



UNC Charlotte

Department of Global, International & Area Studies

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Message from Dr. Chernotsky

As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to wish you the best of luck in completing your final exams. I hope you have had a good semester and are looking forward to the summer. We have had a busy year and have continued to look at ways to enhance our curricula and to expand the department. To this end, we conducted the department's second sponsored study abroad program this spring – the *Journey to Auschwitz* discussed below. I am also pleased to announce that **Dr. Amal Khoury** will be joining the full-time faculty in the fall. Dr. Khoury received her Ph.D. in International Relations and Politics from The American University. She will be offering courses on Peacebuilding and Human Rights. We would also like to welcome **Dr. Kamila Valenta** who will be joining our department in a part-time capacity. Dr. Valenta received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Emory University. She will be teaching Ethnic Conflict in a Changing World in the fall. We welcome them to GIAS.

As you read through the information below, you will see that we have been engaged in a number of activities and that a number of our students have received important recognition. We congratulate them for their accomplishments.

You are also reminded that GIAS and HGHR have FACEBOOK pages and we encourage you to join either one or both.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of those who will be graduating in May. We hope that those leaving the university will be in touch periodically to let us know how you are doing.

Have an enjoyable and productive summer!

Summer and Fall Classes

We want to remind you that registration for summer and fall classes is still underway. **For the first time, all GIAS and HGHR summer courses will be offered on-line.** 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 in the fall, 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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Department 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 **Ambassador Manual Sager** (Switzerland), **Ambassador Sergey I. Kislyak** (Russia) and **Dr. Stuart Hillmansen** (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom).

International Studies alumnae **Natalie Thomas** returned to campus to host a discussion and to promote awareness of human trafficking.

GIAS and its Center for Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies, co-hosted **Dr. Omer Bartov**, Distinguished Professor of European History and German Studies at Brown University. Dr. Bartov spoke on “The Voice of Your Brother’s Blood: The Holocaust as Communal Genocide.”

GIAS and its Center for Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies also co-hosted **Dr. G. Gladston Xavier**, Dean of Arts of Loyola College, Chennai, India. Dr. Xavier discussed his conflict resolution work in Sri Lanka; his lecture was titled “In Pursuit of Peace: The Sri Lanka Experience.”

GIAS and its Center for Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies participated in a three week-long series of events “Ruined and Rebuilt Landscapes: Memories of the War in Bosnia.” Events included a lecture by **Dr. Emily Makas** and a movie screening, “Grbavica,” which included a discussion led by **Dr. Jill Massino**. **Dr. Bob Hayden**, from the University of Pittsburgh spoke on “Conflicting Commemorations in a Contested Country.” **Dr. John Cox** led the discussion on the movie screening of “Srebrenica: A Cry from the Grave.” The series concluded with a closing reception, “Celebrating Bosnian-American Culture” and a panel discussion entitled “Rebuilding Identities in the Bosnian-American Diaspora.” These events were made possible by a grant from the UNC Charlotte Chancellor’s Diversity Challenge Fund. Additional support came from UNC Charlotte’s College of Arts and Architecture; the Department of History; the Bosnian Students Association, and the Bosnian-Herzegovinian American Cultural Center (BHACC).

Student Recognitions

The Department would like to recognize the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Kristina Drye was selected as UNC Charlotte nominee for the Truman Scholarship. She also received the Delbridge E. Narron Travel Award for Global Study

Sara Banks, Denisse Andrea Guzman and INTL graduate **Angela Wright** was inducted into Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars

Kristina Drye, Koffi Possone Yao-Kouame and Carolynne Hultquist were selected to present papers at the UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference

Natalie Schiappocasse was awarded the Halton Study Abroad Scholarship

Ling Guo, Jacob Nelson, Sarah Walker were awarded Figge Study Abroad Scholarships

Nkiruka Obi was awarded 2nd place in Mario Azevedo Africana Essay Contest

Liz Roberts delivered one of the keynote talks at the community commemoration of the 75th anniversary of “Kristallnacht: The Night of Broken Glass,” sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Charlotte

Join us in congratulating these students for their work.



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Graduates

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



International Studies Majors

Ahmed, Muna K.	Fussell, Molly R.	Moreno, Erika
Armour, Sarah A.	Gulledge, Rebecca A.	Morrin, Brett A.
Barkuei, Amekjang	Guzman, Denisse A.	Morton, Amy M.
Bobbitt, Teyana M.	Hall, Ingrid E.	Newman, Scarlett L.
Bonner, Harrison K.	Harbaugh, Emily J.	Obi, Nkiruka E.
Brunovszky, Lauren H.	Hart, Amanda C.	Post, Kimberly R.
Builes, Sandra	Hultquist, Carolynne G.	Saralidze, Nino
Chengkuac, Mator A.	Kluever, Christopher K.	Taylor, Camille
Daniels, Dionne M.	Knowles, Candice S.	West, Elizabeth
Davis, Amanda L.	Lueth, Ayuen M.	Yao-Kouame, Koffi Possone
Do Nascimento Tanya E.	MacPherson, Robin L.	Yusupova, Susana
Fontalvo, Nicolas	McLain, Kyle L.	

Minors

Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights

Allen, Amanda N.	Hart, Amanda C.	Morrin, Brett A.
Davis, Amanda L.	Miller, Lindsey M.	

International Studies

Aguirre, Stephanie J.	Nokairi, Imane	Shorts, Brooke L.
Armstrong, Christopher T.	O'Loughlin, Megan I.	Slatter, Maraya N.
Cox, Brittany N.	Pierce, Clayton C.	Thoummarath, Ketsana B.
Dedajic, Merima		

Islamic Studies

Abou Nassr Eddine, Marwan K.	Gouda, Moaz M.
Anderson, Ashley S.	Higgins, Michael T.
Burke, Jordan T.	Synkov, Dmitriy A.

Celebrate Seniors Day



On April 17, 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.



Fall Classes begin August 18, 2014

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!