This issue highlights the many different types of internships and practical experiences our students are obtaining, not just locally, but all over the world. Many of our faculty members are still traveling so the listing of talks, papers and studies that they are engaged in this summer is far from complete. Check out the extensive “In the Community (And Around the World)” column to see what your colleagues and students have been up to.

**ESL Students Volunteer at Summerfest to Build on Their Studies**

This summer, 42 UWM English as a Second Language (ESL) students had the opportunity to use and improve their English skills as Summerfest volunteers. ESL courses are designed to enhance the English language skills of those preparing for university life and academic studies as well as professionals who need a stronger English language foundation.

The ESL Summerfest volunteers hailed from Brazil, Colombia, Iraq, Japan, Korea, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkmenistan and Venezuela, and their duties included manning the information desk, planting flowers, aiding lost children and distributing promotional giveaways.

Instructor Valerie Chamberlain began organizing the volunteer experience in 1995, when students helped at the Indian Summer Festival; the Summerfest experience was initiated in 1998. “Having lived abroad, I know that many students stay in an ESL bubble and don’t branch out. The volunteer experience is good for the students and good for Summerfest. The students not only improve their language skills, but also learn more about our culture, and Summerfest patrons who interact with them learn more about the students’ countries and cultures,” she said.

The concept of volunteering is often new to these students. This experience teaches them about volunteering and work culture in America. At Summerfest, they also see how a big organization works. When they aren’t volunteering, they can enjoy the shows along with other fest-goers. Some of them enjoy it so much that they sign up for extra shifts.

During the year, ESL students also volunteer for other organizations and events, including the Skylight and Boulevard Theatres, Indian Summer, Bastille Days, Urban Ecology Center, Habitat for Humanity, Milwaukee Public Museum, and the Peck School of the Arts.

Valerie looks for year-round volunteer opportunities for her students and welcomes suggested venues at valc@uwm.edu.
In The Community (And Around the World)

Many of our students are out and about the Milwaukee-area this summer working at internships. A few of the companies where our students are working include:

- Amanda Angelo (English) is writing and editing for the Milwaukee Repertory Theater.
- Graduate student Christine Barszewski (Geosciences) is in Houston with BP this summer.
- Brock Burghardt (Atmospheric Science) is spending the summer at the National Weather Service.
- Kenny Cammilleri (Public Administration) is interning at both Ozaukee County and the Village of Mukwonago.
- Crystal Castalow (Religious Studies and Philosophy) has an internship at Sweet Water Organics.
- Jacqueline Dreyer (English and Spanish) is working at Reader’s Digest as a magazine editor.
- Bethany Gielecki (Communication) has a social media internship at Zizzo Group.
- Casen James Griffiths (Public Administration) has an internship at the Village of Elm Grove.
- Elizabeth Hilt (Public Administration) is working on automated garbage collection plans, budget analysis and contract management for the City of Wauwatosa Department of Public Works.
- Marvel Humper (English) is spending the summer at Today’s TMJ 4 working on projects involving writing and editing.
- Colleen Jurkiewicz (English) is at The Italian Times in a writing and editing capacity.
- Robert Michalski (Actuarial Science) has a summer internship at Assurant Health.
- Elizabeth Noonan (English) is working in the public relations area at Historic Milwaukee.
- Kara Petersen’s (English and Journalism) internship at Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee involves marketing, public relations and web work.
- Rebekah Smiltneek (English) has a full-time, paid internship in technical writing at Curt G. Joa, Inc.
- Steven Trimborn (Public Administration) is interning at Waukesha County in the area of budget analysis.
- Meghan Wessel (Atmospheric Science) is at Today’s TMJ 4 as a broadcast intern.

We also have a number of students in international internships.

From the management track of global studies:
- Akua Asare is engaged in policy research at the Corporate Social Responsibility Center at the Peking University Law School in Beijing.
- Laurel Dzneladze is working in production management and internal communications for Ericsson in Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Jon Hennum is also working in production management for Nantong Fujitsu MicroElectronics Co., Ltd. in Nantong, China.

From the communications track of global studies:
- Vic Buell is working for Harth TV in Toronto in the production of on-line television.
- Melisa Hodzic is in Istanbul for a journalism internship at Today’s Zaman.
- Claire Loebel is learning about nonprofit management at the Paris office of OrphanAid Africa.
- Gwen Ripp is also gaining nonprofit management experience at Seva Mandir in Udipur, India.
- Kayla Sweeney is working in the higher education field at AMIDEAST in Sousse, Tunisia.

From the security track of global studies:
- Megan Flock is working in higher education for the Security International Summer University Exchange at Marburg University in Frankfurt, Germany.
- Elizabeth Geier is in nonprofit management at House of Hope in Managua, Nicaragua.
- Kirsten Joranlien is in nonprofit management at Totoco in Ometepe Island, Nicaragua.
- Jason Rogowski is conducting policy research for The Centre for Social Impact in Sydney, Australia.

From the international studies program:
- Sameera Hassan is working at the American Embassy in London.
In The Community (And Around the World) - continued

**Innovative Weather** (run by the Atmospheric Science program in the Department of Mathematical Sciences) provides weather services to a number of clients including Lake Express Ferry, WE Energies, Time Warner Cable and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. Atmospheric Science students from the BS level through the PhD level who are obtaining practical experience include:

- Dawn Kopacz
- John Peters
- Zach Uttech
- Charles Smith
- Michael Hansen
- Jeremy Rodriguez
- Nathan Auping
- Alex Smith
- Josh Verbeten

The **Center for Gravitation and Cosmology** in the Physics Department has five undergraduate summer interns:

- David Day is studying the chemical evolution of galaxies and pulsar processing.
- Matt Rohr is also working on pulsar processing and submitted a proposal requesting observations with the Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia to study a pulsar he found as part of the ARCC@UWM project.
- Robin Karr is helping construct a small radio telescope on the roof of the Physics Building.
- Jesse DePinto is analyzing data from the Very Large Array radio telescope in New Mexico, looking for new cosmic explosions.
- Joshua Speagle is a Brookfield High School graduate heading to Harvard in the fall. Prior to starting his undergraduate studies, his internship includes the study of the cooling of neutron stars.

**Nathan J. Bares** (‘11, BA, Communication and Philosophy) and **Sandra Braman** (Communication) presented “The ethics of fair queuing” and “Ethics in the Internet design process” to Computer Ethics Philosophical Enquiry in Milwaukee in June. The latter was also presented to the International Association of Media and Communication Research in Istanbul in July. In Istanbul, Sandra also presented “Instability and the Internet design process” and “War and the design of the Internet.”

UWM was well represented at the Institute on Lake Superior Geology conference in Ashland, Wisconsin. Graduate students Michael DeVasto, Jolene Traut, and Ernest Thalhamer, and their advisor **Dyanna Czech** (Geosciences) presented results of their research.


The Planetarium brought their programing to the community on July 8th with a star-viewing party at American Science & Surplus. **Jean Creighton**, Planetarium Director, and Vivian Hoette, director of the University of Chicago’s Yerkes Observatory on Geneva Lake in Williams Bay taught sixty people how to read star maps and how to find stars and constellations in the summer night sky. On campus, more than 120 people came to the Planetarium for “Starry Potter” on July 12th and 13th, a program that explored the connection between Harry Potter characters and astronomical objects. Many famous characters such as Sirius, Bellatrix, and Regulus are bright stars! The audience enjoyed a tour of the night sky and stargazing on the Physics Building’s observing deck.

**Luca Ferrero** (Philosophy) was awarded a fellowship to participate in the six-week National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on the Philosophy of Quine and Davidson, at Princeton University.

Professor Emeritus **William Wainwright** (Philosophy) presented a keynote address, “Spiritual Senses in the Western Mystical Tradition” on June 29th in Krakow, Poland, at the Philosophy of Religion in the 21st Century conference sponsored by the European Society for the Philosophy of Religion.

**Ellen Amster** (History) presented a paper in Tunis, Tunisia, on June 18, at the Conference on Public Health and Health Policy in the Maghreb. Her paper was entitled “Poison, Jinn, and the Sleeping Child: Muslim Women’s Traditional Medicine, the Law, and Public Health in French Protectorate Morocco, 1912-1935.”
Ying Wang (Art History) spent the end of June and the early part of July speaking and presenting papers at several Chinese institutes including the Institute of History of Science and Archeology at the University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, “Royal Hunting and the Hedong Salt Lake of the Shang Dynasty;” the University of Science and Technology of China, “Chinese Art Exhibitions and Collections in Milwaukee;” and the Research Institute, Forbidden City, Beijing, “Meaning of Collection and Professor Chu-tsing Li’s painting collection.”

Dyanna Czeck (Geosciences) was one of the conveners of a conference in Cadaqués, Spain that was part of the Geological Society of America’s Penrose series on the topic “Deformation Localization in Rocks: New Advances.” The event attracted 70 experts in the field from around the world. Czeck chaired a session, gave a talk on her research, and was a co-author on two additional research presentations at the meeting.

In June, Ruth Beerman (PhD student, Communication) was a competitively selected participant at Rhetoric Society of America’s seminar entitled “Rhetoric’s Critical Genealogies” in Boulder, Colorado. Following that, in July, she presented her paper, “Too Fat for Hooters? Examining the Body as Aesthetic Evidence,” at the Alta Conference on Argumentation in Alta, Utah.


Publications

Carlos Carrillo Calderón (MA ’11, Spanish) had his article, “Elementos del Bildungsroman en la novela Como bestia que duerme de Camilo José Cela Conde,” published in Divergencias: Revista de estudios lingüísticos y literarios (University of Arizona). http://bit.ly/qSUvNO


Important Dates

August 16, 7:00 pm
Boswell Book Company
Authors Glen Jeansonne (History) and David Luhrssen (History, ‘89 BA and ‘91 MA) will sign their new book, Elvis Presley: Reluctant Rebel.

July 29 – DEADLINE
L&S Spring 2012 instructional budget and schedule of classes due to L&S administration

August 4 through 24
Art History Gallery (Mitchell 154)
Mexico Through the Lens: The Photography of Paul Strand and Manuel Carrillo opens on the 4th with a reception from 5 to 7 pm. Regular gallery hours thereafter are Monday through Thursday from 10 to 4. This graduate student thesis exhibition is curated by Anne Crouchley.

August 30, 1:30
Milwaukee Art Museum
Ying Wang (Art History) will present a gallery talk as part of the Milwaukee Art Museum’s summer China exhibit. Her presentation is titled, “Extraordinary Women of the Forbidden City.” She is also curator of the “Emerald Mountains, Chu-tsing Li’s Ink landscape Painting Collection,” also part of the Museum’s summer China exhibition. http://bit.ly/kPxxKs
Inter campus Grants

Four UWM L&S researchers and their UW-Madison collaborators were awarded Intercampus Research Initiative grants. The funding fosters projects and scholarship undertaken jointly by researchers at the two campuses. The L&S faculty and their projects are:

Dyanna Czeck (Geosciences), “The relationship between magmatism and tectonism”
Dyanna and her students will collaborate with Dr. Basil Tikoff from UW-Madison and his students to study the relative timing between deformation along geologic structures and emplacement of granites during the tectonic collision that formed the Moine Thrust Belt in the Northwest Highlands of Scotland. In this study, they will use multiple techniques (fieldwork, geophysical, and microscopic) to characterize the granite body shape and rock textures in order to evaluate the history of deformation on the granites. The long-term goal is to learn how the strength of the continental lithosphere evolves with time and deformation, important information needed for future predictions of geologic hazards.

Kamran Diba (Psychology), “Effects of sleep deprivation on the activity of hippocampal neurons and cortico-hippocampal coordination”
Sleep deprivation and disorders affect tens of millions of Americans, with negative consequences for cognitive skills and memory, yet little is understood regarding the underlying effects on neuronal activity and interactions between cortical structures. In a collaboration with the labs of Drs. Tononi and Cirelli at UW-Madison, Dr. Diba’s lab at UWM will employ multi-electrode extracellular recording techniques to study the activity and coordination of large populations of neurons in the hippocampus and the neocortex in sleep-deprived rats.

Christopher Quinn (Biological Sciences), “Investigation of ABI-1 function in axon and cell migration”
Dr. Quinn will study the molecular mechanisms that guide axons during development to form functional circuitry. Disruptions in this process can lead to mental and neurological diseases such as autism and epilepsy. From UW-Madison, Dr. Jeff Hardin’s laboratory will study the molecular mechanisms that guide epidermal cell migrations during development. Disruptions in this process can lead to birth defects such as spina bifida. Through coordinated research efforts, they will gain deeper insights into these mechanistically related processes.

Douglas Steeber (Biological Sciences), “Multifunctional Gold Nanorods for Targeted Cancer Theranostics”
The goal of this project is to develop novel multifunctional tumor-targeting gold nanorods that will allow for combined chemotherapy and photothermal therapy and non-invasive positron emission tomography (PET)/X-ray computed tomography (CT) imaging of cancer patients. The ability to combine diagnostic tests with therapeutic agents (i.e., Theranostics) will significantly advance progress towards achieving personalized medical care in cancer. Dr. Steeber will work with Dr. Sheoqin (Sarah) Gong from UW-Madison’s Department of Biomedical Engineering and Dr. Weibo Cai from UW-Madison’s Department of Radiology and Medical Physics.

Research Results

A man’s facial bone structure can predict unethical behavior, according to new research by Elaine Wong (Communication) and Michael Haselhuhn (Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business). Published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, their experiment results revealed that men with wide faces relative to their facial height are more likely to engage in unethical behavior. Women did not show the same effect. Numerous media outlets including Discovery News, The Economist, New Scientist, MSNBC.com, MSN.com, and LiveScience, as well as major newspapers in the UK, Canada, Australia, Columbia, India, South Korea and France have covered the story: http://bit.ly/poXQ5Y

Kathryn L. Fonner’s (Communication) research on telework was featured in two interviews by the UWM Center for the Study of the Workplace: “Making Telecommuting Work For You” http://bit.ly/neWwBa and “How Can Companies Increase Job Satisfaction” http://bit.ly/mQ1xzB
Awards & Honors

Margaret Atherton (Philosophy) was elected Vice President for the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association.


Dr. Stephen Hargarten (’71 History) was elected to the Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars. The Society – the first of its kind in the nation—inducts former postdocs, house staff, and junior or visiting faculty who have served at least a year at Johns Hopkins and thereafter distinguished themselves in their fields.

Global Studies Fellows

The Center for International Education has announced its selection of six Global Studies Fellows for the 2011/12 year. The Global Studies Fellows program, established in 2010, aids faculty in advancing their research on interdisciplinary topics relating to globalization, its cultural, political, social, economic, and environmental dimensions. The current cohort of Fellows is engaged in projects centered upon the expansive research theme of Global Networks. Global Studies Fellows meet monthly to share their progress and devise research strategies. They will also be sharing their work at a series of colloquia during the fall and spring semesters, and will participate in CIE’s annual conference in April 2012 – “World Cinemas, Global Networks.”

www.international.uwm.edu.

- Erica Bornstein, Associate Professor of Anthropology: Global Philanthropic Networks
- Elena Gorfinkel, Assistant Professor of Art History and Film Studies: Global Art Networks: The Case of “Slow” Cinema
- Ingrid Jordt, Associate Professor of Anthropology: The Power of People-to-People Networks in Disaster Relief: A Case Study from Military-Ruled Burma
- Lisa Silverman, Assistant Professor of History and Jewish Studies: The Rhetoric of Restitution: Compensation and Loss in the Aftermath of the Holocaust
- Natasha Borges Sugiyama, Assistant Professor of Political Science: The Diffusion of Cash Transfer Programs in the Developing World
- Tami Williams, Assistant Professor of Film Studies and English: 1920s French Impressionist Film and the Making of a Global Cinema Network

Upcoming Research

A new research study will survey the Muslim community in southeastern Wisconsin to better understand the size and quality of life of this population. Researchers include Anna Mansson McGinty and Kristin Sziarto from Geography and Caroline Seymour-Jorn from French, Italian and Comparative Literature.

Development News

In the 2010-2011 year, we have achieved great fundraising success in College of Letters and Science. Including the gift of $1.6 Million for the KIRC from Drs. Alfred Bader and Isabel Bader, we have raised more money in cash and pledge gifts this year than in the previous six years. Thank you to all who have worked with us to grow the development effort in the College. We look forward to even greater success in the coming year.

- 2010-2011 Cash & Pledges: $2,763,831
- 2010-2011 External Source Gifts: $419,169
- 2010-2011 Planned Gifts: $35,000
- 2010-2011 Total Fundraising: $3,218,000

Web Updates

Check out these new web sites from around L&S:

Digital Arts and Culture: http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/dac

Letters & Science: http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci

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