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## Message from Dr. Chernotsky: Transitions

As we approach the end of the 2015-16 academic year, I want to wish you the best of luck in completing your final exams. I especially want to congratulate all of those who will be graduating in May. We hope that you will stay in touch with us periodically to let us know how you are doing. This coming summer, we will be offering a number of courses during both sessions. Each of these will be available on-line to make it easier for those interested to take them without necessarily altering other summer plans. In addition, we are sponsoring two summer study abroad programs – *A Holocaust Journey* that will take students to Poland and Germany and *Food Security and Sustainability* that will focus on agriculture and urban development in Cape Town, South Africa.

As the Department of Global, International & Area Studies completes its seventh year and the International Studies program wraps up its sixteenth year, there is much to look back on and even more to anticipate in the coming years. We have graduated close to 600 International Studies majors since 2000 and believe that our number of enrolled students will continue to grow as we move forward with our new curricula. Our faculty also continues to expand, thereby enabling us to offer students a wide array of courses and experiences under the guidance of talented professors representing a diversity of disciplines and perspectives. Next year, we will welcome **Dr. Emek Ergun**, who was hired through a search under the direction of the Women's and Gender Studies program but will have her departmental home in GIAS.

I feel very fortunate to have had a role in the creation and development of International Studies over these past years. After heading the committee to establish the program, I was named director in 2000 and served in that capacity until 2009 when I was appointed founding chair of the Department of Global, International & Area Studies. The responsibilities have been overwhelming and challenging at times, but it has been an honor to serve in these leadership roles over these many years. It is now time for transition, as I step down as chair and turn the leadership of the department over to **Dr. Dale Smith**. A political scientist from Florida State University, Dr. Smith has extensive experience in the field and we are most pleased to welcome him to UNC Charlotte. Following a semester away to engage with some projects, I plan to return in the spring and join Dr. Smith and other members of the faculty in working to advance the mission of GIAS.

Have a wonderful summer and good luck to all of you!

## Summer and Fall Classes

We want to remind you that registration for summer and fall classes is still underway. If you haven't already done so, you should sign up for your classes before they are filled. Even as there are still seats in some of our core courses, these seats begin to fill up quickly once the summer SOAR sessions begin. A list of courses for each of our programs is available in our Macy 103 office and on the departmental website. <http://gias.uncc.edu>.

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## Programs

GIAS was actively involved this semester in sponsoring or co-sponsoring numerous programs with a global focus:

The International Speaker Series continued, co-sponsored by GIAS along with the World Affairs Council of Charlotte, the Office of International Programs and Atkins Library. We heard from **Robert Walker**, President of the Population Institute and **Ambassador H.E. Arun K. Singh**, (India).

The GIAS/Anthropology Colloquium Series, Human Differences Across Time and Space, continued in the spring with:

- ◇ *Can Non-Europeans Think?* speaker: **Dr. Hamid Dabashi**, Columbia University, February 1, 2016
- ◇ *Resisting Genocide*, speaker: **Dr. John Cox**, Associate Professor of International Studies, February 22, 2016
- ◇ *Race and Immigration Post-911*, speaker: **Dr. Robyn Magalit Rodriguez**, UC Davis, March 21, 2016
- ◇ *On Trust in a Contemporary Modernity*, speakers: **Dr. Deborah Gwertz**, Amherst College and **Dr. Fred Errington**, Trinity College

GIAS hosted **Adam Jones** of the University of British Columbia who spoke on The Islamic State, Religion and Genocide before a large audience of students and faculty. This program was made possible by the CLAS Speaker Fund.

GIAS, through its Center for Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies, organized and sponsored a lecture by attorney **Frank Lord**, Herrick Feinstein LLP, on The Recovery of Nazi-Looted Art. The program was held at Temple Israel in Charlotte with approximately 175 people in attendance. The Department and Center also were among the co-sponsors of **Roger Grunwald's** Mitzvah Project, part of the community's commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

## Recognitions

### The Department recognizes the following faculty:

- ◇ **Harry Chernotsky** named Honorary Member, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, UNC Greensboro.
- ◇ **John Cox** published *To Kill A People: Genocide in the Twentieth Century*, Oxford University Press.
- ◇ **Joyce Dalsheim** named recipient of the first annual Atkins Library Faculty Engagement Award.
- ◇ **Joyce Dalsheim** awarded a Faculty Research Grant for 2016-17 for *Israel Has A Jewish Problem*.

### The Department congratulates the following students for their outstanding achievements:

- ◇ INTL major **Rebecca Wootten** was accepted into the Peace Corps and will be serving in Mongolia.
- ◇ INTL majors **Paula De Maria Campos**, **Jared Green** and **Rachel Nagem** were named recipients of the Robert G. Fowler, Jr. Esq. International Scholarship for 2016-17.
- ◇ INTL majors **Jean Barriga** and **Rachel Nagem** were inducted into the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars.
- ◇ INTL majors **Adriana Hernandez** (Halton Scholarship), **Dominca Uscocovitch** (Figge Scholarship), and **Tameka Wright** (Josephson Scholarship) received Office of Education Abroad awards for study abroad in 2016-17.
- ◇ HGHR minor **Kenia Rios** was among the honorees at the 2016 International Women's Day program.
- ◇ INTL major **Lara al-Nadi** and HGHR minor **Alexander Jutila** presented at the 2016 Undergraduate Research Conference.
- ◇ INTL/POLS major **Mirage Berry** and HGHR minor **Kenia Rios** participated in the 2015 Charlotte Research Scholars program.

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## Study Abroad Programs

GIAS sponsors a number of its own study abroad opportunities, in addition to those offered through the university's Office of Education Abroad.

### In Search of the Past: A Holocaust Journey

Available for summer 2016 is **In Search of the Past: A Holocaust Journey** that will be directed by Prof. Judy LaPietra. The program will incorporate visits to Krakow (to tour the former Jewish ghetto and Oskar Schindler's factory) and Oswiecim, Poland (the site of the World War II era Auschwitz concentration camp) and to Berlin (to tour a number of venues associated with the Holocaust). This program is an enhanced version of our Bearing Witness to the Past that was previously offered over spring break. Given its new curriculum and added pieces, students in previous programs will be eligible to receive academic credit.



### Urban Agriculture: Food, Inequality, and Sustainability in South Africa



We are also pleased to announce that GIAS will offer a second summer study abroad trip to South Africa. The program is **Urban Agriculture: Food, Inequality, and Sustainability in South Africa** and will be held from July 9 - August 1, 2016. The trip will be led by Professor Tamara Johnson. The course is open to all students and is especially recommended for students in GIAS programs. The program may be considered to fulfill the international experience requirement for INTL majors pursuing either the African concentration or an appropriate Comparative Studies concentration.

### Tokyo: From Samurai Capital to Modern Metropolis

This spring, students participated in the **Tokyo: From Samurai Capital to Modern Metropolis** program. This originated in the Department of History (HIST 3002), with cross-listed sections available through International Studies (INTL 3000) and Japanese Studies (JAPN 2209). The course included a visit to Tokyo over the spring break period.



## Fowler Scholarship

Congratulations to International Studies majors, **Paula De Maria Campos, Jared Green and Rachel Nagem** for being named as recipients of this highly competitive and prestigious award.



*Paula De Maria Campos, Rachel Nagem, Jared Green (not pictured)*



*Paula De Maria Campos, Dr. Chernotsky, Rachel Nagem*

## Facebook



Please note that we have a GIAS FACEBOOK page. Dr. Houck is our administrator and seeks to use the site to enable students (present and past) to stay connected and to foster discussion of timely issues. If you have not joined, please consider doing so by accessing the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/101217669379/>

Dr. Cox has established a separate FACEBOOK page for students particularly interested in matters relating to the Holocaust, genocide and human rights. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/248661328484817/>

## Celebrate Seniors Day



On April 21, the Department hosted its Celebrate Seniors Day to recognize students graduating in May from GIAS programs. Students were treated to a pizza lunch and were given a small token to remember the time they have spent with us.







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# Graduates

*We would like to congratulate the following students who have applied for graduation in May.*

## International Studies Majors

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Banks, Sara K.        | Greer, Andrea K.N.            | Ogburu-Ogbonnaya, Ngozi B. |
| Benner, Keenan B.     | Haddad Lewandowski, Guilherme | Oyen, Thalia               |
| Berry, Mirage M.      | Harris, Christina             | Parks, Tanner B.           |
| Brown, Matthew A.     | Hodge, Breanna L.             | Roman, Cynthia             |
| Burke, James W.       | Kelnhofe, Benjamin            | Salmorbekov, Erkin S.      |
| Campuzano, Hector J.  | Klimeh-Katta, Deborah T.      | Seqqat, Mehdi              |
| Christopher, Haley S. | Kormanek, Matthew S.          | Soriano, Carina            |
| Corbett, Michael      | Lawrence, Ashanti L.          | Sumner, Ross R.            |
| Crawford, Avel A.     | Madina, Jerolyn               | Tessema, Dagmawit A.       |
| Day, Janelle N.       | McIntosh, Nathaniel F.        | Theorin, Halley M.         |
| Eder, Caitlin E.      | Meite, Lombeko                | Turner, Janiece L.         |
| Esmahan Cea, Adriana  | Morgan, Katelyn               | Walker, Sarah A.           |
| Ewing, Benjamin W.    | Neal, John W.                 | Williford, Anna B.         |
| Goff, Mckenzie L.     | O'Neill, Kristina A.          | Wooten, Rebecca            |
| Green, Hannah U.      | Odinachi, Moses C.            | Ziranda, Marvin B.         |
| Greene, Benjamin P.   |                               |                            |

## Minors

### **Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights**

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|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Anderson, Anne M.  | Madina, Jerolyn | Soriano, Carina    |
| Carrouth, Kayla A. | Morgan, Katelyn | Williford, Anna B. |
| Horne, Brandon     |                 |                    |

### **International Studies**

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|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Ali, Sabeeka K.   | Popper, Ryan C.        | Shumate, Kayla N.  |
| Hudson, Wesley H. | Porro Delgado, Yenisel | Talwar, Akshay     |
| Keke, Ezinne F.   | Shea, Meaghan E.       | Zamarron, Heron S. |

### **Islamic Studies**

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| Day, Janelle N. | Nall, Lindsay A. |
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**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!**