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MESSAGE FROM DR. CHERNOTSKY

As the fall semester nears completion, you will see below that these past few months have been rather busy ones. The Department of Global, International & Area Studies continues to grow, 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 spent considerable time working to advance the mission and strategic goals of the department. We wish you the best of luck in completing your classes and preparing for final exams.

PHILIP SPENCER VISIT



Professor Philip Spencer, the director of the Helen Bamber Centre for the Study of Rights, Conflict & Mass Violence at Kingston University outside London, visited Charlotte in late October. He spoke on Kristallnacht in the Legacy of the Holocaust at Temple Israel. This lecture was scheduled in advance of a community-wide commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the tragedy of Kristallnacht -- the Night of Broken Glass, which signaled the beginning of the Holocaust. He also spoke on Understanding the Holocaust and Modern Genocide to students on campus. In addition, Prof. Spencer met with faculty and administrators to discuss future programming and collaborations in the field of Holocaust, genocide and human rights studies.

SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

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

JEFFREY BORTZ, Appalachian State University, spoke on Democracy and Dictatorship in Latin America: The Fortieth Anniversary of the Coup in Chile on September 23.

ADAM JONES, University of British Columbia, spoke on Denying Rwanda: Genocide and Genocide Denial in the 21st Century on October 14.

The International Speakers Series, sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the Charlotte World Affairs Council, the Department of Global, International & Area Studies, and Atkins Library brought the following lecturers to campus:

RICHARD MCGREGOR spoke on The U.S. and Chinese Political Economies in the New Century on September 5.

DIANA UNTERMAYER spoke on her recent book, Qatar: Sand, Sea and Sky, on October 17.

CARLOS HENRIQUE de BRITO CRUZ, director of Sao Paulo's science funding agency, spoke on Research and Development in Sao Paulo, Brazil on November 11.

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 6th at the Westin Hotel. This year's categories included Great Decisions 2013, World Flags, History of Myanmar, Geography of Russia, Cybersecurity, Eurozone, Culture: World Languages, Dance and Music, and Current Events. Forty-five 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 Brian Guess, Carolyne Hultquist and Koffi Yao-Kouame along with Professors Cox, Houck, Johnson, Minslow and Chernotsky.



PEACE ROCKS



The students in Dr. Sarah Minslow's War and Genocide in Children's Literature class hosted a Promoting Peace event on Monday, November 11 - Peace, Love, and Rocks. More than 100 students painted a rock for the new peace garden between the back of Atkins and the entrance to CHHS. The event was designed to encourage



people to reflect on what peace means to them and how they how they might encourage others to consider the realities and effects of violence and war. The class raised over \$300 that will be donated to International House in Charlotte. To see photos, please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/unccepeaceoverocks>



CELEBRATE SENIORS DAY



On November 19, 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.



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 20. Congratulations to new International Studies inductees: Sara Banks (l) and Denisse Andrea Guzman (r). We also congratulate INTL alumnae, Angela Wright (center) who currently works with the Office of International Programs.



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 is posted in early December. All GIAS summer courses will be on-line. GIAS is planning to offer INTL 1101—Introduction to International Studies and HGHR 3050—Refugees in Literature and Film in the first session. In the second session, we will offer INTL 3111—Politics and Culture in Literature (writing intensive) and HGHR 2100—Introduction to Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights. Additional courses for our major and minors offered by other departments will also be available.

SPRING BREAK STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM: JOURNEY TO AUSCHWITZ

We are pleased to announce that GIAS will be conducting its second 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 28—March 7, 2014), 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, accompanied by Professor Cox.

FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to remind you again that the Fowler International Scholarship is available for 2014-15. The minimal award is \$4000 for the academic year. The deadline for applications is February 3, 2014. 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. While this is a highly competitive award, the number of applicants is generally not particularly large. If you are eligible, you are strongly urged to apply.

<https://gias.uncc.edu/student-resources/fowler-scholarship>

<https://gias.uncc.edu/sites/gias.uncc.edu/files/media/2014%202015%20Fowler%20flyer%20and%20forms%20to%20fill%20out%20for%20application.pdf>

FACEBOOK

Please remember 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:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php/gid=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/>

GIAS students are invited to connect to both pages.

GRADUATES



We congratulate the following students who are scheduled to graduate in December and wish them the best of luck as they move forward:

International Studies Majors:

Chengkuac, Mator
De La Cruz, Liz
Dorrell, Ashley
Dugan, Conor
Fields, Takisha
Fouts, Loren
Franklin, Alexandria

Guess, Bryan
Harbaugh, Emily
Hill, Christopher
Kante, Daha
Kelley, Alan
Kleine-Jaeger, Jennifer
Loaiza, Lina

Ly, Habibou
Marques, Luiza
Moreno, Erika
Quintero Torres, Maria
Roberts, Mary
Thomas, Natalie

Minors

Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights

Allen, Amanda
Roberts, Mary
Thomas, Natalie

International Studies

Bruce, Nicole
Cunnane, Kevin
Hernandez, Genesis

Lail, Sarah
Seed, Rachel
Yakimenko, Lyudmila