The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:
Internationalizing Teaching, Research and Service at UNI

2010-11 Report

CSBS has a long and deep commitment to international studies that cuts across the areas of teaching, research and service. The departments of CSBS, with their focus on individual, social and cultural behaviors, have integrated international studies into everything we do. We believe that knowledge and appreciation of the social, cultural, political and economic interconnectedness of peoples, is an important part of what it means to be an educated person in the 21st century. Here are some examples of how we have become campus leaders in the promotion of international studies:

**Teaching**

**Study Abroad:**

Over the last three years, CSBS has had over 1,000 students participating in study abroad programs. With the generous assistance of our alumni, CSBS offers financial support for students studying abroad through the CSBS Dean’s Fund for Excellence. During the summer of 2011, the college offered study abroad programs in the following countries:

Poland: Professor Konrad Sadkowski, History

Greece: Professor Gregory Bruess, History

Italy: Professor Jay Lees, History

Nicaragua: Professor Carol Cook, Social Work

Spain: Professor Jack Yates, Psychology

England & Spain: Professor Helen Harton, Psychology

**Number of Courses taught in CSBS with International Focus: 113**

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International Distance-Learning Classes

Russia: The Department of History has an on-going partnership with two Russian universities – Herzen (RSPU) and the State Technological Institute in Moscow (MISiS). Thomas Connors and Trudy Eden have regularly offered a section of American Civilization taught via live connection with sections in Cedar Falls, St. Petersburg, and Moscow. This has allowed instructors to experiment with assignments requiring UNI and Russian students to work together on projects.

Russia: Herzen University/St. Petersburg: LIDAR/GeoTree Workshop, Ramanthan Sugumaran (Geography). Effort is currently under development after signing an agreement earlier in 2009.

International Focused Majors & Minors in CSBS:

International Affairs (minor in Political Science)

Global Studies (major, interdisciplinary but housed in the Department of History)

Globalizing Teacher Education in Iowa: The Geographic Alliance of Iowa

The Geographic Alliance of Iowa (GAI) established in 1991 is based at the University of Northern Iowa with the support of the National Geographic Society (NGS). GAI is composed of K-12 teachers, college and university professors, personnel from a variety of other educational endeavors, and citizens, all of who are concerned with improving geographic instruction in Iowa. Directed by Dr. Kay Weller of the Geography Department, the Alliance has organized workshops, conferences and trips in India, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Chile.

Iowa High School Model United Nations

Coordinator: Konrad Sadkowski, Department of History

Research/Scholarship

Number of Fulbright awards won by CSBS faculty in last 10 years: 7

Number of Faculty with International-Focused Research: 26

Alex Oberle, Geography (Mexico)

Dhirendra Vajpeyi, Political Science (South Asia, Middle East)

Pita Agbese, Political Science (Nigeria)

Andrey Petrov, Geography (Russia)
Taifa Yu, Political Science (China/Taiwan)  
Henry Owusu, Geography (Ghana)  

Lindsey Cohn, Political Science (International Security)  
Gowri Betrabet Gulwadim, Interior Design (International Design)  

Philip Mauceri, Political Science (Latin America)  
Konrad Sadkowski, History (Eastern Europe/Nationalism)  

Louis Fenech, History (India/S.Asia)  
Gregory Bruess, History (Russia/Greece/Orthodoxy)  

Charles Holcombe, History (China)  
Reiner Hesselink, History (Japan)  

Pablo Bens, History (Latin America)  
Dolly Maier, History (Africa)  

Don Shepardson, History (European Military)  
Katherine Van Wormer, Social Work (International Social Work)  

Cyndi Dunn, Anthropology (Japan)  
Jian Li, Anthropology (China)  

Ann Woodrick, Anthropology (Latin America)  
Xavier Escandell, Sociology (Spain/Europe)  

Annette Lynch, Textiles & Apparel (France/Africa)  
Richard Featherstone, Criminology (International Policing)  

Tyler O’Brien, Anthropology (Latin America)  
Gene Lutz, CSBR (Austria)  

**International Journal based in CSBS:**  
*Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, a Sage publication, based in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology. Marybeth Stalp, Managing Editor.  

**International Research/Outreach Centers based in CSBS:**  
Center for International Peace and Security Studies, (CIPSS)  
Arctic Social & Environmental Research Laboratory, (ASER)