

UNC Charlotte

Department of Global, International & Area Studies

Message from Dr. Chernotsky

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As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to wish you the best of luck in completing your classes and preparing for final exams. I am sure that many of you are anticipating a restful break.

As I have indicated previously, the department's faculty have been meeting throughout the year to look at ways to restructure and enhance our curricula. We have also been working to identify ways to expand the number of faculty directly affiliated with GIAS. Along these lines, I am pleased to report that Dr. Joyce Dalsheim, who has been with us over the past couple of years on a visiting basis, will assume a full-line position in the department beginning in the fall. In this capacity, she will continue to work on developing our offerings in the area of peace and conflict studies. While state budget constraints are still affecting university operations, we are hoping to add more faculty and study options as we move forward.

I also want to congratulate Prof. Iain Bolton for receiving the Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Award for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

As you read through the information below, you will see that a number of our students have received recognition over the past few months. We congratulate them for their accomplishments.

You are also reminded that GIAS and HGHR FACEBOOK pages have been created 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. This is by far our largest group! 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. 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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Guest Lecturers



Dr. Christopher Browning
at Temple Beth El

The Department sponsored and co-sponsored a number of lecturers over the past few months.

The Department sponsored a Visiting Scholar from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Dr. Eric Steinhart. Dr. Steinhart spoke on the subject “Soviet Collaborators and the Holocaust in Ukraine.” Dr. Steinhart earned his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2010, and is a Research Scholar at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies in Washington, D.C.

GIAS co-sponsored the 16th Annual Alice Tate Lecture in Judaic Studies, Dr. Jonathan Boyarin who spoke on March 12th at Shalom Park. Dr. Boyarin is the Leonard and Tobee Kaplan Professor of Modern Jewish Thought at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His presentation focused on his latest book, *Mornings at the Stanton Street Shul*. The Stanton Street Shul is one of the last remaining Jewish congregations on New York’s historic Lower East Side.

The Department also sponsored world-renowned Holocaust historian, Dr. Christopher Browning on March 29 at Temple Beth El. Dr. Browning is the Frank Porter Graham Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has been an expert witness at various trials of accused Nazi criminals in Australia, Canada, and the U.K., as well as in the “Holocaust denial” trials of Ernst Zündel in Toronto (1988) and Irving vs. Lipstadt in London (2000).

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Student Recognitions

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

Conor Dugan was elected President of the Student Government Association, and **Loren Fouts** was elected Vice President.

Earlier in the year, the following International Studies majors were inducted into the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars: **Christina Ellen Hoffman**, **Amanda Lee** and **Tyesha White**.

The Department would like to congratulate two International Studies majors who were awarded the following scholarships: **Michelle Haragoes** is the recipient of the Figge Study Abroad Scholarship and **Natalie Thomas** is the recipient of the Martz Study Abroad Scholarship.

We would also like to congratulate **Amanda Lee** for receiving 1st Place for her research at the 2012 Atkins Library Undergraduate Research Conference. Her paper was entitled “The Impact of Dollarization on Latin American Identity.”

Join us in congratulating these students for their achievements.

Fowler Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the selection of the Fowler Scholars for 2012-13. The Robert G. Fowler, Jr. International Scholarship is awarded to students majoring in either International Studies or Political Science. It is named to honor the memory of Rob Fowler, a UNC Charlotte graduate, who was instrumental in the early development of the university’s Model United Nations program. Congratulations to International Studies majors, **Ashley Dorrell** and **Christina Ellen Hoffman** for being named as recipients of this prestigious award.



Dr. Chernotsky, with The Robert G. Fowler, International Scholarship Jr., winner Christina Ellen Hoffman. Ashley Dorrell is studying in Japan and could not attend the ceremony.

Facebook Page

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: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php/gid=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 as well. If you have not joined, please consider doing so by accessing the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/248661328484817>

Study Abroad Advising Agreements

One area that seems to be especially confusing to students is the Study Abroad Advising Agreement. This is the document that must be completed prior to the study abroad experience to insure that the courses taken will receive the appropriate credit at UNC Charlotte. The form is available in the Education Abroad office and is provided along with other materials to students pre-departure. A couple of points are worth emphasizing:

- Include all courses you might consider taking at the host institution to give you maximum flexibility. Sometimes scheduled courses are not offered, so you must identify possible substitutes.
- Often times, exact course equivalents at UNC Charlotte do not exist. In those cases, the Topics courses that exist in most departments (usually 3000, 3030 or 3050) serve as the equivalents and can be duly noted on the form.
- While we sign off on the form at the bottom as adviser and major department, authorized signatures for the individual course come from the departments that offer the equivalents. We provide the equivalents for INTL or HGHR courses.
- We cannot sign off on the form until all courses listed have received the necessary department authorizations.
- Once we sign off on the form, it must go to the Office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (Fretwell building, 4th floor) for approval.
- Do not wait until the last minute (we have had students coming by to get signatures the very day they are scheduled to leave the country, only to find that they have filled out the form incorrectly or the people they need to see are not on campus).
- A revised agreement can be filed upon your return if you wind up taking courses that were not listed initially. However, you should absolutely not wait until your return to complete and submit the form as you may find that you took courses that will not generate necessary credit.

Hope this helps.

Celebrate Seniors Day

On April 19, 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.



Celebrating Seniors Day
April 19, 2012

Graduates

We would like to congratulate the following students who have applied for graduation in May. This is our largest graduating class ever!



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Canovali, Anthony
Capatina, Ioana
Cobos, Danielle
Dokholian, Liana
Fields, Takisha
Freeman, John
Gomes, Richard
Hazy, Peter
Hewitt, Jordan
Hine, Jonathan

Hollingsworth, Bristol
Kocher, Katherine
Lee, Amanda
Lohr, Victor
Long, Brittany
Milner, Nicole
Minasyan, Ilona
Mooneyhan, Emily
Mukanu, Carlos
Ndjungu, George
Pack, Andrew
Patel, Rita
Peltoniemi, Aaron
Phomsaly, Tony

Phoutinan, Jewly
Rivera, Felix
Rodriguez, Melanie
Rogers, Gary
Semenza, Rachel
Ung, Valerie
Vang, Jessica
Virtanen, Juuso
White, Tyesha
Wilkie, Christine
Williams, Justin
Willoughby, Paul
Ziner, Alisha

Minors

Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights

Mukanu, Carlos
Williams, Justin

Islamic Studies

Bake, Brianna
Bumgarner, Charles

International Studies

Aery, Avantika
Amadi-Emina, Kemona
Bednarz, Christina
Ewing, Kelsey
Fortunato, Natanael
Kirchberg, Zachary
Mazzurco, Maria
Mushipe, Tonderai
Pena, Eber
Potter, Jamal
Sauer, Matthew
Skane, Christopher

Judiac Studies

Coffman, Alan
Cohen, Hayley
Grossman, Rebekkah

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HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!