

IGS SPOTLIGHT



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the **SPRING 2017** edition of *IGS Spotlight*, the official newsletter of the **International and Global Studies Program** at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro! Through this bulletin, we share the latest information about the Program, highlighting its many events and opportunities while presenting the latest news about our current majors and alumni. We hope you will find it informative and enjoyable.

—Dr. C. (Roberto Campo, PhD), IGS Program Director

PROGRAM NEWS

2016-17 was another exciting academic year for the Program. Below are some highlights with a focus on the **spring** semester.

IGS Spring Graduates: We wish to recognize and congratulate our 15 majors and 2 second majors who graduated on May 12, 2017. These newly minted alumni include: **Christina Canon** (Human Rights); **James Carrington** (Arts and Belief Systems); **Alyssa Clark** (Latin American & Caribbean Studies); **Krystal Frazer** (Russian Studies); **Derek Goodheart** (Russian Studies); **Amber Handy** (Asian Studies); **Sardar Uffan Ali Khan** (Affairs & Development); **J. Caroline McGuirk** (Affairs & Development); **Howard Murray** (Affairs & Development, Latin American & Caribbean Studies); **Matthew Newland** (Global Affairs & Development); **Bukola Onasanya** (Arts & Belief Systems); **Jessica Routh** (Asian Studies); **Rachael Segal** (Asian Studies); **Tomeeka Spruill** (Affairs & Development); **Seth Worthington** (Asian Studies); **Lorenzo Hamilton** (2nd: Latin American & Caribbean Studies); **Hannah Lee** (2nd: Asian Studies)

All were celebrated at the **IGS Program Diploma Ceremony** held in the afternoon of Commencement Day.



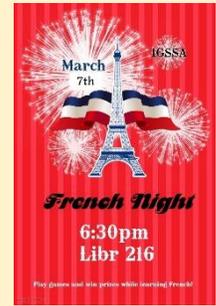
Tomeeka Spruill (A&D) offers reflections and thanks.



Guy Murray receives double-major certificates.

Each graduate had an opportunity to say a few words about their experiences over the past years while talking about their plans for the future and, most importantly, thanking the family, friends, and significant others who made their special accomplishment possible. **HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS** to all!!

IGS Students Association (IGSSA): Our student club was extraordinarily active throughout its first year in official existence. In spring 2017, the group held a total of 10 Tuesday evening meetings! Its many activities included not only presentations about study abroad opportunities and a virtual networking session on the **JET** (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program led by IGS alumnus, **Geoff Harris** (Asian Studies, class of December 2013), but also language, games, and culture nights for **French, German, Japanese, and Spanish** and a **Farsi Night** that featured a short Iranian film on pizza and related culinary samples to treat the palate.



By way of outreach, the club also joined with the **KSA** (Korean Students Association) for a fun and informational evening of games and learning the Korean alphabet, and several members participated in the **Diversity & Global Engagement Expo: Building Intercultural Connections** sponsored by IPC, the Office of Intercultural Engagement, University Libraries, and IGS.

Regarding leadership of the IGSSA, we sincerely thank the outgoing and first-ever **executive board**, who included **Becky Lynch** (President), **Courtney Cunningham** (Vice President and Acting President in spring), **Elizabeth Turlington** (Secretary), **Robyn Davis** (Treasurer) and **Sydney Lacy** (Social Committee Chair). **KUDOS ON A FANTASTIC JOB!!**

We also recognize and thank the newly elected board for 2017-18, which includes several returnees (with Sydney Lacy as President, Becky Lynch as Vice-President, Elizabeth Turlington as Secretary, Robyn Davis as Treasurer) and **Carrie Shah** as the new Social Committee Head.

For further information about the organization and to keep up with its latest events, please check out the IGSSA on social media, including:

- Twitter: @UNCG_IGS
- Instagram: @UNCG_IGS
- Facebook (official page): <https://www.facebook.com/UNCG.IGS/>
- Facebook (IGSSA page): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/460108850846951/>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4984531>

Global Spotlights: We continued our **Global Spotlights** during the spring. Held once a month in the late afternoon, these open events focus on discussing “global issues in the headlines” and are led by experts on the UNCG faculty and/or distinguished visitors to our campus. Topics considered this spring included:

- **Global Climate Change: Science Trumps Politics**, led by Dr. G. Jay Lennartson (GEO)
- **Beyond Caste in South Asia**, led by Dr. Jeremy Rinker (PCS)
- **The Middle East: Local Chaos, Global Effects**, with a panel discussion led by Dr. Thomas Matyok (Head, PCS), Dr. Lahsa Tchantouridzé (Dir. grad programs in Diplomacy & International Relations, Norwich University), Dr. Ali Askerov (PCS)



“Middle East” Panel (4/13/17)



IGS 400 “Capstone Seminar” Colloquium: As the culminating experience for IGS 400, the required “Capstone Seminar” for all IGS majors as well as majors in Consumer, Apparel and Retail Studies completing the concentration in Global Apparel and Related Industry Studies (GARI), students deliver a **final oral presentation** of their Capstone Research Project. For spring 2017, this special event—the crowning demonstration of the speaking skills honed throughout this “SI” course and the students’ career at UNCG—became a full-fledged colloquium that took place on final exam night before an audience of about 50 that included faculty project mentors, the 24 enrolled students themselves (pictured

with Lynda Kellam, IGS Assistant Director, far left, and Dr. C, top row), and invited family and friends. As attested by the smiles, everyone did a **GREAT JOB**, and the event was a resounding success!

IGS Majors at the Model UN: Under the faculty mentorship of Dr. Robert Griffiths (PSC), one of UNCG's Model UN delegations representing Senegal, consisting of Political Science majors, Aaron Riley, Kayla Martin, Jaelin Kilgore, Dreshawn McFadden, Madeleine Brooks, Arianne Ouedraogo, and IGS second major, **Jordan Richmond**, won a Distinguished Delegation Award at the Southern Regional Model UN in Charlotte March 30-April 1, 2017. In addition, Aaron Riley was recognized as Outstanding Delegate representing Senegal in the Security Council (where his position paper received a perfect score) and IGS second major, **Sarah Bundy**, was recognized as Outstanding Delegate representing Mexico in the Committee on Science and Technology for Development. **WELL DONE** to one and all!

Phi Beta Delta & the Global Leadership Program: This spring, UNCG’s and IGS’ **Eta Delta Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta International Scholars Honor Society** inducted 14 student members along with 10 faculty and staff. Qualifications for students include a minimum 3.50 aggregate GPA, at least 50 hours earned at UNCG, senior-level status, and the completion of a “significant international experience.” The ceremony, which was held at 4 PM on Thursday, April 27 in the Virginia Dare Room of the UNCG Alumni House, featured an inspiring keynote talk on the importance of music in life’s intercultural journey by Dr. Gavin Douglas, Associate Professor of Ethnomusicology in the College of Visual & Performing Arts and recipient of this year’s Honorary Membership.



Lt-Rt: Juliet Furst (Studio Art), Rachael Segal (IGS/Asian Studies), Deijah Scales (English), Quy Nguyen (Business Administration), Nhung Budam (Public Health Education)



The ceremony was also the occasion for celebrating the 5 latest graduates of UNCG’s **Global Leadership Program**. One of UNCG's most distinctive experiential opportunities, the GLP offers a trans-disciplinary co-curriculum that promotes and recognizes international and global leadership, experience, and understanding. It is open to all degree-

seeking, domestic and international undergraduate and graduate students at UNCG, and it complements UNCG's ongoing commitment to internationalization and the cultivation of skills, knowledge, and dispositions that attend to global citizenship. With assistance from GLP Coordinator, April Snell (pictured far left), these students included (starting second from left) Khalifa Al-Mamari (Information Management Systems), Fay Al-Najadah (International Business/Management), Karen Boger (Psychology/Communication Studies), Tram Nguyen (International Business), and Amira Al-Ojaili (Business Administration/HR Management: not pictured).

ALUMNI NEWS

Kelley Carter (Affairs & Development, Graduating Class of May 2012): After graduating from the International and Global Studies Program, Kelley had wonderful opportunities to work with many different communities. First, with the Center for New North Carolinians, she taught English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) as an AmeriCorps VISTA member. Later, she became an events coordinator partnering with local schools and nonprofits in our area.



In fall 2015, Kelley moved to Austin, Texas, where she had the opportunity to serve a second AmeriCorps term in the Texas Conservation Corps. She also worked to improve the environment as Greenhouse Manager and Crew Leader for Johnson's Backyard Garden (JBG) Organics, the largest organic farm in Texas! Starting in January of this year, she moved to become a community engagement liaison for Hostelling International/USA, where she has had the opportunity to expand her understanding of sustainability while honing the intercultural competence skills to which she was introduced in IGS as she has worked to promote intercultural understanding among hostel guests from the local community and around the world. Currently, she holds a position as the Continuing Education Coordinator at The National Alliance for Insurance Education, a job that allows her to do policy research for a huge but little-known part of the nonprofit world.

We are also delighted to report that Kelley was just been admitted into the LBJ School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin, where she will pursue a Master of Public Affairs starting in the fall. *CONGRATULATIONS* and *BEST OF LUCK*, Kelley!!

Amanda Ingman (Affairs & Development, Graduating Class of Dec. 2015): Denmark has been Amanda's home since August of 2016, when she moved there to pursue a Master of Science in Security Risk Management (SRM) at the University of Copenhagen. Although she is currently wrapping up her second successful semester in the program and is enjoying watching Copenhagen begin to bloom as the glorious Scandinavian summer approaches, she came to realize that SRM does not fully fit her long-range professional or personal goals.



So, Amanda has decided to start afresh at the beautiful University of Sussex in Brighton, England. There, beginning this fall, she will pursue the Master of Arts in Conflict, Security and Development at the Institute of Development Studies. This program is ranked first in the world (!), and Amanda is excited about the research and career networking opportunities it will afford. She will be moving to England in September and is optimistic that this program will be the right match for her. We wish Amanda **GREAT SUCCESS** in the next stage of her academic journey.

IN MEMORIAM

Liv A. Jones: As Director of IGS, I am deeply saddened to report the passing of our dear student, alumna, and friend, Liv Jones, who graduated with a major in SPLS/International and Global Studies with a concentration in International & Global Affairs & Development in May 2014. After leaving UNCG, Liv earned a MA in International Public Relations and Global Communications Management at Cardiff University in Cardiff, Wales. There she completed a thesis entitled “Consequences of Communications Failures in Internal Communications Aviation.” More recently, she was freelancing and consulting on travel, tourism, and cultural issues. She also worked with concert promoters and advertisers utilizing in-house digital content platforms to reach stakeholders. She had just returned from a trip to India.



Liv is survived by her beloved wife, Shannon, their son, Chance, and their daughter, Serenity. Her spirit, smile, and impact on the lives of so many will long be remembered.

UPDATES TO IGS

Alumni and current majors wishing to share special news about their accomplishments should contact IGS Program Administrative Assistant, Ms. Yvonne Matlosz, by email, [yvmatlos@uncg.edu](mailto:yvonne.matlosz@uncg.edu), or by phone, (336) 334-5560.

GIFTS TO IGS

Individuals or groups wishing to make a gift in support of IGS’s academic and co-curricular programs and/or the success of its majors are invited to contact the Director, Dr. Roberto E. Campo, via email at recampo@uncg.edu.

