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## University Receives \$1 Million Gift to Benefit International Education

In honor of International Education Week, the Washburn Endowment Association and Washburn University are pleased to announce an estate gift, which will provide \$1 million in scholarship funds for international studies, from deceased alumni, Geneva Seybold, ba'21.

Seybold, who was born in 1900 and died in 2004, left a provision in her will to fund endowed scholarships at Washburn. The provision will provide more than \$1 million for important scholarships for students participating in the international studies programs. Seybold's legacy to Washburn will have a lasting effect for many years. Her gift makes it possible for her adventurous spirit to live on in the lives of many Washburn students. (provided by Michelle Lowe)



President Farley announcing the Seybold gift in the International House of Washburn University photo/bz

## International Travel Grant

In the first half of the 06-07 academic year, the following faculty members were awarded funding to engage in international scholarly work:

Michael Stoica: \$1,200 to Wuhan, China  
Bob Boncella: \$1,200 to Wuhan, China  
Margaret Wood: \$350 to Mexico  
Kim Morse: \$825 to Venezuela  
Shirley Dinkel: \$1,200 to Sydney  
Deborah Altus: \$1,200 to go to Milan  
Elizabeth Campbell: \$1,200 to Sydney  
Patricia Joyce: \$1,200 to Moscow  
Ann Marie Snook: \$1,200 to the Czech Republic  
Norman Gamboa: \$1,200 to the Czech Republic  
Rick Ellis: \$832 to Nicaragua  
Eric Bosse: \$1,200 to Italy  
Gordon Crews: \$1,200 to Ghana  
Angela Crews: \$1,200 to Ghana  
Lyn Goering: \$1,200 to Kenya  
Ali Khan: \$1,200 to Saudi Arabia

These faculty members' activities range from conducting research or workshops, attending / presenting at professional conferences, to leading students studying abroad. More funds will be available for spring 07. Applications are due to the International Programs Office on Feb. 2, 2007 for travels that occur before June 30. All faculty on tenure track are eligible to apply.

Additional information for this fund can be found at

<http://www.washburn.edu/services/is/faa.html>

## Brown Bag Lectures Set for Spring

Jan. 31: Kim Morse, "Slavery, Freedom, the Inflatable Chavez Doll, and History: Doing Regional History in Contemporary Venezuela."

## Faculty Receive

*Feb. 21: Matthew Polly, "A Tribute to the Transformational Experience: Matthew Polly's 'American Shaolin'"*

*Feb. 28: Gordon McQuere with Miguel Gonzalez and Tina Williams, "Higher Education in Mexico: Culture, Color, and Contrast"*

*March 14: Elizabeth Campbell, "Uzbek Women and Self-Immolation"*

*March 28: Norma Juma, "A Glimpse at an International Academic Conference and the Culture and Beauty of Australia"*

*April 11: Bob Beatty, "Emerging from the darkness: Cambodia inches toward reconciliation, democracy and capitalism after its 40-year nightmare."*

*April 25: Courtney Sullivan, "Falling in love in five minutes: The Cosmopolitan in Paris, je t'aime"*

All lectures start at noon in the International House. A light lunch will be served.

## **Chinese Scholar Visits Washburn**

Professor Tianyu Cao of Boston University visited Washburn, November 9, 2006. During his short stay Professor Cao delivered two lectures to the public, "Modern and Postmodern Mappings Between Science and History" and "Modernization, Globalism, and the Chinese Path".

Professor Cao is a celebrated scholar in the areas of philosophy of science, philosophy of physics, history of science and methodology of historiography of science, epistemology, metaphysics, social and political philosophy. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge and has been awarded many prestigious scholarships, fellowships, and grants by such institutions as the Ministry of Science and Education, UK, Trinity College (Cambridge), NSF, London School of Economics, Smithsonian Institute, Max-Planck Institute for History of Science, the Ford Foundation, the Lakatos Foundation, and the Institute for Advanced Studies (Princeton).



*Professor Cao Tianyu in front of the International House*  
photo/bz

Professor Cao has held academic positions at Trinity College of the University of Cambridge, Northwestern University, Harvard University, MIT, and Wolfson College of Oxford University. He has published or edited four books, authored 19 book chapters, 17 journal articles and book reviews; presented 54 invited lectures, and is working on five book-length monographs.

Cao's visit was co-sponsored by International Programs and Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars.

## **From the Desk of Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator**

There are several important events coming up. Please remember these dates: Feb. 1, 10-12:30 is the Study Abroad Open House in the International House. Stop by for more information about the summer and fall 2007 study abroad opportunities. Feb. 8, 4:00-5:00 pm, is the Study Abroad Workshop for faculty who are interested in developing programs. Feb.15 is the Study Abroad Scholarship Application deadline for programs that occur during spring break. For programs that occur during summer and fall, the application deadline is March 1.

International Programs is pleased to announce that over \$32,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 53 students participating in study abroad programs in 10 different countries during the spring of 2007.

During the winter break, three groups of students

studied abroad. They were respectively led by Rick Ellis (Nicaragua), Margret Wood (Mexico), and Judy McConnell-Farmer and Mary Wolfersberger (Jamaica).

During the spring semester, students will participate in programs at James Cook University in Australia, the University of Blaise Pascal in France, Hogeschool Zuyd in The Netherlands, the University of Cantabria in Spain, Tunghai University in Taiwan, Queen's College in Northern Ireland, Mikkeli Polytechnic Institute in Finland, and Maastricht University in the Netherlands.

Best wishes to all of our study abroad participants and safe travels.

## Study Abroad Scholarship Recipients

**Finland, Nursing:** Kristine Barnard, Kellie Fox  
**Northern Ireland, Nursing:** Lauren Donnelly, Shamara Millard

**Jamaica, Education:** Bethany Ayers, Stephanie Bruegger, Taylor Dunham, Elizabeth Goering Riana Latimer, Jamie Trigg

**Mexico, Anthropology:** Amy Allen, Richard Anderson, Belynda Antone, James Gordon, Amanda Harmon,

Amanda Husmann, Drew Modellmog, Daniel Morrow, Michelle Pitts, Mark Rose, Tammy Schlingmann, Lori Spurgeon, Megan Whistler

**Netherlands, Law:** Andrea Bruns, Robert Tressler

**Nicaragua, Human Service:** Matthew Boydson, Kaitlin Cullan, Tyler Goetz, Lacey Keller Megan Maes, Nakita Moore, Traci Nigg, Nicole Noe, Hilary Pearson, Erin Picolet, Amanda Roy, Elisabeth Short, Thomas Simms

**Others:** Jared Doke, Australia, Sarah Sims, the Netherlands, Kaitlynn Bradberry, Spain, and Grace Wasserstein, Taiwan

**The Department of Modern Languages announced the following recipients:**

**France:** Stephen Mitchell, Karl Fundenberger, Adrienne Halpin, Jeannine Snyder

**Spain:** Anthony (Tony) Marsh, Deidre Gorynski

**Germany:** Christopher Hogan

**F.Y.I.—**



*Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University, and Carolina Pedro, President of Comité Paraguay Kansas posed after signing the agreement that would allow Washburn students to study in Paraguay and the Paraguayan students to study at Washburn. Photo/bz*

## From the Desk of Heidi Staerkel, International Student Coordinator

First of all, I would like to recognize and congratulate our fall 2006 graduates and exchange students. See the list on the next page.

January 25-28, sixty AFS (American Field Service) high school exchange students from 23 different countries visited Washburn as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Capitol Experience at Washburn" program which brings all AFS students from across Kansas to W.U. for a taste of university life and capital city living. The students really enjoyed their visit and some hope to return as Washburn students one day! Many thanks go out to our local host families for their hospitality and the AFS volunteers for their help and support – thank you all!

From February 20-March 15, 2007, the International Programs office will be hosting our visiting group of 20 students from Fukuoka University, Fukuoka, Japan. The students will have a chance to practice and improve their English skills, as well as learn more about American culture and family life during their stay. The International Programs office and ICT, Inc. would like to invite you to welcome the students at a special welcome potluck on Sunday, February 25, starting at 6 p.m. at the International House. After the potluck, the

students will be sharing about Japanese culture and customs. If you'd like more information about the students' schedule, please contact Heidi at 670-2087 or heidi.staerkel@washburn.edu.

## International Students Graduate

International Programs is pleased to announce the following international student graduates:

- Salih Haldun Akar (Turkey) – MBA
- Yuliya Alexeeva (Russia) – BA in Political Science, Summa Cum Laude
- Florence Cheruiyot (Kenya) – BA in Computer Info Systems
- Miroslav Jezdanov (Serbia) – BA in Management
- Pulat Komiljonov (Uzbekistan) – BA in Business Administration
- Judith K. Nandwa (Kenya) – BS in Nursing
- Bojana Samardziska (Serbia) – BA in Finance, Cum Laude
- Carla Sintra (Brazil) – BA in Exercise Physiology

The following exchange students have successfully completed the program:

- Astrid Kircher and Jasmina Piric – University of Klagenfurt, Austria
- Ana Lopez Norzagaray – University of Occidente, Mexico (CONAHEC exchange)
- Jerome Mousny and Jean-Francois Quevrain – University of Liege, Belgium (Magellan exchange)
- Lucie Perissel – Blaise-Pascal University, France

## International Students Among Music Award Winners

Music made a "clean sweep" at the recent (November 12) Kansas Teachers Music Association Collegiate State Competition, capturing the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in the Freshman/Sophomore, and Graduate categories. In the Freshman/Sophomore category: Carlos Cabezas (Colombia), a violin student of Dr. Larisa Elisha, won the Gold Medal; Samuel Cho (Taiwan), a cello student of Mr. Steven Elisha, won Silver Medal; and Ivonne Gamboa (Colombia), a cello student of Mr. Steven Elisha, won the Bronze Medal. In the Graduate Category, Tomas Korcinski (Lithuania),

a cello student of Mr. Steven Elisha, won the Gold Medal. In the Junior/Senior Category: Sarah McQuere, a violin student of Dr. Larisa Elisha, won the Gold Medal; Shannon Coffman, a violin student of Dr. Larisa Elisha, won the Silver Medal; and Christina Craig, a cello student of Mr. Steven Elisha won the Bronze Medal.

## International Education Week



*International students proudly display their traditional costumes during the International Education Week. From left: Bobbie Anderson, Intensive English instructor, Aysha Aktar (Bangladesh), Kanwal Baluch (Pakistan), Jonathan Panqueva (Colombia), Hiu Lam (Ceci) Lau (Hong Kong), and Naief Al Mateiry (Saudi Arabia)*

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I would like more information on International Programs

I would like information regarding an estate gift.

All contributions should be made to: The Washburn Endowment Association, 1700 College, Topeka, KS 66621 (**Indicate on the check – International Programs**)

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