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Calendar of Major Events (April 1-June 30)

(Please call 231-1051 for more information about all events unless there is another contact number.)

April 13, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture by Ed Navone, "Renaissance Comes Alive"

April 20, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture by Steven and Larisa Elasha, "Making Music Under the 'Midnight Sun' ..."

April 27, noon, i-House, Brown Bag lecture by Chris Hamilton, "The Interfaith Movement, American and World Directions"

April 30, 6-8 pm, Lake Shawnee, International Students End of the Semester Picnic

April 11, 4-5, Kansas Room, Study Abroad Scholarship award ceremony

May 6, 4-5, i-House, International student graduation reception

In the Spotlight---

Washburn-Fukuoka Exchange Program Turned Silver

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the exchange program between Washburn and Fukuoka. Over the last twenty five years, Washburn has hosted a total of 525 students from Fukuoka University. To commemorate this occasion, a special banquet was held, during which

many awards were presented to the leaders and supporters of this fine exchange program:

Leadership Award

Larry and LaJean Rinker
Ron and Karen Keefover
Bill Wagnon

Best Community Support

International Center of Topeka (ICT), Inc.

Best Campus Support

International Club
President's Office

Favorite Tour Guide

Guy Anderson



President Farley and Shinuke Sakamoto showing off their festive attires exchanged during the reception at the president's residence photo/fu

Friends of IP Awards

Bobbie and Don Anderson
Tim Collins and Tina Williams
Dick and Becky Dickinson
Jim and Rugena Hall
Monty and Sharon Bayless
Deann and Ron Boydston
Randall and Terry Cotton
Mike Hunter and Dawn Romero-Hunter
Rich and Diana Kobs
Bill and Susan Kraus
Jim and LaVonna Lemons
Tom and Darcel Luellen
Doug and Jane Mauck
Michael and Bev Morris
Steve and Tammy Poage
Gene and Ruth Spear
Kelly and Carter McClendon
Mary McCoy
Ragen and Marj Murray
President and Susan Farley
David and Martha Pierce
Patricia Renn-Scanlan
Mary and Emily Sheldon
Tom Wolf
Delta Gamma Sorority
Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority
Residential Living Office

F.Y.I.

Three Awarded International Scholarship

Natalia Ivchenko; Kyrgyzstan
Dae-Kyun Kim, Korea
Brian Mulanda, Kenya

Five Awarded Rotary Scholarship

Salih Haldun Akar, Turkey
Veronica Alarcon, Bolivia
Caroline Kabuti, Kenya
Kalpesh Maru, India
Binky Onyango, Kenya

Mary Sheldon Awarded

Mary Sheldon, Associate Professor of English has been selected by the Japan Studies Association to participate

in the Freeman Summer Institute on Japan to be held in Hawaii from May 22-June 11, 2005.

Mo Godman Granted Tenure and Promoted

Maureen "Mo" Godman, English, has been granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of English. Godman came from England, where she received her bachelor's from the University of Leicester. She then went on to earn her MA and Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. She has been with Washburn since 1999.

Carla Sintra Awarded Player of the Year

Washburn senior Carla Sintra was named to the WBCA All-American team, which was announced at the NCAA Division II Women's Elite Eight Banquet Tuesday night.

Sintra, who was named MIAA Most Valuable Player earlier in March, averaged 13.4 points and a team-high 6.6 rebounds for the Lady Blues. She has made 169 of her 286 field goal attempts for a 59.1 percent clip.

"Carla is very deserving of this prestigious honor," said Washburn head coach Ron McHenry. "She was worked hard this year to improve her game and has given us two great seasons."

Sintra, a 6-1 forward from Goiania, Brazil, is a transfer from South Plains College. She is the first Washburn All-American since Crystal Walker was named to the WBCA team in 2003. Sintra is Washburn's seventh All-American and fourth since the Lady Blues joined NCAA Division II.

Washburn Women's Basketball Team Won the NCAA National Championship for 2005. Congratulations, Lady Blues!!

Nine Awarded Summer Sweet Sabbatical

Lee Boyd, Biology, Mongolia, to study Przewalski's horses, culture, and other wildlife

Russell Burton, SO/AN, El Salvador, to study the social

and political history of the people of Talpetates

Wanda Dole, Mabee, UCLA Senior Fellows Program

Maureen Godman, English, Britain, to further research Mary, Queen of Scots and Shakespearean and Renaissance Literature

Bruce Mechtly, CIS, China, to work with software developers and to attend the 10th IEEE International Conference on Engineering of Complex Computer Systems, in Shanghai

Meredith Moore, Communications, London, to study Prime Minister Tony Blair's "rhetoric of war."

Thomas Prash, History, Greece, to follow in the footsteps of Victorian travelers, archaeologists, and gov't officials in exploring the legacies of ancient Greece. He will trace the activities of Victorian British archaeologists and travelers in the Greek isles.

Michael Stoica, SoBU, Eastern & Central Europe, to study changes in business, cultural, and social aspects of life. To Hawaii to study the Pacific Rim business, culture, higher ed, and entrepreneurship cooperative.

Wenyang Nan Sun, CIS, China, will visit Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Shanghai University of Science and Technology, and Zhejiang Normal University in Jinhua to research a paper for presentation at the Twelfth Annual Consortium for computing Sciences in Colleges-Central Plains Conference.

Students Attended Model UN

A team of students from Washburn University represented the island nation of Cyprus at the International Model United Nations March 27-31 at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. More than 1,000 delegates from approximately 50 nations participate through informed debate and conference meetings. Students participating and their hometowns are: Overland Park: Laura Burton, senior, Salina: Alyssa Gerry, sophomore, Topeka: Sheila Burchess, senior Wichita: Jessica Criser, senior, and Bridget White, sophomore

The Model UN program is designed to furnish a

structure and forum for students to work with the most pressing international issues from a perspective outside the classroom. The Model UN promotes interest and understanding of the nations of the world and encourages investigation into the field of international studies. Faculty advisor of the WU group is Bob Beatty, political science faculty member.

From the Desk of Nathan Bremer, Study Abroad Coordinator

For Faculty: International Programs is committed to expanding Washburn's study abroad options, and we actively encourage faculty to establish short-term programs. We can assist you with site selection, logistical planning and promotion. We have a program proposal questionnaire that will guide you through the planning stages, and you may apply for a grant from the International Travel Fund to cover your airfare for an advance trip to the program site.

For Students: It's never too early to start planning for your study abroad experience. Your options include short-term study tours, semester-long language immersion programs, and enrollment in English-taught classes in Europe. Scholarships are available.

73 applications have been received for summer exchange programs:

- 2 Austria
- 11 Cambridge
- 1 China, Law
- 2 France
- 1 Greece
- 10 Ireland
- 20 Japan
- 1 Mexico
- 11 Netherlands, Law
- 2 Romania
- 6 Spain
- 6 Tanzania/Kenya

Outreach: International Programs has raised awareness among students about study abroad through classroom presentations and information tables. This semester more than 1,000 students have heard the message that study abroad is an integral part of their academic careers at Washburn, and interest has increased significantly. We continue to seek new audiences and we're happy to speak to your student organizations and classes.

Feature--Ghana Supreme Court Justice Visited Washburn

The Center for Excellence in Advocacy and Washburn University hosted Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Ghana Professor Tawia Modibo Ocran from March 27 through April 2.



During his visit Justice Ocran lectured in a number of Washburn Law classes. Two public lectures were also planned: A Brown Bag Lunch Presentation, "The Legacy of Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana: Issues in the Political and Constitutional History of Africa", at Washburn University's International House on March 31, and a talk about public education as a fundamental right at the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site on March 31.

Appointed to the Supreme Court of Ghana in May 2004, Tawia Modibo Ocran is a product of St. Augustine's College in Cape Coast, Ghana. He graduated with an L.L.B. (Hons.) and B.L. from the University of Ghana and a Master's degree in Legal Institutions and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Law and Development Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His fields of specialization are International Economic Law, Jurisprudence, and, Comparative Legal Systems.

Professor Ocran's professional career spans a range of experiences as a jurist, academician, a national government executive, and staff member of the United Nations System. He has taught various aspects of international economic law as well as international and comparative law as a Lecturer in Law at the University of Zambia. He served as an Associate Professor of Business Law and Finance at Jackson State University in Mississippi and, for 20 years, as an Associate and Full Professor of Law at The University of Akron in Ohio. Ocran has also been a Research Fellow in African Law at the School of Law, University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA), an adjunct Lecturer in Law at the University of Ghana, an adjunct faculty member at the International Law Institute in Washington, D.C. and at the International Development Law Institute (IDLI) in Rome, Italy.

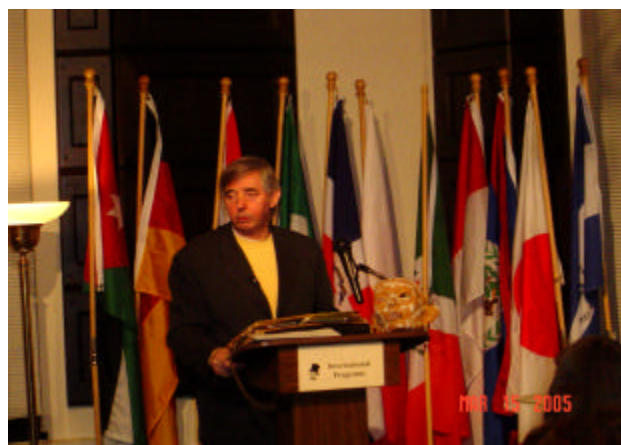
Outside academia, Professor Ocran has held a number of important positions, including the Chief Executive of the Ghana Investments Centre; Chief Legal Officer of the Capital Investments Board of Ghana; Legal/Economic Affairs' Officer of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the UN Centre On Transnational Corporations (UNCTC), Africa Regional Office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and a Senior Political Affairs Officer of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force for Former Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR) in Croatia.

Professor Ocran is the author of three books: *Law in Aid of Development: Issues in Legal Theory* (1978), *The Legacy Of Kwame Nkrumah In Contemporary Ghana* (1992), and *The Crisis of Peacekeeping In Former Yugoslavia* (2002).

Photo News



Ertai Gao demonstrating brush painting during the exhibit of his and Maya Gao's art works at Mulvane Photo/bz



Desmond Egan, Irish poet, reading in the i-House with a poem dedicated to the late Dr. William Langdon. Photo/bz