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Features--

German Guitar Ensemble Visits

Garbi Lunte, Assistant Prof., Modern Languages

On October 6th, 2009 Washburn International House along with the Department of Modern Languages at Washburn University hosted the Carl Maria von Weber Guitar Orchestra from Eutin, Germany, a sister city of Lawrence, Kansas. In conjunction with the twentieth anniversary of the sister city celebrations between Lawrence and Eutin, this classical guitar orchestra came to Kansas to perform numerous concerts in Lawrence and its surrounding area. Gabi Lunte, Assistant Professor of German, in the Department of Modern Languages, arranged the visit to Washburn by these young German classical guitar players and their group director. This guitar ensemble played a stunning performance that included classical works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Georg Philipp Telemann, Antonio Vivaldi, and Carl Maria von Weber. The classical guitar music enchanted the audience, which consisted of the Washburn community, as well as the general public. This musical performance truly enriched the international experience of the Washburn community.



Eutin Guitar Ensemble Photo by Frank Baron

Former International Student Returns as Featured Soloist

Norman Gamboa, Director of Orchestra

On October 2009, 2005 Alumna Clara Hao Zhang returned to Washburn as the featured soloist with the Washburn Symphony Orchestra, performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1. Clara is in great demand as freelance pianist in the New York City area and she is currently on faculty at the



Hao Zhang photo/Gamboa

prestigious Piano School of New York. Motivated by the large number of successful WU music alumni, Washburn Symphony's conductor Mr. Norman Gamboa has been actively bringing back to campus and showcasing several of these talented young musicians as featured soloists with the orchestra. Moreover,

Clara's success is a fine example of the tremendous opportunity and nurturing environment Washburn provides to all of our international students.

Björksta Folkdanslag & Folkhettan/Folkfräs

Patti Bender, Assistant Prof., Kinesiology

International Programs and the Departments of Kinesiology and Music collaborated to bring Sweden's oldest folkdance group, Björksta Folkdanslag, and a companion group of young musicians, Folkhettan/Folkfräs, to the Washburn campus on October 11th. Both groups were on tour from Umeå in northern Sweden and played

two days at Lindsborg's Hyllningfest before presenting their Sunday afternoon program in White Concert Hall. Host families treated the dancers and musicians to home-cooked meals, local sights, and Kansas hospitality before they headed north for additional concerts in Minneapolis.



Photo provided by Bender

Faculty International Activity Report

David A. Westbrook, participated in two internal "policy roundtables" on the consequences of the financial crisis for European financial regulation in the medium to long run, held by the Bureau of European Policy Advisers of the European Commission in Brussels, in September and December.

Michael Averett, Lecturer in Music, participated in two international competitions in the UK from November 12th through the 30th. Mr. Averett placed 7th at "Brass in Concert" in Gateshead, England and won the "Scottish Open" in Perth, Scotland. Mr. Averett was part of the first North American band to ever win a major European Brass Band Championship. While in England, Mr. Averett also recorded a CD to be released in May on the World of Brass Label.

Dr. Robert J. Boncella, Professor in the School of Business presented a case study lecture on "IT Services Management at Washburn University" to students in the graduate level class "IT Services Management" at Wuhan University of Science & Technology. This presentation took place December 20th, 2009 6:30pm local time and was viewed December 21st, 2009 at 8:30AM in Wuhan, China. The lecture used consumer-level hardware (Netbooks, PCs & Webcams) and software (Skype & Skype Shared Desktop) as the presentation technology.

Linda Elrod, Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, was named to the U.S. Department of State's Legal Adviser's Advisory Committee on Private International Law in September. On October 20, she made a presentation on "Emerging Issues in International Family Law" at a meeting of the Advisory Committee at George Washington University Law School, Washington D.C. Representatives of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, UNIDROIT and UNICATRAL also made presentations. Earlier in October, she was part of a panel and presented on "Hearing the Voice of the Child in Hague Abduction Cases," at a Plenary Session on The Hague Convention – A Parent's Salvation or a Wolf in Sheep's Clothing?, American Bar Association Family Law Section Fall Meeting, Montreal, Canada, October 8, 2009. In August, she gave a keynote address, "Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration is Key to Keeping Focus on Children in High Conflict Cases" at the 5th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, August 22 -27, 2009. The World Congress included over 450 delegates from 65 countries.

Jaci Jenkins, Associate Director of the Leadership Institute, attended the 11th Annual Global Conference of the International Leadership Association in Prague, Czech Republic, November 11-14, 2009.

Alex Glashausser, Assoc. Dean for Academic Affairs, gave the following presentations:

"Judicial Supremacy Under the U.S. Constitution: A Historical Challenge to the Orthodox View of Congressional Power," Chuo Law School, Tokyo, Japan, June 20, 2009.

"Discovery of Electronically Stored Information in the United States," Doshisha Law School, Kyoto, Japan, July 10, 2009.

"Judicial Supremacy and Congressional Power Under the U.S. Constitution: Returning the Exceptions Clause to Form," University of Tokyo Faculty of Law, Tokyo, Japan, July 13, 2009.

Ali Khan, Professor of Law, participated in the following media interviews:

"Pakistan Issues," Interview on PressTV (broadcast from Tehran, Iran) (October 9, 2009) (interviewed by Waqar Rizvi) (discussing U.S. aid to Pakistan and fighting Al-Qaeda) (length: 6 minutes).

"Competing Narratives of the Taliban," Vancouver, British Columbia, Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 102.7 FM (July 1, 2009) (interviewed by Gail Davidson) (length: 50 minutes, 48 seconds).

Dean's Report

Thomas Romig, Dean, School of Law

This fall the American Bar Association gave its approval for the law school to move its summer law program from the Netherlands to Barbados. The new program will be on the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI), in St. Michael's Parish. Two Washburn law faculty members will team-teach courses with members of the UWI faculty of law. The first three-week course, beginning May 25, is Comparative Legal Systems: Business Torts and Products Liability,

which will be team-taught by Washburn Associate Professor Rory Bahadur and UWI Professor Gilbert Kodilinye. The second course, starting on June 14, International Business Relations, will be team-taught by Washburn Associate Professor Amy Westbrook and UWI Lecturer Lesley Walcott-Carrington. The summer law program is open to any U.S or Canadian law student who has completed a full year of law school. For more information see

<http://washburnlaw.edu/studyabroad/barbados/>.

This academic year Washburn Law sent four students as foreign exchange students to the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, in the Netherlands. Jason Jarvis was enrolled as a foreign exchange student for the fall semester, while Ryan Kilmer, Kristina Scally, and Robert Weaver are spending the full academic year in the Netherlands, earning a Maastricht Master's of Law degree simultaneously with their Washburn Juris Doctor degree. In addition, Jessica Dorsey completed her Juris Doctor degree from Washburn at Utrecht University, the Netherlands, as a prestigious Euro-Scholar, studying in the Molengraaff Institute for Private Law.

In January the law school welcomed the first group of foreign exchange students from Maastricht University. The four students are in their third year of law studies. For Thomas Hoeskra, Sahra Ibrahim Malin, and Sven Steiger, this is their first time in the United States. David Erschig, the fourth Maastricht foreign exchange student, is returning to Kansas, where he was a high school German foreign exchange student in Wamego. He is happy to be back in his adopted U.S. "home state," and he has been busy explaining all things American, particularly "American football," to his Maastricht classmates. When the spring semester ends, the Kansas Bar Association will place the Maastricht foreign exchange students as interns in law offices, judges' chambers, or government legal departments, where they will learn the practical aspects of the U.S. legal system, and the daily work of a Kansas attorney. To read about the Maastricht foreign exchange students' adventures, see <http://blogs.washburnlaw.edu/foreignexchange/>.

Russ Smith, Associate Dean, School of Business

Guyana, the former British colony of British Guyana on the northeast coast of South America between Venezuela and Surinam, is home to Kuru Kuru Cooperative College. Kuru Kuru, based in the capital, Georgetown, is a new potential exchange partner for Washburn University and for the School of Business. Contact began with the visit of Aubrey Crawford, professional photographer and instructor of photography at Kuru Kuru, to the Washburn University Kansas Small Business Development Center (WUKSBDC) in August and September. Mr. Crawford's visit was sponsored by the American Business Fellows program of the Partners of the Americas. During his stay in Topeka, he participated in the educational and community programs of the WUKSBDC, worked on the business plan for his own business, and explored with Baili Zhang, Director of International Programs, the possibility of cooperation between Washburn University and Kuru Kuru Cooperative College.



Smith and Stoica with staff of Kuru Kuru College photo provided by Smith

As a follow-up to Mr. Crawford's visit to Washburn, Michael Stoica, Professor of Management, and Russ Smith, Associate Dean, traveled to Guyana in early January 2010. In addition to Professor Stoica's two-day workshop on entrepreneurship, marketing, and promotion, Smith and Stoica visited several vocational schools, entrepreneurship training programs, the Guyana

Office of Investment, and the University of Guyana, and well as the U.S. Embassy. Throughout, the themes discussed were student exchange, recruiting students for Washburn, and entrepreneurship training. A visit by Kuru Kuru leadership to Washburn is anticipated for late March 2010.

Changing hemispheres, on leave in Romania this academic year is Liviu Florea, Assistant Professor of Management, who is teaching a course, "Theories of Motivation," in the Department of Management and Engineering at Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu. Teaching the class is one of Professor Florea's activities under the 2009-2010 Rotary University Teacher Grant he received from Rotary International. Other activities under the grant include serving as a goodwill ambassador and speaking at different functions, civic organizations, and other forums. His participation in the Rotary program is sponsored by the South Topeka Rotary Club and Rotary District 5710 (Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri). Dmitri Nizovtsev, Associate Professor of Economics and Magellan Coordinator, and Russ Smith, Associate Dean, represented the School of Business at the annual meeting of the Magellan Exchange, October 4-6, 2009, in Koblenz, Germany. Following the meeting, Nizovtsev visited partner school Voralberg University of Applied Sciences in Dornbirn, Austria. Following the meeting, Smith visited member schools Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences in Germany and Voralberg University of Applied Sciences, having visited partner schools in Maastricht, Netherlands, and Aachen, Germany prior to the meeting. The Magellan Exchange is a multi-lateral direct exchange study abroad program between U.S. member institutions in the Midwest and South and non-U.S. members in western and northern Europe, Mexico, and most recently South Korea. Macedonia and Poland were destinations for Russ Smith, Associate Dean, who visited Wroclaw, Poland, and Bitola, Macedonia, in the last week in October as a member of a visitation team for Higher Learning Commission accreditation focused visit. This academic year, the School of Business hosted

a number of exchange students from China under cooperation agreements or relationships, including from Zhejiang Normal University, Wuhan University of Science and Technology, Zhejiang Educational Institute, Nankai University, and Yiwu Industrial and Commercial College. The School of Business also participated in hosting delegations from the Wuhan University of Science and Technology (WUST) in Wuhan in Hubei Province, and from Yiwu Industrial and Commercial College in Yiwu in Zhejiang Province.

From the Desk of ...

Don Anderson, President of ICT, Inc

It is rather clear to those persons who try to keep up with world affairs that we live in troubled times. There are continuing arenas of conflict and confusion in so many places around our world. This leads to persons feeling uneasy about the present and downright apprehensive about the future.

Some of this conflict comes from the widespread suspicion and the ignorance that we have about each other. Even with all of the communication wonders that we enjoy and the ability to travel to places all over the world, we still do not know a lot about each other's culture, customs, and traditions. Those in other countries seem different at best and strange at worst. It is often difficult for us to see them as they see themselves, and to respect and appreciate them for who they are.

It becomes especially important, then, that those of us around the world get to know each other, come to appreciate each other, and learn to get along with each other. Fortunately, here at Washburn we have the opportunity to do that first hand. We are blessed to have a sizable number of international students studying here and attending our classes. They are from many different countries, speak a variety of languages, and give us the opportunity to

learn about them and about their societies.

It can be a surprise to discover that in many ways we are all alike. It can also be a joy to discover the unique ways in which we live and work and raise our families in different places. If we can get beyond the images and the stereotypes that we have of each other, we can begin to build the foundation of a world where we can all feel a sense of belonging and a sense of worth. So let's take the opportunity to reach out to each other and to truly become citizens of the world. Therein lies our hope for the future.

Heidi Staerkel, Coordinator, International Student Services

Happy belated New Year to you all! Things in our office have settled down with our fourteen new/transfer students in their fourth week of classes, and 57 AFS high school foreign exchange students having visited our campus from January 28-31. It's been an exciting start to the semester!

A new mentoring program developed by Travis Byers, Mara Rojero, Misty Long and myself is the WUBuddy program, which pairs up interested American students and interested new and transfer international students, was launched during the Fall semester. The purpose of this program is mainly two-fold: to provide extra adjustment support to our new and transfer international students, as well as to encourage cross-cultural sharing. Our international students provide a wealth of knowledge and experiences that our American students can greatly benefit from, and vice versa. If you are a current or former Washburn student and are interested in finding out more about becoming a WUBuddy, please contact Heidi Staerkel at heidi.staerkel@washburn.edu.

A world of thanks to all of you who came out to support our international and local talent at the W.U. Celebration of Cultures in November 2009! This was the best event yet, and you helped the International Club raise over \$550 for upcoming programming and events! Coming up next for the

International Club is a Talent Show in the evening of April 16 at University United Methodist Church (17th and College). All are welcome. Please call 670-2087 for more details.

Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator

The Office of International Programs Scholarship Committee awarded Scholarships to 60 students participating in study abroad programs in over a dozen different countries. Programs range in length from one week to a semester during the spring of 2010. Included are the following Faculty-Led Transformational Experiences:

Australia - 7th International Congress of Morita Therapy, Dr. Brian Ogawa

Jamaica - Transformational Education, Dr. Judy McConnell-Farmer

Nicaragua - Nicaragua Service Learning Program, Dr. Sharon Sullivan

Perú -Perú Past Present & Future, Georgina Tenny

Individual students will attend programs this spring in Austria, China, the Czech Republic, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. Each of these programs offers a unique experience for Washburn students.

2009 Study Abroad Photo Essay Contest Winners: Congratulations!

The following participants were recognized at the Study Abroad Awards Ceremony on December 2nd, 3-4pm, Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center.

1st Place \$100: Meghann Greene, Adventures in Missions Program, Swaziland, Africa, Summer
2nd Place \$75: Travis Byers, WU Business Experiences in China, Xi'an and Shanghai, China, Summer

3rd Place \$50: Ashley Holm, Law Program: Human Rights in the Americas, Heredia, Costa Rica, Summer

Honorable Mention -

Traci Nigg, University of Guanajuato, Language School, Guanajuato, Mexico, Spring &
Lauren Woidela, International Music Alp Festival,

Courchevel, France, Summer

Visit the Office of Intentional Programs website to see the winning photos and essays: www.washburn.edu/iip.

Bobbie Anderson, Intensive English Coordinator

During the Fall, 2009, about 70 new international students came to campus to learn English on exchange or to pursue a degree. Intensive English (IE) courses were so full that we employed two more adjuncts to handle the overflow for one semester: Pilar Mejia, a supervisor for USD 501's English Language Learner program and Travis Lamb, the head of the English Department at Hayden High School. We are very thankful for their working with us. As these students have returned to their home country or moved on in their courses at Washburn the IE courses are smaller. The remaining students are into more courses on campus stretching their skills and exploring more of the U.S. culture. Our continuing IE faculty are: Mary Ann Wittman, Bobbie Anderson, Don Field, and Kelly McClendon.

Congratulations!

We are very proud to announce the following 37 international students were placed on the President's Honor Roll for fall 2009. Please congratulate the student(s) if you know them.

Jorge Delgado Breuer (Paraguay)

Jong-Tak Choi (Korea)

Isabella Gichiri (Kenya)

Shuang Jiang (China)

Xin Jiang (China)

Valeriya Kanaeva (Tajikistan)

Manuel Tabora (Honduras)

Jimena Vallejos Barriocanal (Paraguay)

Haiji Wang (China)

Luodan Wang (China)

Binbin Wu (China)

Bing Hu (China)

Chenning Fu (China)
 Dandan Mei (China)
 Di Li (China)
 Fanette Picchino (France)
 Fangfei Jiang (China)
 Huayi Jia (China)
 Jie Li (China)
 Jing Wang (China)
 Katrin Koman (Austria)
 Liruo Jin (China)
 Liyuan Ji (China)
 Luting Wang (China)
 Mengjing Li (China)
 Rui Jia (China)
 Sandra Migliore (Austria)
 Tingting Xu (China)
 Tongtong Qi (China)
 Xiaoliu Qiu (China)
 Xinyin Miao (China)
 Xueting Fu (China)
 Yi Wang (China)
 Yihong Jiang (China)
 Ying Liu (China)
 Yue Zhang (China)
 Zhangminzi Shao (China)



President Farley was invited guest and speaker at the 75th anniversary of Fukuoka University, Japan. Farley was awarded an honorary doctorate. Photo by Fukuoka University



Antonius Soentoro (left, Indonesia), Ceci Lau (Hong Kong), and William Darst (US) in a fashion show at the Celebration of Cultures

photo / cjonline

Photo News



Former KS Secretary of State Ron Thornburg was invited to discuss with a group of students from China on social issues related to the rapid development of China. photo/bz



John Poertner (left), President of Kansas-Paraguay Partners, Rafaella Fustango, student from Paraguay, and Olinda Bareiro (right), student from Paraguay attended a function to welcome Jorge Martin, visiting firefighter from Paraguay.
photo/bz



Donna Love, left, was honored for her contribution to Washburn international education by Phi Beta Delta, honor society for international scholars. Carolyn Szafran, Mrs. Farley, and Bassima Schbley came to congratulate Love, who, in 14 years, led and supervised nearly 100 WU students to study at Cambridge University. photo/bz



Professor Li Fengyun, left, and Professor Wang Jianxin, both of China's Tianjin Conservatory of Music, performed and gave master classes at WU in September. Li is a celebrated qin player, and Wang specializes in xiao. The qin Li played on is a 900-year old instrument. photo/bz



President Farley and VPAA Bowen welcomed a delegation from China's Wuhan University of Science and Technology, which was led by President Kong Jianyi. The delegation visited Washburn to discuss further cooperation between the two institutions. photo/bz

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