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Faculty International Activity Report

Dr. Tony Silvestri (History) traveled to Dortmund, Germany, in September to attend the premiere of his *Concerto for Choir and Jazz Piano*, written with German composer Tobias Forster. The premiere, and a presentation on lyrics and collaboration, were part of chor.com, Germany's first-ever national choral conference.

Dr. Judith McConnell-Farmer, Interim Chair and Professor, Department of Education, coordinated the *Oxford Round Table: Women's History* (5 day conference), July 31-August 5, 2011, at Harris Manchester College and Mansfield College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK. Twenty-four participants from the USA representing 12 states and the countries of Canada, Italy, Poland and Taiwan attended the *Oxford Round Table*. Twenty-one papers and twenty reflective discussions were presented by the participants and Dr. McConnell-Farmer presented an additional two papers. From December 28, 2011-January 7, 2012, eighteen Washburn University undergraduate students participated in the *Student Study Abroad in Belize Program* which Dr. McConnell-Farmer developed and directs. The students volunteered in two public and at one private orphanage in Belize and tutored children in these orphanages. They also attended symposium lectures and presented poster sessions at the *Belizean International Symposium in Education*, a three day conference for international scholars. Dr. McConnell-Farmer serves on the Board of Directors of the *Symposium*. The student study abroad program was held in Belize City, Ladyville, Belopan and Caye Calker, Belize, Central America. Dr. McConnell-Farmer and two of her students were featured in a Belizean television program. The activities of the Washburn University students were detailed in an article which was published along with several photographs in the Belize City newspaper.

Azyz Sharafy had the opportunity to visit San Sebastian Spain in September 2011. I attended the 2nd International Conference on Image. I presented my paper on Transforming Photographic Images into 3D Artwork: The Conceptual and Visual Process. On this trip I also got a chance to visit the Guggenheim Bilbao Museum Designed by Frank Gehry and see the awesome show by Richard Serra. San Sebastian is a great beach area with good food and wine.



The Parthenon

photo by Sharafy

Larry Rute, adjunct professor of law, and **Kay Rute**, professor of legal studies, traveled to Northern Ireland in September 2 – 9, 2011 to visit the family (Adam and Mary Clifford, parents, and Sean, brother) of Caoimhe Clifford, an international exchange student who attended Washburn's School of Nursing last year and who stayed with the Rutes during the 2010 – 2011 academic year. The Cliffords live in Ardglass. While in Northern Ireland, they visited Belfast and Dublin, as well as taking in much of the natural beauty of the area, including the Giant's Causeway, Tollymore Forest Park, and Coney Island. Historical landmarks, such as Castle Ward, Dundrum Castle, and the site of the Bloody Bridge, were explored.

John Francis, Professor of Law, spent five weeks in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in during the fall as part

of his sabbatical project. While there, he was volunteering at Cambodia's Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE), teaching an advocacy module within a course that focuses on International Humanitarian Law. To learn more about John's experience, please visit this website: <http://washburnlaw.edu/clinic/newsletter/2011summerfall/article1.php>

Dr. Xiaoli (Shiao-Li) Ding, Professor of Piano, Department of Music, traveled to Seoul and Gyeongju in the Republic of Korea in July, 2011 to participate in the College Music Society International Conference, where she read her paper "Scenes from Piano Education in Today's China," a recent research to examine the rapid development in piano education and its derivation in piano manufacture and music publishing business. While in Korea, she also participated in workshops to explore the traditional Korean music organized by the conference.

Dean's Report

School of Business

Russell E. Smith, Associate Dean

During fall 2011, the School of Business continued work to strengthen partnerships and relationships previously reported. With regard to the Magellan Exchange, Professor and Associate Dean Russ Smith and Associate Professor Dmitri Nizovtsev represented Washburn at the annual meeting October 2-4, 2011 in Rennes, Brittany in France. Smith was elected to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee, a position previously held by Nizovtsev. Prior to the meeting Smith visited the University of Liege, a Magellan partner school in French-speaking Belgium. Representatives from the University of Liege had previously visited Washburn in September 2010. A Liege faculty member, Professor Cecile Delcourt, presented her research, "Delivering Bad News to Customers: The Role of Employee Emotional and Technical

Competence" at the School of Business Research Seminar, November 8, 2011, via Skype.

The School of Business received two visitors from Wuhan, China, under the cooperation agreement with the School of Management at the Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST). The first visitor was Professor Zeping Tong of the quantitative management area. Professor Tong was at Washburn from mid-September through mid-December observing teaching and pursuing his research and professional development activities. The second visitor was Professor Kailing Pan, Dean of the WUST School of Management, who visited the School of Business on Thursday, December 8, 2011, as part of a visit to Washburn by a WUST presidential delegation. Dean Pan conferred with Dean David Sollars of the Washburn School of Business about current joint projects and possible future initiatives.

At the same time, Associate Dean Russ Smith of the School of Business was in Shanghai at the 2011 International Higher Education (IHE) Conference (of the International Association for Development of the Information Society), December 8-10, 2011. At the conference he presented a paper written jointly with MBA Director and Professor Bob Boncella on the development of the BBA articulation agreement between WUST and Washburn and the building of the relationship that supports the academic program. The paper, "A Report on the Development of an Articulation Agreement on the Transfer of Students from the Wuhan University of Science and Technology to the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Degree Program at Washburn University," is available at in the conference proceedings at http://martinepeters.files.wordpress.com/2011/12/conference_proceedings_ihe_2011.pdf. The paper highlighted the over five years of faculty, student, and administrative exchange and planning that led to the articulation agreement for degree-seeking students.

After the conference, Smith spent several days in

Wuhan, conferring with officials and faculty on the implementation of the articulation agreement. At present there are two WUST School of Management students at Washburn pursuing the BBA degree, as well as several others from this year's group of six exchange students who are expected to convert to degree-seeking status. The School of Business international presence generally and China activities in particular were recognized with a four-page spread in the December 2011 issue of *The Ichabod*, the magazine of the Washburn Alumni Association, which is available at

<http://www.washburn.edu/alumni/Magazinefiles/Winter%202011/Winter2011magazine.pdf>.

During the course of the fall semester, the School of Business made progress in solidifying its emerging relationship with Lower Danube University in Galati, Romania, with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding following a visit by Dean Sollars and faculty members Michael Stoica and Liviu Florea to Romania last June. Later in the fall, Liviu Florea and Michael Stoica participated in the "Risk in Contemporary Economy International Conference" held at Lower Danube University, October 28-29, 2011. At the conference, they presented the paper "Small Business Struggle in a Developing Economy: Does Organizational Culture Matter?" co-authored with Edit Lukacs. In the summer and fall Florea, supported in part by a Sweet Summer Sabbatical, visited several Romanian universities, including Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu as well as Lower Danube University, where he met with top leaders, professors, and students, with the objective of identifying collaboration opportunities. An agreement with Lucian Blaga University is expected to be finalized soon.

School of Law

Thomas Romig, Dean

August 4 - 7, 2011 **Linda Elrod** attended the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in

Toronto, Canada. She attended meetings of the Family Law Section Council and Publications Development Board. Randall Kessler, incoming chair of the ABA Family Law Section has reappointed Linda to be Editor of the Family Law Quarterly, which she has edited since 1992. He also reappointed Linda to be liaison to the Uniform Law Commission Family Law Joint Editorial Board. As a new appointment, he asked Linda to be the liaison for the Family Law Section to the ABA Rule of Law Initiative for a one year term.

The Republic of Georgia: *The Judicial Independence and Legal Empowerment Project*

Washburn University School of Law hosted faculty from the [Free University of Tbilisi](#) for initial planning of a National Center of Learning dedicated to Commercial Law in the Republic of Georgia. Faculty visiting August 12-28, 2011 from the Free University were:

- [Natia Khantadze](#) (Acting Dean of the Law School)
- Archil Giorgadze (Lecturer and "Georgian Railways" LLC Deputy Chief of Operations)
- [Marina Karchava](#) (Vice Rector and Management Professor)
- Ketevan Kobakhidze (Lecturer in Private Law)

Accompanying the Free University faculty was Michael Diedring, Legal Education Adviser, Judicial Independence and Legal Empowerment Project, Republic of Georgia, East • West Management Institute.

The Free University faculty had a full schedule while at Washburn Law. In addition to planning for the Commercial Law National Center of Learning, they received a week-long training in teaching methods culminating in a presentation to the Washburn faculty on an aspect of Georgian law and a certificate in US Law Teaching from Washburn's Institute for Law Teaching and

Learning. They also attended various classes and met with Washburn Law faculty and visited Kansas City, the Eisenhower Center in Abilene, Kansas, and other area attractions.

Aliza Organick delivered a plenary presentation entitled "Introducing Indigenous Legal Theory into Clinical Practice" at the Australian National Conference on Clinical and Experiential Learning at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. The conference was held September 7-9, 2011.

Amy Westbrook presented "U.S. Securities Law and Global Security" as part of a panel on "'Cutting-Edge' issues in Public and Private International Law" at the ABA Section of International Law Fall Meeting in Dublin, Ireland on October 12, 2011.

December 11-18, 2011, **Linda Elrod** was one of nine invited international guests to participate at the 24th Annual Conference of the Kopaoik School of Natural Law on the mountain Kopaonik in Serbia. The school, organized on the principle of the Hexagon of Natural Law - right to life, right to freedom, right to property, right to intellectual ownership, right to justice, and right to a state ruled by law, draws 1500 attendees for the entire conference. Linda spoke on "Hearing Children's Voices in Hague Abduction Cases" for the session on Right to Freedom of Personality. You may read Linda's article "The Serbia Experience" toward the end of this publication.

School of Nursing Monica Schemier, Dean

The School of Nursing faculty and students have traveled/studied abroad this year meeting with nursing faculty at schools in Hungary, Finland, and Northern Ireland. We are committed to helping both students and faculty exchange information and ideas from our colleagues in other countries in the field of Nursing.



Sue Unruh, left, 2 faculty at Mikkeli University, and Debbie Isaacson, right

Our first group of students in the TransAtlantic Double Degree (TADD) program completed their studies at Washburn in the Fall 2011 semester and have 2 degrees!

We currently have 4 students participating in our TADD program. Two students, Zachary Nehring and Suzi Sipe, are currently at Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences in Savonlinna, Finland. They will complete their studies there and then study at the University of Szeged, Hungary. Two other students, Morgan Hutcherson and Jana Latendresse, completed studies at Queen's University, Belfast, and are beginning their semester at the University of Szeged, Hungary. These students will all earn an additional degree through this program.

The School of Nursing also has had students complete our short-term study abroad program. Two students, Briton Alexander and Megan Christiansen, completed the Community/Public Health class and clinical in the fall 2011 semester, and 2 students, Julianne Sirois and Kristen Navarre, are currently at Queen's University, Belfast and will complete the Mental Health Nursing class and clinical.

One of our students, Rebekah Satterfield, completed a School of Nursing Honor's Project on

creating a template as a Nursing elective for students who choose to go on a medical mission to other countries.



The first one, labeled "aliens" is of Marian Jamison, WU SON, Ibolya Tulkan, University of Szeged, Maryellen McBride, WU SON, and Erika Erodosi, University of Szeged.

We have had faculty participate in interesting exchanges: 2 faculty, Sue Unruh and Debbie Isaacson, went to the Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences in September and lectured in the area of Nursing Leadership and Ethics. In November, 2 other faculty, Dr. Maryellen McBride and Dr. Marian Jamison, traveled to the University of Szeged to exchange ideas and information on Evidence Based Nursing.

College of Arts and Sciences Gordon McQuere, Dean

The College of Arts and Sciences has been busy as usual with international activities that include having our students travel abroad, international students studying here, and offering coursework that raises awareness of international issues. For example, a total of 17 students from German, French and Spanish, received Study Abroad Scholarships through the Department of Modern Languages. Further, Departments in the College offered a variety of courses with an international

emphasis. Here is a sampling: Dr. Sharla Blank, Anthropology of the Caribbean; Dr. Mary Sheldon, Stories from Around the World; Dr. Kim Morse, Indigenous Latin America; Dr. Sara Tucker, History of the Middle East; Dr. Tom Prasch, Modern Africa; Prof. Linsey Moddelmog, Introduction of International Politics; Dr. Barry Crawford, World Religions; Dr. Sangyoub Park, Sociology of East Asia; Dr. Mary Sundal, Peoples and Cultures of Africa. These popular classes present a marvelous opportunity for our students.

From the Desk of ...

Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator



Tess Wilson (front) Enjoying the view from a cliff on the Aran Islands, Ireland. Photo by Tess Wilson

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2011 Study Abroad Photos Essay Contest.

1st Place: Tess Wilson, \$100, "Homesick", Ireland, Academic Year 2010-2011

2nd Place: Stefanie Stuever, \$75, "Que lo Que?" Dominican Republic, Spring 2011

3rd Place: Lauren Buser - \$50, "Finding my Confidence While Traveling Abroad", Austria, Summer 2011

Honorable Mention: Korissa Gillespie "Seize

Every Opportunity to Discover", Multiple Countries, Summer 2011

Visit the Office of International Programs website: www.washburn.edu/iip to view all of the 2011 winning photos essays and former contest winners as well.

Heidi Staerkel, Coordinator, International Student Services

In August 2012, the Office of International Programs was very pleased to welcome the largest fall class in recent memory - 100 new and transfer students - to campus! Our four largest student groups in the Fall were from China, Paraguay, Germany and Saudi Arabia, and we also welcomed students from Bahrain, Hungary, Finland, and Romania, among several other countries!

In November, I travelled to London again to represent Washburn at the Hotcourses Global Student Fair. Before the fair, I had the opportunity to meet with two representatives from the US-UK Fulbright Commission/EducationUSA, which was invaluable for me, because they helped me understand the main differences between the U.K. and U.S. systems of higher education, including the application process. I also visited the Graveney School, located just outside of London, in Tooting. There, I had the opportunity to speak with four 6th form students (equivalent to high school seniors) about studying in the U.S. Because the U.K. and U.S. systems are quite different, it was great to have the opportunity to help these students learn more about the admissions process, as well as our liberal arts education system, in the U.S. There continues to be increasing interest in studying in the U.S. in the U.K. Students at the fair were so interested, in fact, that I did not even have the opportunity to sit down between 11 a.m.-5 p.m. due to the large number of students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate our Fall 2011 graduates:

Alvaro Achon - Paraguay - BBA in Economics
Carlos Cabezas - Colombia - BM in Instrumental Performance
Jongtak Choi - South Korea - BBA in Accounting
Isabella Gichiri - Kenya - BBA in Economics and Finance
Cristoffer Landqvist - Sweden - MBA
Sijan Mainali - Nepal - BBA in Accounting
David-John Tiemens - Canada - BBA in Economics and Finance
Jacki Tipping - Canada - BA in Sociology
Sattya Tiwari-Acharya - Nepal - BS in Nursing

Kelly McClendon, Coordinator, Intensive English Program

Lecturer/Coordinator, Intensive English Program
As I look over the events from the fall semester, I am reminded of the great turnout for the Celebration of Cultures event in November. There was an increase in student participation this year and a wide variety of performances from traditional Chinese watercolor to modern dance. Also, the Intensive English Program writing class did pair with students from a sociology class for projects. They also successfully completed interviews and surveys on campus to finish out a great semester. Now, I am pleased to report another significant increase in our program for the spring. We have 55 students enrolled with an additional 21 students coming Japan for the three-week Washburn-Fukuoka Exchange. Besides the increase in students, the IEP is more diverse this spring, enjoying students from Paraguay, Saudi Arabia, China, Iran, Mexico, Russia, Brazil, Finland, Hungary, Kuwait and Korea. This facilitates authentic communication during class. We have four returning adjuncts this semester: Mary Ann Wittman, Don Field, Tom Kennedy and Meg Atwood.

Bassima Schbley, President of ICT

The vital factors essential for a successful program are commitment and the hard work put forth by various people with similar passions and aspirations. The International Center of Topeka (ICT) is fortunate to have hard working board members as well as dedicated community supporters focused on the same purpose which is providing quality services and opportunities to the international students attending Washburn University.

They say a “picture is worth a thousand words”, and I have been very fortunate to see many pictures where people from various walks of life express their enthusiasm and pride at making a difference in the students’ lives. Two such examples are these ICT Board members -- Alice Soper and Anita Epps. Alice is retired from work in medical and social service positions and has volunteered teaching English for the Foreign Born (EFB) and fund raising for ICT for over 25 years. Anita is a retired social worker and has volunteered for EFB for three years. On Tuesday, January 18, 2012, when Alice and Anita met with their returning and new students, they were unable to hide their excitement about starting a new semester with the students and providing them with needed tutoring. I was able to see that Alice and Anita are more than a teacher and a social worker: they are willing to make sure that the students succeed in life and obtain the necessary skills so they can become self-sufficient.

ICT is able to provide support to international students and International Program staff by coordinating various services such as tutoring, transportation, education, and cultural events for over 290 students. In addition, ICT is able to help ensure that qualified Washburn students travel to various parts of the worlds to study from two weeks to a year.

On Friday, November 11, 2011, the Washburn

University International Club presented Celebration of Cultures. This successful event attracted people from various ages and backgrounds. The audience was entertained for three hours by the international students who demonstrated their talents in dancing, playing musical instruments, singing and fashion and magic shows.

We would not exist without the continuous support of community volunteers, and we thank them for their devotion. The ICT Board members and I join in wishing you a prosperous and safe New Year.

Feature- The Serbia Experience

Linda Elrod, Distinguished Professor of Law

With the financial assistance of International Programs, I traveled to Belgrade, Serbia, to participate at the Kopaonik School of Natural Law. Started in 1987 on the mountain Kopaonik, the School is founded on the hexagon of natural law - the right to property, the right to life, the right to freedom, the right to justice, the right to a state ruled by law, and the right to intellectual creation. Now in its twenty-fourth year, the School meets every December from the 13-17th. I was invited to speak on "Hearing Children's Voices in Hague Abduction Cases" for a session on Right to Freedom of Personality.

This year's theme "Natural Law & Responsibility" allowed for papers on a wide range of subjects. There were 240 papers accepted; about 290 rejected. The materials comprised four books, each about three inches thick. My article appears in the first book. Over 1500 judges, lawyers, students and professors attended the conference. The three hour opening session included introductions and welcomes by dignitaries as well as a two hour speech by the founding and still current President

of the Association of the Kopaonik School of Natural Law - Prof. Dr. Slobodan Perovic. The opening and closing sessions as well as those in the main Congress Hall were simultaneously translated in English and Serbian. When I made my presentation in a smaller session, a translator sat by my side and translated my paper into Serbian as I talked. Concurrent working sessions met in the morning for two to three hours and in the afternoon for two to three hours. Each evening there was a significant cultural event - Serbian singers with a five piece band; an evening of classical and contemporary ballet; and an evening of folk music and dancers.



Folk Serbian dance

photo/Elrod

Professor Olga Cvenic-Jancic, Singidunum University Faculty of European Legal and Political Stud, Department of Private Law, Nova Sad, Serbia, was my host. I was one of nine invited international guests. The other guests included law professors from Belgium, Brazil, England, France, Turkey, and an English barrister from Oxford. We ate together and attended the main meetings and social events together. The Conference was intellectually stimulating, culturally enriching, and a wonderful opportunity to share ideas about problems facing people in all countries.

Photo News



Delegation from Wuhan University of Science and Technology visited Washburn on Dec. 8, 2011. From left, MA Jianjun, Curator, University Library, PAN Kailing, Dean, School of Management, WU Kaiming, Dean, International Research Institute of Steel Technology, YANG Zhen, Vice President, Dr. Farley, XIAO Qiaoling, Deputy Director, International Office, WANG Xiaonan, Dean, Medical School photo/bz



Lanzhou University High School Principal Wang Jing met with Dr. Linda Wiley of Topeka High during her delegation's visit to Washburn and Topeka in late September 2011. photo/bz