlin, Germany 1975) E-mail: oberdrauberg@yahoo.com

Blom, Doug (Madras, India Fall 1976) Doug is living in Milwaukee and working for a company called Joy Global Inc. in charge of their international group. He still travels regularly to India, and other parts of Africa and Asia. He would like to hear from fellow study abroaders who were part of the India 1976 group. E-mail: dblom1@wi.rr.com

Eskesen, (Horwitz) Martha (Bordeaux, France AY 1978-1979) E-mail: meskesen@eskesenlaw.com

Johnson, (Slusher) Gwen (Regensburg, Germany 1975-1976) E-mail: gwnslusher@yahoo.com
1970s Continued

Polli, (Chamberlain) Elizabeth (Caldiz, Spain Spring 1979) Elizabeth graduated from CU in 1981, and then moved to Madrid, Spain, where she lived until 1989. In addition to teaching English, she worked at a small art film distribution house and travelled extensively throughout Europe to attend film festivals. She also took courses for a Master's Degree through NYU while in Madrid, and completed exams upon returning to NY in 1990. After working for almost two years at the office of architect Ricardo Bofill in New York, she returned to school to get her Ph.D. at Columbia University in 1997. She has been the Spanish Language Program Director in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese at Dartmouth College since 1998. Elizabeth says that she is happily married and lives in Vermont during the academic year and Italy during the summers! E-mail: elizabeth.polli@dartmouth.edu

Rudkin, Thomas (Bordeaux, France 71-72) Tom continues to serve on two advisory boards at his alma mater, University of Kansas: those of International Programs and the Biodiversity Institute. He is also currently on the search committee for an associate vice provost to head KU's International programs. E-mail: trudkin@msn.com

1960s

Kauffman, Marc (Bordeaux, France AY 1966-1967) Marc writes that his year in Bordeaux gave him a permanent connection with the wine industry and French culture. Today, he works for a French company involved in wine packaging and visits France two to three times each year. He also writes a restaurant review on the internet: www.restaurantradar.com. E-mail: vin4u@sbcglobal.net

Parker, Norma (Bordeaux, France AY 1963-1964) Norma is employed by the National Center for State Courts International Division based in Arlington, Virginia. She is currently working on international democracy and governance programs, specializing in the rule of law. E-mail: normajean5@aol.com

Spaght, David (Bonn, Germany AY 1966-1967) E-mail: davidspaght@hotmail.com
Nothing is more appropriate to our “Internationally Speaking” spot than the festivities of the 2007 International Education Week Reception, the event that kicked-off a week-long celebration of all things international. Our International Education Week coincides with the Department of State-sponsored promotion of “international education and worldwide exchange.” The reception united many supporters of international education.

Karen de Bartolome, Director of the Rocky Mountain Regional Center of the Institute for International Education, began the evening by naming many reasons to be hopeful about International Education. She also highlighted areas where international education, and study abroad in particular, has room for improvement in Colorado and the United States in general.

Larry Bell, Director of International Education, announced the Global Citizens Awards and photo contest awards (see OIE Global Citizens Awards, page 3) to faculty, staff, and students. The annual photo contest was showcased through a truly impressive display in the British and Irish Studies room, where the reception took place.

The rest of the week was packed full of activities that celebrated and promoted international education, including a UMC “Soundbite” hosted by our longtime drumming friend, Kwasi Ampene and his West African Highlife Ensemble; a brownbag by Becky Sibley focusing on the South Korean higher education system; study abroad interest meetings; an International Coffee Hour; and a week-long menu of international food at the Tabor Grill in the UMC.

Complementing these celebrations was the buzz from Flagship 2030 (steering committees, drafts, revisions, and press), which seeks to further internationalize the CU-Boulder campus and community.

International Education Week 2008 was November 17-21. The week showcased the many facets of internationalism and how to get involved. The dining units offered a variety of international meals, and the Office of International Education sponsored several colloquia to discuss multicultural issues. The reception was held in British and Irish Studies on the fifth floor of Norlin Library. We would love to have you attend next year’s celebration of internationalism. For more information, please visit OIE’s website at http://www.colorado.edu/oie/ in the fall.

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