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## 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.



## 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>

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.



# GRADUATES



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

### HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE & HUMAN RIGHTS

Hinson, Bradley

Morrin, Brett

Paff, Zachary

### INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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!!