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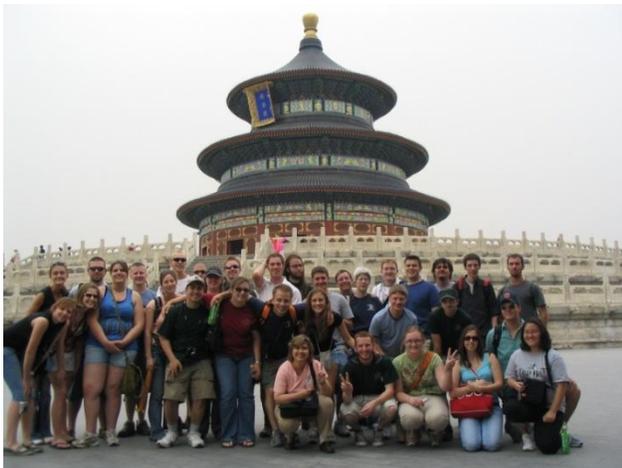
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## HIGHLIGHTS

### **China Experiences the Great Wind of Kansas**

*Kirt Saville, chair, music department*

On May 15 – 28, 2007 the Washburn University Wind Ensemble had the opportunity and unique privilege to represent the department of music, Washburn University, Kansas, and the United States of America as ambassadors of the Fine Arts within the Peoples Republic of China. All but two of our 43 students applied for International Travel funds through the, “International Education Transformational Experience.” Seven faculty and two spouses also attended. Cities visited included Beijing, Tianjin, Xian, and Shanghai. Prior to our trip to China each of the students was required to prepare a 4 page report on China. They were also required to attend five lectures covering the history, music, contemporary society, politics, and an American perspective on China. These lectures were presented respectively by Professor Sarah Tucker, History; Assoc. Professor Shiao-Li Ding, Music; Baili Zhang, Director of International Programs; Professor Chris Hamilton, Political Science, and Kirt and Julie Saville, Music.



*Members of the band pose in front of the Temple of Heaven, Beijing photo provided by K. Saville*

The WU Wind Ensemble presented concerts at Beijing Normal University, Tianjin Conservatory of Music, Tianjin University, Tianjin Normal University, and Shanghai Normal University. The ensemble had the opportunity to meet and perform with their peers at each of these institutions. At three of these venues our students spent an afternoon with their peers, practicing, rehearsing musical selections, and sharing meals. The evening concerts showcased the Chinese bands, the WU Wind Ensemble and then a short combined concert

by both bands. The Wind Ensemble was well received – performing by the demand of the applause - two and three encores at several of our concerts.

Other musical experiences:

- \*Beijing Opera – 3 productions, Beijing
- \*Temple of Heaven – ancient instrument museum & concert
- \*Summer Palace – Palace Theater musical performance
- \*Beijing School for the Arts – orchestra rehearsal
- \*Tianjin Conservatory of Music - One hour concert presented by the TCM faculty on Chinese traditional instruments, and
- \*Tianjin Normal University - TNU Drum ensemble and Orchestra concert.

In addition to these extraordinary music events the ensemble had a chance to visit six sites which are listed on the World Cultural Heritage list: the Great Wall of China, the Ming Tombs, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, and the Terra-cotta warriors of Xian.

The students braved an overnight hard-sleeper train on two occasions, rode bicycles atop the ancient wall of Xian, hiked the great wall, and experienced the culture and people of China through 4 of the great cities in China. We learned to eat with chopsticks, speak a few phrases of Chinese, bargain for treasures, and navigate through the masses in the train terminals. We shared and performed a wide variety of music, both Chinese and American. Perhaps the students felt as I did – that despite all of the many wondrous sights seen, felt, and experienced in China – their greatest treasure is their people. We were received as friends, colleagues, fellow-students, and teachers. The warmth of the Chinese in terms of their kindness and generosity of spirit, art and mind brings us to the realization that we have much in common and yet so much to learn from each other. I’m certain that lives and attitudes were touched and transformed through this remarkable experience.

### **Paraguay, Canada, Greece, Germany, Poland: Exploring the Visual Arts as Primary Cultural Communication**

*Reinhild Janzen, professor of art history, interim director, Mulvane Art Museum*

In late May I traveled to Asuncion, Paraguay, where I

was hosted for ten days by the Paraguayan counterpart of the Kansas Paraguay Partnership, the Comité Paraguay Kansas. My mission was to learn about the history and the contemporary scene of the visual arts in Paraguay, in preparation for an exhibition of Paraguayan art at the Mulvane Art Museum (which paid for my travel), slated for 2008. The CPK put into action a very intensive program which afforded me visits to artists' studios, galleries, private collections, to the major art museums of Asuncion, but also to the Museo de las Memorias: Dictadura y Derechos Humanos, where the memory of President Stroessner's regime of terror is preserved. I visited Ita, famous for its Guarani pottery traditions, saw the magnificent baroque Franciscan church at Yaguaron, was officially declared honorary visitor to the city of San Lorenzo by its mayor, met several artists, cultural institutions and the administrator and curator of the collections of the Catholic University at Encarnacion, and I stood in awe at the ruins of the once majestic Jesuit mission Santa Maria del Trinidad, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Most of all, I was overwhelmed by the warmhearted hospitality and spiritedness of all the Paraguayans I encountered.



*Reinhild Janzen (right) with Herman Guggiari and Liliana Segovia, Asuncion, Paraguay, May 17, 2007. Herman Guggiari is one of Paraguay's most renowned sculptors and considered a National Treasure. During his stay in Kansas in the 1980's he created a monumental outdoor sculpture for the Hays State University campus. Liliana Segovia is the owner of the gallery Multi Arte in Asuncion and also an artist. Photo provided by Janzen*

Then began my Sweet Sabbatical in Vancouver, Canada, where I re-familiarized myself with the arts of North West Coast indigenous peoples, such as the Kwakiutl, the Haida, the Tlingit, in the world renowned Museum of Anthropology. I visited several hospitals

and clinics to learn more about the agency of the visual arts in healing settings in Canada, and I had the great luck to see a powerful retrospective exhibition of the contemporary Chinese artist Huang Yong Ping at Vancouver's Art Gallery.

Another component of my Sweet Sabbatical was to explore the possibility of a new travel course to introduce Washburn students to the arts and history of Ancient Aegean, Greek and Byzantine cultures, together with Tom Prasch of Washburn's history department. Our route included the islands of Crete, Santorini, Tinos, Sifnos and Delos, as well as Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Gytheon on the Southern Peloponnese, the ancient Byzantine town of Mystras (now a UNESCO World Heritage site) and, based in Nauplion, the Mycenaean sites of Mycenae and Tyrins as well as Epidauros. A very special thank you goes to Marcia Cebulka, who master-planned this far-flung journey.

I continued to Germany, to see the world-renowned international contemporary art exhibition DOCUMENTA in Kassel, to document the art at the gynecology hospital NeuMariahilf in Goettingen, to see the newly re-opened Bode Museum in Berlin. The old hanseatic city of Gdansk, Poland, was my final destination. There I participated in an international conference of Mennonites whose roots are in Poland's Vistula Delta region and who have worked since 1989 at Polish-Mennonite relations. I was present when the National Museum of Gdansk opened the first Polish exhibition about the 400-year history of Mennonites in Poland, a project for which I had contributed an article in the exhibition's catalogue. And even here on the Baltic coast ancient Greece was present in the visual language of house facades, city gates, and in its inlaid and painted home furnishings. In short, I found more than enough new food for thought to keep my teaching and research well-nourished.

### **Fulbright Scholar from Russia Coming to Washburn**

*Bob Beatty, associate professor of political science*

Olga Mashtakova, a lecturer in American Studies and English Language Studies at Irkutsk State Linguistic University in Russia, will spend the 2007-2008 academic year in residence at Washburn under the Fulbright Faculty Development program. This program fully funds a select group of foreign university teachers

to conduct research in the United States to enhance and develop programs in their home universities. Recipients



are associated with a host American university and have a U.S. faculty department and member serve as their research advisors. In Olga's case the Department of political science at Washburn will serve as her host department and I will be her research advisor. Having worked with her when I was lecturing in

Irkutsk in May, I will be very glad to see Olga again.

While at Washburn Olga plans to study American culture, history and government in order to further develop the American Studies department at her university in Irkutsk. Her specific plans include preparing materials that will enable her to create a manual on American Studies courses in Russia and also to develop an on-line course for American Studies. Olga also has plans to organize a conference in Russia on how history and culture are taught in American universities. Olga has been teaching at Irkutsk State University since 2003 and has also taught English in Mongolia. We are very pleased Olga will be at Washburn to conduct her research. She be a wonderful addition to the campus community and we'll do all we can to help her develop a great academic program for when she returns to Irkutsk.

### New Vice President Named



*Dr. Robin Bowen photo/bz*

Dr. Robin Bowen became the new Vice President of Academic Affairs this fall. Bowen is the founding dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Mo. She joined the Rockhurst

occupational therapy faculty in 1992 and in 1998 was named associate dean of the College

of Arts and Sciences. Prior to Rockhurst, Bowen was a member of the faculty at Kansas University Medical Center and Texas Tech University. She holds a bachelor of science in occupational therapy from the University of Kansas, a master of education in

rehabilitation counseling from the University of Arkansas and a doctorate of education in higher education from Texas Tech University. Bowen replaced Ron Wasserstein, who accepted a position as executive director of the American Statistical Association, Washington, D.C.

### DEAN'S REPORT

#### CAS Faculty Take Students Abroad

*Gordon McQuere, dean, college of arts and sciences*

The faculty and students of the College of Arts and Sciences have been active international travelers during the past year. Particularly noteworthy has been the number of faculty-led international experiences for students. Here are a few examples.

The University Wind Ensemble, led by Kirt Saville and Shiao-li Ding, made a performance tour of four cities in China. Students in the Department of Education, led by Judith McConnell-Farmer and Mary Wofersberger, traveled to Jamaica to teach impoverished students in rural areas. Margaret Wood, in Anthropology, led a group of students to the Yucatan to study Mayan archeology. Psychologist Joanne Altman led a group of students to Rwanda to study animal behavior, including mountain gorillas. Students in Political Science, led by David Freeman, traveled to London. Alan Bearman led history students to several cities in Europe studying the roots of the Reformation. Art professor Ed Navone toured Italy with students to study great art. Georgina Tenny led a group to the Dominican Republic to study Spanish and culture.

In all, more than 100 students traveled in Washburn groups to some eight countries on four continents. Individual student travel was also important. For example, 14 students majoring in foreign languages participated in long-term study-abroad programs.

Because of the generosity of alumni and friends of the university, most of these students received some sort of university financial support to enable these wonderful experiences. Also, most are using their international travel in the Washburn Transformational Experience program. Our students are returning to campus with an educational experience that has been much enriched. In turn, they enrich the entire university and broaden our horizons.

## **Law School Embraces Internationalization**

*Tom Romig, dean, school of law*

Furthering its commitment to embrace the increasing internationalization of the legal field, the law school has been engaged in activities spanning the globe. As always, students enjoyed our summer program at Utrecht University and our semester-long program at Maastricht University, both in the Netherlands. In addition, this past spring and summer, professors traveled to Africa, Asia, and Europe, as well as to points throughout North America, to present papers, teach courses, and consult with governmental officers.

Professor Nancy Maxwell serves as director of international legal programs for the Law School, and she continues to work on developing those programs while also engaging in international activities relating to her field of expertise. On June 7-9 she was in Oslo, Norway, attending the third conference organized by the Commission on European Family Law, and co-sponsored by the Department of Private Law, University of Oslo, Norway, entitled European Challenges in Contemporary Family Law. On June 19 she went to Maastricht University in the Netherlands and met with Marijke van Hoof, the Policy Officer for Educational and International Affairs, which resulted in the expansion of the Law School student exchange program to include the possibility of Washburn law students earning a Masters of Law (LL.M.) degree while studying as exchange students at Maastricht University. During June and July she was in Utrecht, the Netherlands, working with the Law School's summer study abroad program, in addition to collaborating with Dr. Ian Curry-Sumner of the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, Utrecht University, on an article concerning conflicts of law issues involving registered non-marital relationships.

During the spring semester, Professor Ali Khan worked on a semester sabbatical which took him to Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. In Saudi Arabia he was a resident legal scholar at the Organization of Islamic Conference headquartered in Jeddah. In Pakistan, his work included a meeting with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and studying the relationship between the current government and the Pakistani legal community.

Professor Lyn Goering made a presentation on "Teaching Ethics as a Component of Legal Education" to a conference on Legal Writing Pedagogy for African

legal writing educators who were meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. The Conference, which took place in March 2007, was sponsored by the Legal Writing Institute. During the summer, Professor Goering was a member of the faculty in the Washburn Law School summer program at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. She co-taught Comparative U.S.-Dutch Legal Systems and Professions with Jonathan Soeharno of the Utrecht law faculty.

Professor Linda Elrod went to Ireland for presentation of the Gerard Manley Hopkins Award to John Hunter. In June, she made a presentation on the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act at the Vancouver meeting of the Northern Regional Conference of the International Society of Family Law. In July, she traveled to the Netherlands where she co-taught Comparative U.S.-European Family with Dr. Ian Curry-Sumner, Utrecht University, in the Law School's study abroad program at Utrecht.

Professor Ronald Griffin spent the early part of July in Ghana, helping to develop an exchange program that will allow a lawyer from Ghana to work with one or more legal offices within the Kansas state government. Later in that month, Professor Griffin participated in the Vancouver Conference of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Foundation.

Professor David Pierce chaired the program for the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Foundation which took place in Vancouver, British Columbia, in July 2007. At that conference, Professor Pierce was elected to the position of Vice-President of the Foundation. He will be expected to serve in that office for one year, and to subsequently assume responsibility as President of the organization. The Rocky Mountain Mineral Foundation is an international organization of lawyers, government officials and academics with expertise related to oil, gas and mineral law. Annual meetings of the organization attract nearly 1,000 participants. In the year when Professor Pierce serves as president, the meetings are scheduled to take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In July, Professor Brad Borden presented "The Like-Kind Exchange Equity Conundrum" at the International Conference on Law and Society in the 21st Century: Joint Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law in Berlin, Germany.

## FACULTY LEADER REPORT

### Pre-Law Students to London

*David Freeman, professor of political science*

The WU Pre-Law Association sponsored a 2007 Spring Break Research trip to London, England. Nine students participated. The research component was a comparison between the Parliamentary and Presidential forms of government. As a consequence, we visited the British Library, the Royal Courts of Justice (and sat in on a trial), Parliament, Buckingham Palace, and Windsor Castle. We also had the opportunity to visit the Tower of London, and see The Blue Man Group. Each of these sites has not only historical value, but they individually and collectively speak to many of the important differences between the Parliamentary and Presidential forms of government. This experience greatly increased the students' knowledge and understanding of the common threads that run through these forms of government as well as the important differences. As a consequence of this experience, the WU Pre-Law Association has a new dynamic and an international character that it did not have before.

### Animal Behavior Observers to Rwanda

*Joanne Altman, professor of psychology*

I led eight students and my husband in a study tour to Rwanda in east-central Africa, to study animal behavior with an emphasis on primates. We drove on safari in Akagera National Park through dry savannah to view classic plains wildlife such as zebra, giraffe, baboons, elephant, impala, and hippos. We also traveled into the Virunga mountains in Vulcans National Park and



*Kids Crush photo provided by J. Altman*

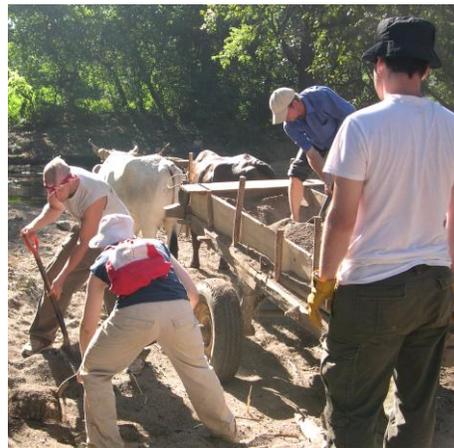
climbed steep elevations to stand within a few feet of the highly endangered mountain gorillas who only exist in that part of the world. We visited Rwanda's third park, Nyungwe National Park, to get a glimpse of, and hear, the boisterous chimpanzee, who is less habituated to humans. Rwanda is the land of 1000 hills and this Washburn group made rigorous treks through tropical

montane forests at elevations of 8000 and 9000 feet. We also saw l'hoest, vervet, mona, and colobus monkeys. Rwanda is a wonderful country; it is safe, developing, and struggling to reunite as a nation with a single unified national identity.

### Nicaragua Service Learning Experience

*Rick Ellis, director, LINC*

The Nicaragua Service Experience took place from January 2, 2007 through January 15, 2007. Thirteen students participated. Once we were settled at Quaker House our experience began. The first four days we



*Students digging a trench for a water line*

spent learning about the history, politics and culture of Nicaragua. We had the good fortune of having Lillian Hall, a native of Arizona, as our guide for the entire trip. Lillian has lived in Nicaragua for the past 23 years and was involved in the Sandinista movement, the redevelopment after the revolution and has been working with various projects with ProNica. While in Managua we toured the city and learned about the organization of the revolution and the overthrow of Somoza in 1979 and the subsequent Contra War funded by the United State. We visited several projects involved in combating the ongoing poverty in this country.

We spent one day at La Chureca, the second largest garbage dump in the world. Here about 1500 individuals survive by scavenging for food, glass bottles and plastic. They trade the glass and plastic to vendors who sell it to recyclers. While at La Chureca, our students worked on re-roofing and painting a small building that serves as a kitchen for a group called Los Quinchos, which provides lunch to the children who live in the dump. It also provides opportunities to children to leave La Chureca and move to a group home like setting where they can receive housing, education, and a chance to become drug free (most of the children

in the dump sniff glue). While in Managua, we visited Los Quinchos home and helped paint some of the buildings.

We then went to El Cacao, a small campesino community made up of about 16 homes all built of brick with dirt floors. Each home is no bigger than two rooms with a kitchen area that consists of a wood pit like stove, some buckets and basins for water, and a counter top. The only water available comes from a central well, which requires family members to carry water many times a day from the well to their homes. Some of the homes are as far away as ½ mile. The group paired off and each pair was assigned a family to live with. The living arrangements had us sleeping on cots in makeshift private areas separated from the family by plastic sheeting. We had to use bucket showers and common latrines. The families were provided with food provisions that exceeded our needs as payment for housing the group.

Our work assignment for the week was to work with the campesinos to dig trenches from the central well to each home in El Cacao. We then laid pipe. When the project is finished each home will have water at the front door. This will change the lives of these people. The grandmother in my home has lived in El Cacao for 65 years; she has never had water at her front door. When we left she was in tears as she thanked us. This is a brief overview of the experience. I know our lives were changed. We met and lived with people that were generous, in spite of their poverty. They opened their lives to 14 Kansans and we became part of their community. This experience has led me to commit to continuing this exchange. I hope to establish an arrangement with Washburn and ProNica to continue taking students to Nicaragua and working in the same community.

### **Dominican Republic Trip Report**

*Georgina Tenny, lecturer of Spanish*

Eleven students, one professor, the arduously verdant landscape of the Dominican Republic-- ever present witness to a turbulent, but rich history; a happy, though poor people and the swift winds of change that are starting to reshape its economy and its future—the makings of a great adventure.

Our sixteen days there were well spent. The students developed confidence in their ability and started using the Spanish they had learned at Washburn. The

Dominicans were thrilled to see their effort and a couple of days into the trip they knew and talked to all the resort workers, in Spanish! It was great. Spanish was the main focus of our trip, but nobody said



*Some students enjoying a stroll outside the language academy photo provided by G. Tenny*

we could not have fun learning it! So we planned activities that would be enriching to their language ability, but that would also be of cultural and human worth... and fun! While we were there we visited Christopher Columbus' Caribbean home and his final resting place. We rode a cable car 10,000 feet up to a magnificent botanical garden. We got to the zenith of the mountain at dusk and between the exotic flora and fauna and the cloud that engulfed us, it truly felt like a dream. We visited 8 museums! In these museums we learned about the history of the Dominican Republic, its national stone, its art, government etc. We also visited some governmental and colonial buildings in the capital city. We got to see and touch and experience the palpable, raw, natural beauty of this enchanting island. We enjoyed the cool waters of its waterfalls and the crystalline warm beaches. We hiked up its mountains --on horseback and by foot. We got to explore caverns and a very distinct lagoon.

We even got to visit the KC Royals' training academy for upcoming future Dominican baseball stars. The Royals were kind enough to schedule their first game of the season—and the first game ever at this new facility—according to our schedule! They gave us a tour of the facility and we learned the trajectory a player traverses on his way to the Major Leagues.

Of all such experiences the one that is most imprinted in all our minds was our visit to a local hospital. I had made arrangements for our students to read to the children in the hospital, the books were donated to our

group by a Kansas City organization through the diligent efforts of student Elise Gunter. We were also able to secure and take with us 100 stuffed animals. The hospital was, as I expected, depressing and dull. There was no air conditioning there, no real medical equipment, just many cribs in one rectangular room with blank white walls. I lack the words to express the excitement that our visit caused. The children could not believe that the gifts were really for them and several tried to return them thinking the gift was too great to accept. The mothers had tears of gratitude in their eyes. Our students were truly touched that day. They wanted so much to have more to leave with these children. It was a marvelous day and by far the most educational of our unforgettable adventure.

This trip was transformational in many levels. During one of our discussions, our group discussed the human element of our experience--getting to know the people and seeing the way they live. We discussed people, complete strangers who have inconvenienced themselves to bless our lives. It was a very uplifting discussion and I was thrilled to see in the days that followed how it had touched our lives. We discovered one of our students buying ice cream cones for 3 shoe shiner boys—not older than 9 or 10--, we took our lunches to go and gave them to children we ran into as we went about our day. In many small ways our Washburn students were ambassadors of good will and kindness.

### **History Comes Alive: The Road to Reformation**

*Alan Bearman, assistant professor of history*

The European Reformation that began in 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his *Ninety-Five Theses* to the Cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany, is the most important event in Western history. Washburn University students study the Reformation in a number of different courses, including HI 343, The Reformation. In teaching said course, it became clear, not least of all because the students were telling me, that no matter how many books we read and how much technology we used that the students wanted something more in their attempts to understand the era.

From student desire the idea of studying the Reformation while physically in Europe was born. Our two-week sprint through the Continent was transformational for the twenty-seven (including me)

participants because we experienced history in a way that is not possible within a classroom in Kansas. The geography, architecture, languages, cultures, climates and speed of the Reformation became real for those students that traveled through France, Switzerland, Italy and Germany during May 2007. The students having read multiple books on Reformation history before departing for Europe, and well versed in both Reformation thinking and the characters that drove its history. Nevertheless, on their first day in Paris, as they wandered through the Sorbonne and thought about the rise of the modern university, and as they stood in Notre Dame Cathedral and considered the interplay of dark and light that lives within a medieval church space, they quickly realized that their understanding of history was undergoing a radical shake-up.

From Paris, a high-speed train, carried the group to Geneva, where the International Museum of the Reformation awaited. So, too did Reformation Sunday and as hundreds of people surrounded Saint-Pierre Cathedral looking down upon Geneva and from where Jean Calvin expounded upon Reformed thinking, a group of Washburn students stood and considered the impact of ideas across time and space. A bus ride



*History comes alive: The Road to Reformation  
photo provided by A. Bearman*

through the Swiss Alps came next as the group traveled into Italy towards Rome, with stops in Pisa, Assisi and Florence. Having had a taste of the majestic power of Roman Catholicism at a variety of locations, the students, nevertheless, greatly admired St. Peter's and the Sistine Chapel, along with the Catacombs and Roman ruins of Rome. From Rome, an overnight train took the group to Munich, where a bus tour through German Reformation history began. Wittenberg, Erfurt, and Berlin were all instructive, but it was probably climbing a mountain to reach Wartburg Castle, the

location where Luther translated the Bible into German, which defined the German portion of the course because it helped the students grasp what individuals were staking in their participation in the Reformation. This sprint through the

Reformation meant that twenty-seven exhausted, but transformed, Ichabods boarded the return flight to the United States on May 30. History came alive to the group in a new way, the kind that only an international experience allows because for these students the places in their books are now real.

### **The Law School's Washburn-Utrecht Summer Law Program in the Netherlands**

*Nancy Maxwell, professor of law and coordinator of international legal studies*



*Students pose in front of the Utrecht District Courthouse photo provided by N. Maxwell*

The law school's summer study abroad program is now in its fourth year at Utrecht University in the Netherlands. The courses offered this summer were Comparative Legal Systems and Legal Professions, and Special Issues in U.S.-European Comparative Family Law. The first course on comparative legal systems was co-taught by Washburn Associate Professor Lyn Goering and Mr. Jonathan Soeharno, of the Legal Theory Department of the Utrecht University School of Law. The comparative family law course was co-taught by Washburn's Linda Elrod, the Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, and Dr. Ian Curry-Sumner of the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, Utrecht University.

Fourteen U.S. law students attended the program, including students from Washburn University, University of Kansas, and Widener University. The U.S. law students took classes with six students from Utrecht University, one of whom was an international student from Russia. The mixture of U.S. and Utrecht University students created an intellectually stimulating classroom environment, as the students learned about each other's legal systems and laws. The students challenged the underlying assumptions about the nature of each other's legal systems, thereby becoming more creative attorneys, who will be better prepared to enter an expanding international legal arena. In addition to attending classes for six weeks, the students observed court hearings at the District Court in Utrecht, in addition to traveling to The Hague, to visit the International Criminal Court in July and, again in August, to visit the Peace Palace.

Besides attending classes, the U.S. students traveled extensively on the weekends. Some of the places the students visited included London, Prague, Paris, Rome, and cities in Belgium, Spain, and Germany. They also enjoyed a reception in the cloister of the Dom Church in Utrecht, as well as attending several social gatherings hosted by their professors. To see the photo blog of this summer's activities, go to <http://www.washburnlaw.edu/studyabroad/2007/>

### **OTHER INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY REPORT**

#### **The Crews in Ghana**

Gordon and Angela Crews, Associate Professors of Criminal Justice in the School of Applied Studies, received International Travel Grants from the Office of International Programs to visit several cities along the coast of Ghana in West Africa, in preparation for a research project involving Ghanaian universities and the Ghana Police Service. Professor Chris Abotchie of the Sociology Department at the University of Ghana-Legon, and several professors with the Center for Development Studies at the University of Cape Coast met with the Crews' and their Washburn student, Kofi Boye-Doe, to discuss a planned research project. Boye-Doe is a Ghanaian student majoring in criminal justice and sociology, and minoring in psychology and communications. Professor Ken Aikins, a lecturer at the Center for Development Studies in Cape Coast and a

Fulbright Fellow pursuing a doctorate at KU, also assisted the Crews' in this initial visit. Mr. George Asiamah, Deputy Commissioner of Police, and Director of Legal Studies and Special Duties at the Ghana Police Service graciously met with the Crews' and Mr. Boye-Doe, discussing the law enforcement and judicial needs of Ghana. Of immediate concern are rising rates of robbery and other personal violent crimes and the training of a newly developed Community Policing Division. In addition to assisting the Ghana Police Service with their community policing issues, the Crews' will examine how both the Ghanaian national government and the traditional, indigenous communities use "alternative dispute resolution" mechanisms. The Department of Criminal Justice brought Mr. Asiamah to Washburn later in the spring semester as part of the newly revived Criminal Justice Lecture Series to present a lecture and to visit local,



*The Crews and Mr. Asiamah outside the Police Headquarters*

state, and national law enforcement agencies in the local area. The Crews, with the assistance of their new Ghanaian friends and Mr. Boye-Doye, returned to Ghana in July to continue their research.

### **Ellen Carson Works in Europe**

Dr. Ellen Carson, Associate Dean & Professor in the School of Nursing, traveled to Savonlinna to meet with European partners to develop a grant proposal to be submitted for EU/US Cooperation Program in Higher Education and Training, Transatlantic Degree Consortium Project, called the Atlantis Project. The grant would provide funding for student and faculty exchanges while awarding a baccalaureate degree to students in an EU and US university. Three European partner nursing schools were in attendance which included Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences, Savonlinna, Finland and the University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary. The meeting began on Wednesday, March 21 and ended Saturday, March 24th. Sunday was free time for touring the city and preparing for travel on Monday. The partners shared information about their nursing program and curriculum, and Dr. Carson presented

information about Washburn's nursing program on Wednesday and Thursday.

Courses were identified within the existing curricula which could be shared among the schools in order to provide a complete education for students from the EU or US schools. University and state regulations were compared and contrasted to identify potential challenges to the awarding of a degree in both an EU and US university. This required a great deal of time to share the expectations of various regulatory bodies and the specific professional nursing competencies outlined for each program.

The group discussed the logistics of student and faculty exchange under the grant criteria. Additionally, admission criteria and student and faculty selection process was discussed. Prior to the completion of the meeting, each school was assigned specific tasks to complete with due dates so that the May 2007 submission date would be met.

### **Bob Boncella Returns to Wuhan**

From May 14<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 I was employed as a visiting lecturer by Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST). I delivered 18 lectures on Web Analytics to students of the International Business Administration class of 2006. I found these students bright and enthusiastic. Their English language skills were outstanding. All this made for an enjoyable teaching experience.



*Boncella on WUST campus photo provided by Boncella*

In addition to lecturing I took the time to walk around the city near the university. I was able to see sights that most tourists do not have an opportunity to see.

Most important to me was being able to observe the everyday

life of citizens of Wuhan. They were very comfortable with me walking about and at times when I was the only Western face, they made me feel welcomed. I was able to travel to the countryside visiting Mulan Mountain. This is the area where the legend of Mulan originated. The Disney animated feature "Mulan" is based on this legend. I had the opportunity to travel to Hong Kong to visit HPH's Hong Kong container shipment facilities. This tour was arranged by Payless Shoe Source. The

information I acquired on the tour of this facility will enhance my lectures on computer based supply chain management. I consider the visit to be successful since I had been invited by officials of WUST to return as a visiting lecturer at WUST in May 2008.

### **In Other Areas...**

**Thomas Fox Averill**, professor of English and writer-in-residence, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. He visited "The Literature of Place, the Places of Literature, and Making Literature from Place."

**Robert Beatty**, associate professor of political science, received a Sweet Sabbatical for curriculum development for the courses he teaches on international relations, Europe and East Asia. To that end he spent one month in Russia, a week in Mongolia and two weeks in Japan. He also wanted to develop relationships between Washburn and universities in Russia and Mongolia and strengthen current relationships, a goal that resulted in Dr. Beatty visiting over 20 universities in Russia and Mongolia and visiting Washburn's sister university in Japan, Fukuoka University.

**Jack Decker**, associate professor of CIS, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. He traveled to New Zealand and Australia looking at Computer Science programs and approaches to distance education. He also attended a conference in Sydney on the practice and scholarship of teaching in higher education.

**Amy Fleury**, assistant professor of English, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. She visited Switzerland and France to gain deeper understanding of poet Rainer Maria Rilke and author Willa Cather; also attending LaMuse Writer's Retreat in France.

**Rachel Goosen**, assistant professor of history, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. She visited and collected teaching materials at peace museums and historical sites in Switzerland and France. Cities visited included Zurich, Geneva, Montbeliard, Verdun, and Paris; rural areas included World War I battles sites near the French/German border. She also used part of the Sweet Sabbatical grant to travel to Indiana to complete editorial work on a book about the life and times of Guy F. Hershberger, a leading American Mennonite pacifist in the interwar period.

**Thomas Kennedy**, professor of English, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. He took a seven-week course in Intermediate Arabic at the American University of Beirut.

**Kathy Menzie**, assistant professor of mass media, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. She interviewed and observed reporters and editors at newspapers in Paris and London. She also took a class at the University of Cambridge and presented at a conference in Athens.

**Mark Peterson**, professor and chair of political science, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. He reviewed materials on Dr. Art Fletcher available in the continental US; assessing the political impact of devolving tax rate setting to local authorities in the post-Thatcher period in the county of Norfolk in the United Kingdom; taking a class at Downing College, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

**Thomas Prasch**, professor and chair of history, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. He developed upon research interests in British travelers and archaeology in the Greek arena; tracked the course of the English Grand Tour and the expected accomplishment of an English Gentleman throughout the eighteenth and into the nineteenth century.

**William Roach**, professor, school of business, was awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical. He participated in Medieval Latin classes at the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto. The classes prepare M.A. and Ph.D. students in medieval studies to pass a medieval Latin proficiency exam. The authors read include Thomas Aquinas, Augustine, Bernard of Clairvaux, Beatus, Bede, etc.

**Russ Smith**, professor of economics and associate dean, business, visited China for three weeks in May in representation of the School of Business. In addition to accompanying Professor Michael Stoica's BU 406 International Business and Entrepreneurial Experience class to Shanghai, Wuhan, and Hong Kong, he participated in a series of meetings with officials in the College of Management at the Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST) to plan a dual-degree program at the bachelor's level based on the Washburn's existing Bachelor of Business Administration degree. After the student group returned to the United States, Smith visited Hangzhou, Zhejiang Normal University in Jinhua, and Yiwu Industrial and Commercial College in Yiwu with Director of International Programs, Baili Zhang. Smith was also awarded a Sweet Summer Sabbatical and spent five weeks in Brazil in June and

July under the Sweet Sabbatical program. Based at the Faculty of Economics and Administration at the University of Sao Paulo, he was able to practice Portuguese, work on a paper on income distribution, and enjoy the stimulation of being in Sao Paulo. In spite of the air travel crisis, he did manage to travel briefly to the Brazilian Northeast.

**Deborah Altus**, associate professor of human services, attended the triennial conference and board meeting of the International Communal Studies Association (ICSA) where she presented a paper entitled “All things common: Comparing Christian interpretations of biblical communism”. The conference was held at the Federation of Damanhur in the Valchiusella Valley of northern Italy near Turin.

**Eric Bosse**, lecturer of English, did a public reading from his novel-in-progress, *Magnificent Mistake* in January in Rome.

**Nora Clark**, assistant professor of nursing, taught a course in nursing ethics at Wuhan University of Science and Technology, China, May 13-31.

**David Freeman**, professor political science, presented research “Thucydides and Plato: Lessons from the past and the present” at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual “The New Europe at the Crossroads” at St. Johns University, York, England, July 15-18.

**Shiao-li Ding**, associate professor of music, presented and played “Chinese Voice in Piano” at the College Music Society’s International Conference in Bangkok and Ayuthaya, Thailand, July 16-22.

**Cynthia Hornberger**, dean, school of nursing, traveled to Wuhan, China, to continue the curricular work to establish faculty and student exchanges between Washburn and Wuhan University of Science and Technology, May 13-29.

**Norman Gamboa**, lecturer and orchestra director, participated as guest conductor with the Západočeský Symfonický Orchestra in Marienbad, the Czech Republic, May 20-29.

**Norma Juma**, assistant professor, school of business, presented at the 52<sup>nd</sup> International Council for Small Business World Conference in Tukun, Finland, June 13-15.

**Ed Navone**, professor of art, exhibited his works at the Gerard Manley Hopkins International Conference in Monasterevin, Ireland, July 21-28.

**Lynne Ann (Susie) Pryor**, assistant professor, school of business, presented her research on Kansas Farm Wineries at the International Workshop on the Chinese Wine Market and Wine Related Products.

**Ann Marie Snook**, associate professor of music, performed as soloist with the West Západočeský Symfonický Orchestra in Marienbad, the Czech Republic, May 20-29. The piece performed was *El Amor Brujo* by the Spanish composer Manuel de Falla.

**Bruce Young**, assistant professor of biology, presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology in Paris, July 16-21.

#### **F.Y.I: Fall Brown Bag Schedule Set**

Sept. 5: Amy Fleury: *Of Exiles, Travelers, and Immigrants: Switzerland as International Literary Haven*

Sept. 19: Ali Khan: *Visiting Saudi Arabia as a Muslim Lawyer*

Oct. 10: Tom Prasch: *Into the Labyrinth: Arthur Evans and the Archaeology of Knossos*

Oct. 17: Tom Averill: *Garden Plots*

Oct. 31: Kirt Saville: *A Musician’s View of the Music, Art and Culture of China*

Nov. 14: Bob Beatty: *Ghenghis Khan rises again! Mongolia re-emerges in the 21st century*

Nov. 28: Reinhild Janzen: *Discovering Paraguay Through Visual Arts*

#### **NEW INTERNATIONAL FACULTY**

**Lori McMillan**, associate professor of law



Before coming to Washburn, Professor McMillan was a visiting professor at Queen’s University at Kingston Law School, International Study Centre, where she taught substantive tax law courses. Before that she was an instructor in the Legal Research and Writing

Program at Osgoode Hall Law School. She also worked as a legal consultant for five years and was an associate lawyer with the Taxation Group of Fasken Campbell Godfrey /Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Toronto. She earned a B.A. at the University of Toronto, an LL.B at Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, an LL.M. at the New York University School of Law. She is a Ph.D Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School at Toronto.

**Rory Bahadur**, associate professor of law



Rory Bahadur earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of the West Indies and a Master of Arts in Marine Affairs from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. He was a

fisheries biologist for Alaskan Observers Inc. before working eight years as a shipboard, maritime environmental consultant for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Alaska and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Bahadur subsequently earned his juris doctor from St. Thomas University School of Law in 2003. After a year of practicing as a plaintiff's lawyer in the field of admiralty and maritime law, Rory returned to St. Thomas University as co-director of academic support to establish and implement an active learning academic support program. In 2005, in addition to his duties as director of academic support, Bahadur transitioned to the classroom and began teaching torts and admiralty and maritime law. After his first year of teaching, he won the First-Year Professor of the Year award. Professor Bahadur remains interested in and is currently researching the unique federal-state tension (Reverse Erie) which exists in maritime law, and its effect on tort litigation.

**Sheldon Peng**, assistant professor of accounting

I got my master's degrees in accounting from Kent State University and Michigan State University, and will soon defend my Ph.D. in accounting at Kent State University. While working in the industry as an accounting and finance executive, I have managed to be licensed as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). Born and raised in China, I have published referred research articles in professional journals in both United States and China, presented research papers at national conferences, and

won Distinguished Paper Award for Accounting at Decision Science Institute Annual Meeting in 2004. Moreover, I have served the community as a volunteer for Junior Achievement Program and the profession as a reviewer, moderator, and session chair for national academic meetings.

**Ye Wang**, assistant professor of art



Having taught painting and drawing for seven years at Sichuan Institute of Fine Arts in Chongqing China, I attended the MFA program at the University of Windsor's School of Visual Arts in Canada in 1998. After graduation I worked as a part-time instructor at the University of

Windsor for a few semesters. From 2004 to 2007 I worked as a full time professor of art at Dodge City Community College in Kansas. My specialization is oil painting, watercolor, and drawing. I work in a realistic style with contemporary concepts. Since 1994 I have participated in art exhibitions in China, Singapore, Britain, Canada, Mexico, and the States, and won numerous awards. I am a member of Chinese Artists Association and Canadian Society of Painters in Water Color. My current research is my reflection series in painting. In my "reflection" series I use a glass window as a metaphor to reflect my fragmented impression on the new culture, which is sometimes clear, and sometimes blurry. My work can be viewed at [www.yepainting.com](http://www.yepainting.com).

#### FROM THE DESK OF ...

**Tina Williams**, *Study Abroad Coordinator*

The Office of International Programs awarded nearly \$110,000 in Scholarships to 140 students participating in programs in 20 different countries. Programs range in length from 1 week to a semester long during the summer and fall of 2007. Besides the programs mentioned in preceding notes written by Deans McQuere and Romig, there were several new programs: Business Experiences in China led by Business Professor Dr. Michael Stoica, International Summer School at Cambridge University in England led by Ms. Donna Love and Dr. Bassima Schbley, Japanese Language and Culture at Fukuoka University in Japan led by Mrs. Bobbie Anderson, Individual students attended programs this summer in

Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, England, Mexico, Poland, and Spain. Students will soon depart to participate in the following programs during the fall semester: International Congress of Morita Therapy in Canada, Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences, a nursing program in Finland & Russia, Global Health Consortium Conference in France, French language studies at the University of Blaise Pascal, Spanish language studies at the Paraguay National University and the University of Cantabria, Spain, legal studies in Netherlands at the University of Maastricht, and a business internship program in the United Arab Emirates' Zayed University. Each of these programs offers a unique opportunity for Washburn students. The Office of International Programs will sponsor a Study Abroad Fair on September 13, 2007 from 9:00am – 2:00pm in the Memorial Union. Come visit with faculty leaders and former study abroad participants to learn out more about WU Study Abroad programs. For faculty who are interested in developing programs there will be a Faculty-led Workshop held on September 26, 2007 from 3:00-5:00pm in the International House. For student interested in participating in spring programs the Study Abroad Application Deadline is October 15, 2007. If you would like to find out more about WU study abroad opportunities visit [www.washburn.edu/iip](http://www.washburn.edu/iip)

***Heidi Staerke, Coordinator of International Student Services***

We'd like to extend our congratulations again to our nine spring/summer international graduates! This great achievement was recognized on May 4 at a reception honoring these graduates and our four spring exchange students. We wish them all the best for their future!

This fall, we're excited to welcome our first exchange student from Shanghai Normal University and our first five exchange students from Zhejiang Normal University, both located in China. Shanghai Normal is the university's newest exchange partner, while Zhejiang Normal is Washburn's oldest partner university in China. Zhejiang Normal, in turn, will be welcoming two Washburn graduates – Adrienne Hamann and Andy Vogel – who will be teaching English as a Second Language there starting this fall.

This October, I am planning to represent Washburn at some recruitment fairs in Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong and Japan, as well as renew contact with international Washburn alumni in these countries.

After doing some research, it became evident that there has been a decrease of approximately 30% in the number of students our office oversees (primarily students on F-1 visas) within the last four years. As Washburn greatly values international education and having international students on our campus, we feel that it is essential for International Programs to begin actively recruiting more international students. This recruitment trip, along with placing advertisements in recruitment publications in Asia and Latin America, is our first step in this direction.

Wie kann ich Ihnen behilflich sein? Huh? To those of you who don't speak German, this is a little taste of how our new incoming international students may feel when they arrive in the U.S. There are several things to which they have to adjust: language (sometimes even the differences between British and American English), climate, food, the American university system, social customs/traditions, transportation issues, etc. Our Topeka community is especially vital in helping these students make these adjustments successfully so that Topeka becomes their home away from home. If you are interested in helping our new students with this adjustment process by inviting them into your home for a holiday, helping them practice their English skills, providing transportation to Wal-Mart, etc., please just let me know at 670-2087 or [heidi.staerke@washburn.edu](mailto:heidi.staerke@washburn.edu) and we'll help connect you with a new student. We appreciate your great continued support!

## PHOTO GALLERY



From left: Courtney Sullivan, assistant professor of French, Shirley Dinkel, assistant professor of nursing, Bassima Schbley, assistant professor of social work, and Tom Prasch, professor and chair of history, were the newest class of inductees into Phi Beta Delta, honor society for international scholars. photo/bz



President Farley chats with Tongji University President Wan Gang, who is also China's new minister of science and technology. Tongji is Washburn's partnership school in Shanghai. Farley was an invited guest for the centennial celebration of the school. While in China, Farley also visited Wuhan University of Science and Technology, where he attended the internship report by Washburn students, Tianjin Normal University and Shanghai Normal University, where the Washburn wind ensemble performed. photo by bz



A Rotary International Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from India visited Washburn in March 2007. From left: Himja Parekh, Roopali Walujkar Deshpande, Dharmendra Gangrade, Sudeep Basu (team leader), and Arun Shankar. photot by bz



President Farley addressed the commencement at Mingdao University, Taiwan on June 16. Mingdao is Washburn's partnership schools in the region. Farley also visited Tunghai and Dayeh universities during the trip. photo by MU



A delegation from Washburn's sister school in France, Blaise Pascal University in Clermont- Ferrand, visited the university. From left: Damien Chabanal, Head of the SUEE French Language Centre, Geoff Heels, Head of the International Business School, Anne Garrait Bourrier, Vice President for International Relations, and Catherine Morgan-Proux, Chargée de mission Aire géographique Amérique du Nord- Océanie. photo by bz



President Farley and Professor Lu Jianfei, Vice President of Shanghai Normal University (SNU) congratulate each other

after the signing of the exchange agreement. Washburn's men's basketball team visited SNU in 2006 and the band performed there last May. WU is hosting a student from SNU this semester. photo by bz

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