From the director:

Dear Friends of the Global Center,

This is the time of year when we reflect on the past year, thank all of our supporters and colleagues, and celebrate the Global Center’s achievements. I am proud to say that the Indiana University Center for the Study of Global Change has had another productive year. We completed our 25th year of being a hub of internationalization, global scholarship and learning, innovative partnerships, and interdisciplinarity. We also moved into our exquisite new headquarters in the Global and International Studies Building. If you haven’t already had the opportunity to visit us or see the new building, please do so. We are grateful for the collaborative spirit and interaction it facilitates, and we are absolutely thrilled to be in a location where students rule and where our programming has taken on renewed life due to the interactive architecture our new sustainable building provides.

We continue to work closely with the many programs and departments in the building and across campus on projects such as our annual Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internationalization, the International Evening at the Bloomington Project School, the Internationalizing the Academic Standards Project, and the Critical Area Studies in a Global Era Project. We are also proud to continue our many projects with Indiana University Press, WFIU, the Lotus Education and Arts Foundation, the Indiana Department of Education, the Monroe County Public Library, Ivy Tech Bloomington and the state-wide Ivy Tech system, American Council of Education, the Longview Foundation, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, LETV, and the Association of American Colleges and Universities. We are pleased to have received generous funding from the Mellon Foundation, Institute of International Education (IIE), the U.S. Department of Education, the Ostrom Grants Program in the College of Arts and Sciences, and the International Studies Department. We are particularly grateful for the guidance of our advisory board, especially from our newest members, Feisal Istrabadi, Pedro Machado, Scott Shackelford, and Dawn Whitehead.

We hosted and co-sponsored a number of lectures and symposia this past year, including Covering Islam 2015: Muslims, Politics and the Media, with well-known media commentator Arsalan Iftikhar, Matt Tully from the Indianapolis Star, our Muslim Voices’ Rosemary Pennington, and Professor Nazif Shahrai. I specifically mention this timely panel, which occurred shortly after the Charlie Hebdo tragedy, because it represents how we aim to provide the SGIS, IUB, and Bloomington communities with timely interdisciplinary discussions about current issues of our day. Our GSPS Luncheon Series, with its focus this Fall on Global Migration, is yet another example of how we have our fingers on the pulse of contemporary global issues.

It is for this reason that we are working to assure that the Muslim Voices project continues to be a major resource that provides a multiplicity of perspectives about Islam and Muslim communities around the world. Last time I looked, by the way, our Muslim Voices Twitter page had over 93,000 followers. We remain proud of this project, and we will work with our campus partners to assure that it continues to be an important source of public scholarship that explores the diversity of Islam.

In the Spring, we will host the Interdisciplinary Symposium on Ambiguous Geographies. This March symposium will bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars and practitioners from Arctic and Polar Studies, Global Studies, Pacific and Oceanic Studies, Geography, Anthropology, History, Area Studies, and Law to learn from each other and begin to articulate a scholarly and practical framework for our 21st century and its increasingly borderless, changing,
and ambiguous territories. We are delighted to be hosting this symposium, and we expect it will contribute to the ongoing intellectual conversations in SGIS. With that said, the Global Center continues to support SGIS by writing grants, such as the Fulbright Gateway Orientation grant we received from IIE, and hosting interdisciplinary programs, such as the Decision Time on Iran Panel we hosted in September.

I have learned a lot this past year, and I am so honored to continue to lead the Global Center, be involved in many diverse and impactful projects, and work with an outstanding staff. I am sincerely grateful for the staff’s commitment and for all the support and encouragement we receive from all of you. The Global Center recognizes its success rests on the involvement and engagement of its many stakeholders and partners. Thank you for allowing us to continue to promote global scholarship and learning in so many meaningful ways.

Best wishes for the New Year.

With all my respect and gratitude,

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Framing the Global Project: Global Research Series

Over the past five years, the Mellon-funded Framing the Global project has been exploring new directions and methodologies for global research, addressing this question collaboratively and through their own work. This work is characterized by interdisciplinary, empirical grounding, and a concern with tracing the links between the transnational and the local in a variety of lived, political, discursive, cultural, and social domains. Framing the Global continued to move ahead in 2015. Very favorable reviews of the edited volume (Framing the Global: Entry Points for Research, IU Press, 2014) were published in New Global Studies and International Social Science Review, and the volume served as the basis for an online NAFSA Faculty Conversation in which Hilary Kahn and two Framing the Global fellows, Zsuzsa Gille and Alex Perullo, participated. Framing the Global is also the basis of the theme of the “NAFSA Global Studies Literature Review,” scheduled to be published in March 2016.

Indiana University Press, the Center’s partner in the project, published three additional books in the Global Research Series, including Looking behind the Label: Global Industries and the Conscientious Consumer, by project fellow Tim Bartley and colleagues. The other two books published in the series were Bastards of Utopia by Maple Razsa and Faked in China by Fan Yang. Books by fellows Gille and Faranak Miraftab (Paprika, Foie Gras, and Red Mud: The Politics of Materiality in the European Union and Global Heartland: Displaced Labor, Transnational Lives, and Local Placemaking respectively) are next for the series. The series is seeking proposals for books that address global topics from a perspective that is compatible with the project’s critical and grounded approach to global studies. Please consider sending us a prospectus or encouraging others to do so.
Fulbright Gateway Orientation

The Center and the School of Global and International Studies hosted a Gateway Orientation for new international Fulbright graduate students during the week of August 3, 2015. The Gateway is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is administered by the Institute of International Education. It serves to introduce the students to life and culture in the United States and to help them develop skills needed for success in their academic, personal, and professional endeavors as Fulbright awardees. Through a competitive process, the Center was awarded a grant to organize and administer one of ten orientations across the U.S. Sixty-eight students from 41 countries attended. They were an amazing group, and we were delighted to host them.

Dean Lee Feinstein welcomed the participants as we began a week filled with sessions ranging from cross-cultural understanding and U.S. politics to academic culture and appropriate interpersonal relations, and from networking to Fulbright benefits and responsibilities. Affiliated faculty member, Deb Getz, led a session on leadership. Activities that allowed contact with Americans and exposure to aspects of U.S. and Indiana culture were included on the agenda: a barbecue in Bryan Park, a tour of the Bloomington campus – including a stop at the IU Cinema and a look at some of the Thomas Hart Benton murals – and a visit to the IU Art Museum, where we also held the closing dinner.

One of the participants’ favorite activities was a trip to Spring Mill State Park. We were fortunate to have the award-winning chief of interpretation for the Indiana State Department of Natural Resources to talk to them about the state park system. The Fulbrighters enjoyed seeing the working mill, Pioneer Village, traditional crafts, and visiting the Nature Center.

Internationalizing the Academic Standards: Indiana 2016

In 2011, the Global Center and partners published a five-booklet series Internationalizing the Academic Standards: Indiana (IASI), developed for educators to integrate global content and pedagogy into standards-based curriculum. Indiana’s standards for English/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies were revised by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) in 2014, at which time the IDOE and the Global Center began revising the original booklets to align with the new standards. The revised booklets, soon to be available on the IDOE website, include new pedagogical suggestions from the SGIS area studies centers and Center for International Business Education and Research.
David E.
Albright
Memorial
Scholarship
2015 Scholars

The David E. Albright Memorial Scholarship was established in 2014 by his widow, Mrs. Ruth Albright, who generously continues to support it.

The annual scholarship recognizes a student in the School of Global and International Studies with a strong interest in and commitment to international issues.

The 2015 recipient is Grace Burris. MaCie’ Moore received an honorable mention.

Albright Scholar Profiles:

Grace Burris (Auburn, IN) – Grace is pursuing two majors, International Studies and Central Eurasian Studies. As a Turkish Flagship Program student, she is studying abroad this year at Ankara University in Turkey. Grace was the Vice-President/Founder of the School of Global and International Studies Honors Society, Sigma Iota Rho, President/Founder of the International Studies Undergraduate Association, Treasurer of the Student Alliance for National Security, and Founder of the Student Flagship Association.

MaCie’ Moore (Indianapolis, IN) received an honorable mention for her application. MaCie’ is a senior with a major in International Studies and a minor in Educational Policy. She spent summer 2014 in East Africa, teaching at an English camp in Rwanda and summer 2015 interning with Building Tomorrow. She has volunteered with the Banneker After-School Program, Middle Way House as a Legal Advocacy volunteer, and IU’s Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Organization Y’ALL (Youth Advocating Leadership and Learning). She is a member of Books and Beyond, Education Chair of the IU Chapter of the NAACP.

Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internationalization

With partners across campus, the Global Center was pleased to lead the 5th annual four-day Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internationalization (ICCI) in May 2015 for 60 participants from 34 institutions of higher education. Plenary Remarks, “Purposes Beyond Ourselves: Educating for Global Citizenship,” were made by Professor the Honourable Gareth Evans, AC QC, Chancellor of Australian National University. ICCI has become a nationally recognized site for training in higher education internationalization. Over its five-year history, 267 colleagues from 84 institutions have attended and shared best practices. ICCI 2015 was sponsored by organizations influential in higher education internationalization: American Council on Education, Association of American Colleges and Universities, and NAFSA: Association of International Educators, as well as many centers. This year’s institute is May 22-25, 2016. Registration will begin in the New Year. Inquiries can be sent at any time to icci@indiana.edu.
Global Studies Positioning Series

The Global Center continued its Global Studies Positioning Series (GSPS), noon sessions led by global and transnational scholars to stimulate interdisciplinary conversations about issues that transcend our world. In Spring 2015, Scott Shackelford discussed his interdisciplinary, polycentric, and global views on managing cyber-attacks; Pedro Machado illustrated how ocean trade provides a window into global history and the global present; and Stephanie Kane examined human-water relationships in a changing world. Finally, Robert Oprisko discussed the individual in international relations.

The GSPS presenters in Fall 2015 addressed the theme of Global Migration. Loren B. Landau from the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, focused on migration, urbanization, and work in sub-Saharan Africa. Elizabeth Dunn discussed the global refugee crisis and international response, and Ishan Ashutosh concluded the series by exploring South Asian diasporas. The Global Center was pleased to host a diverse audience of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, and members of the general public. The theme of the Spring 2016 series will be The Changing Nature of Power.

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