Message from Dr. Chernotsky

As the fall semester nears completion, it is hard to believe that the time has passed so quickly. The Department of Global, International & Area Studies has continued to expand, both in terms of the number of students and faculty participating in our various programs. Department faculty have been quite busy pursuing their research activity and have also worked to advance the mission and strategic goals of the department. We wish you the best of luck in completing your classes and success on your final exams.

Speakers and Programs

The fall semester brought a number of speakers and programs to the campus that were sponsored or co-sponsored by GIAS.

Pedro Rodríguez Sánchez, Cuban Preservationist, lectured on “Strength Training for Specialized Work: Restoration of Old Havana, on August 25.

Dr. James Grymes, Chair, Department of Music, read from his book, Violins of Hope: Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind’s Darkest Hour with performances of related music throughout the evening. This event was held on September 11.

Benjamin Sanvee, candidate for the Liberian Senate and UNC Charlotte graduate spoke on The Ebola Crisis in West Africa. This event was held on October 8.

INTL graduate Natalie Thomas led a workshop: Start Now: How to Prepare for Your Career in Non-Profit Organizations, which took place on October 9.

As part of International Education Week, on November 17, there was a panel discussion on “Unaccompanied Child Migrants & the Charlotte Community: Origins and Human Consequences of the Crisis.” Featured speakers included: Maureen Abel, Legal Services of Southern Piedmont; Louise Clark, Policy and Education Outreach Coordinator for Charlotte CAN (Compassionate Action Network for Children); and Lacey Williams, Latin American Coalition.

Dr. Joshua Nadel, NC Central University, presented a lecture: “More than a Game: Soccer and Society in Latin America.” This event was held on November 18.

Dr. John Cox, GIAS faculty, lead a discussion on “Guatemala and El Salvador” on November 18, during International Education Week.

On November 19, Emmy Award-winning director Lisa Gossels, presented her film “My So-Called Enemy.” The film focuses on the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians and offers audiences profound messages about tolerance, inclusion and respect, conflict prevention, and resolution.
World Quest

The department once again fielded a team for World Quest, the international trivia contest sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Charlotte on November 12 at the Westin Hotel. This year’s categories included World Flags, History of France, Geography of Iceland, Women as Catalysts for Change, BRICS, Global Charlotte, and Current Events. More than forty teams representing academic institutions, local agencies and businesses participated in the highly competitive contest. While rather challenging, World Quest always provides a considerable amount of fun and enjoyment. Members of the team were INTL graduate Koffi Yao-Kouame along with Professors Cox, Houck, Khoury, Johnson, Minslow, Valenta and Chernotsky.

Spring and Summer Courses

We recently completed our intensive three week advising for the spring semester. While we saw a great many of you during this period, not all students came in for an advising session. GIAS advisers continue to be available during their regular office hours until the end of fall classes. If you would like to see an adviser, come by the office (Macy 103) and sign up for an appointment. This is the best way to insure that requirements are being met. We also urge all students to monitor their general degree requirements closely to avoid any “surprises” as they move toward graduation.

The schedule of classes for summer school will be posted in early December. All GIAS summer courses will be on-line. GIAS is planning to offer INTL 1101—Introduction to International Studies, INTL 3111—Politics and Culture in Literature (writing intensive) and HGHR 2100—Introduction to Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights in the first session. In the second session, we will offer another INTL 1101—Introduction to International Studies, INTL 3000-080—Urban Agriculture: Food, Inequality & Sustainability in South Africa, a summer experiential Learning Program in Cape Town and Stellenbosch, HGHR 3050-UO1—Resistance During the Holocaust and HGHR 3050-UO2—Refugees in Literature and Film. Additional courses for our major and minors offered by other departments will also be available.

Phi Beta Delta

The Department was well represented at the induction ceremony of the Mu chapter of Phi Beta Delta, the Honor Society for International Scholars on November 19. Congratulations to new International Studies inductees: Brian Barton and Ling Guo.
Spring Break Study Abroad Program:  
A Journey To Auschwitz

We are pleased to announce that GIAS will be conducting its third spring break study abroad program that will focus on historical sites related to the Holocaust, with special emphasis on the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Oswiecim, Poland. The twelve students accepted into the program will travel to Krakow and on to Oswiecim and will participate in seminars and workshops. They will also have the opportunity to engage in service activity at the camp itself. In addition to the spring break experience (February 27—March 6, 2015), students will attend a number of additional class sessions scheduled as part of HGHR 3050 - Bearing Witness to the Past: A Journey to Auschwitz. Professor Judy LaPietra organized the program and will lead the trip.

II Summer Study Abroad Program: Urban Agriculture:  
Food, Inequality, and Sustainability in South Africa

We are very pleased to announce that GIAS has organized its first summer study abroad trip. It revolves around a visit to South Africa. The program is Urban Agriculture: Food, Inequality, and Sustainability in South Africa and will be held from July 11 - August 3, 2015. The trip is part of a three-credit hour topics course in International Studies (INTL 3000-080) for the II Summer session. Students interested in the trip must enroll in the course. 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 course will apply to the requirements in the African concentration. In addition, 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. INTL majors interested in this option are asked to meet with an adviser to determine eligibility. Please note that the deadline for applications is February 13, 2015. For more details and an application form, see http://edabroad.uncc.edu/programs/africa-middle-east/urban-agriculture-food-inequality-and-sustainability-south-africa#overview or contact Professor Johnson.

Facebook Pages

Please note that we continue to host 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. We are interested in expanding both the membership and activity of the page. If you have not joined, please consider doing so by accessing the following link:

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

The UNC Charlotte Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies also has a FACEBOOK page. Dr. Cox is the administrator. We are also interested in expanding both the membership and activity of this page. If you have not joined, please consider doing so by accessing the following link:

http://www.facebook.com(groups/248661328484817
Fowler Scholarship

We would like to remind you that the Fowler International Scholarship is available for 2015-16 with a minimum award of $4,000. The deadline for applications is February 6, 2015. The award is open to students majoring in either International Studies or Political Science who are considering a career in law or international affairs. Eligibility requirements and application procedures are noted on the web. Eligible students are strongly encouraged to apply for this prestigious award.

For more information: [http://gias.uncc.edu/student-resources/fowler-scholarship](http://gias.uncc.edu/student-resources/fowler-scholarship)

To apply, click on the link: [Application](#)

Celebrate Seniors Day

On November 18, the Department hosted its Celebrate Seniors Day to recognize students graduating in December 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.
We would like to congratulate the following students who have applied for graduation in December.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJORS**

- Amirehsani, Mandonna
- Barghouthi, Leena
- Barkuei, Amekjang
- Barton, Brian
- Burke, James
- Clark, Spenser
- Dugan, Conor
- Errico, Robert
- Falvey, Colleen
- Foley, Sean
- Fordham, Kimberly
- Frazier, Katherine
- Gharavizadeh, Peyman
- Hamilton, Tiara
- Haragos, Michelle
- Hartsoe, Jason
- Headen, Raven
- Hinson, Bradley
- Howe, Evan
- Johnson, Gregoria
- Lueth, Ayuen
- Miller, Tatyana
- Morrin, Brett
- Obata, Kazuyoshi
- Parker, Ryan
- Pedersen, Pamela
- Polk, Heather
- Quach, Katie
- Rodriguez, Andrea
- Saralidze, Nino
- Singleton, Courtney
- Sridhar, Nandini
- Vincent, Makenzie
- West, Elizabeth
- Yusupova, Susana

**MINORS**

- Hinson, Bradley
- Morrin, Brett
- Paff, Zachary

**HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE & HUMAN RIGHTS**

- Broadnax, Tyler
- Farooq, Savannah
- Kongkham, Roger
- Powell, Kimberly
- Prince, Oliver
- Roper, Asha

**Spring Semester**

Please remember that the spring semester begins on **Wednesday, January 7, 2015**. Have a safe and restful break!!