

Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

June 2017

Summer 2017 Study Abroad Program Activity

The International Education Center (IEC) reports that 219 Georgia College students are studying abroad during the summer of 2017 in over 25 countries. Additionally, there are 11 international GC internship students in several locations, including Australia, Colombia, England, and South Korea. The IEC recently awarded the *Global Citizenship Awards* (Study Abroad Scholarships) to Madeline Johnson (COAS - Switzerland); Alexandra Pindroh (COHS - Belize) and Rachel Taylor (COHS - Belize).

May Term Study Abroad (2017)

Country	Faculty Member
Bahamas (COAS)	Melanie DeVore
Belize (COE)	Lyndall Muschell
Belize (COHS)	Kevin Hunt Emily Simonavice
Chile (COAS)	Brantley Nicholson
India (COAS)	Sandra Godwin
Italy (COAS)	James Winchester

Summer Term I Study Abroad (2017)

Country	Faculty Member
Holland/France/Italy (COAS)	Stephen Auerbach Elissa Auerbach
Italy/Greece (COAS)	Craig Pascoe
Philippines (COHS)	Flor Culpa-Bondal

Summer Term II Study Abroad (2017)

Country	Faculty Member
European Council - Germany (COAS)	Ron Feitkau Craig Callender Ken McGill
European Council - England (COAS)	Valerie Aranda
European Council - Ireland (COAS)	Mary Magoulick
European Council - Spain (COAS)	Jennifer Flaherty
Italy (COAS)	Tony Alcarria
Tanzania (COE)	Nicole DeClouette

SRIS Update: Spring 2017

During the Spring 2017, 17,475 instructional evaluation forms were completed by GC students. The response rates by department across colleges ranged from 24.26% to 77.67%. The following departments had the highest student response rates:

1. Psychological Science - 77.67%
2. Nursing - 72.45%
3. Philosophy & Liberal Studies - 67.12%

The 2017 Summer Research Grants program awarded funding to three undergraduate students. Each student receives \$2,500 plus up to \$500 in supplies for research support. The faculty mentors receive \$2,000. The project titles are provided below:

Sungmee Kim (COB)

Does Government Spending on Secondary Education Affect PISA Mathematics Score?

Faculty Mentor: J.J. Arias

Samantha Strickland (COAS)

The Creation of Lily Bart: Edith Wharton's Influences and Interactions

Faculty Mentor: Katie Simon

Jasmine Gray (COAS)

Modeling Grade Distribution at Georgia College

Faculty Mentor: Jebessa Mijena

New Study Abroad Program Development

The IEC is working with faculty to develop new Spring and Summer 2018 programs abroad:

Cuba - Stephanie Opperman (History)

Czech Republic - Issac Ramsey (Theatre)

France - Matt Forrest (Art)

Ghana - Aran MacKinnon (History) and Warren Hope (Education)

Taiwan - Tsu-Ming Chiang (Psychology) and J.F. Yao (Computer Science)

FY 2017 Faculty Research Grant Recipients

The following faculty members received support for their projects from the **Faculty Research Small Grant Program** which provides seed funding for up to \$5,000. Funds can be used for supplies, equipment, software, or travel expenses incurred in carrying out the research. Fourteen faculty members received a total of \$50,023.30 to support research. The faculty names, research title, and amount awarded are noted below:

Dean Baker, Nursing

Georgia College Campus SBIRT Project, \$2,900.00.

Andrei Barkovskii, Biological & Environmental Sciences

Analysis of Vibrio Shigella, and Salmonella pathogens in Georgia sites proposed for oyster aquaculture, \$3,200.00.

Scott Butler, Health & Human Performance

Condom Express: A Mail-in Condom Delivery Program at College Campuses, \$2,581.00.

Tsu-Ming Chiang, Psychological Sciences

Emotional Coaching for Autistic Spectrum Characteristics Children, \$1,200.00.

Nicole DeClouette, Teacher Education

Cross-Cultural Diversity in Special Education (Tanzania), \$1,259.96.

Peggy Elliott, World Languages & Cultures

Channeling Enlightenment Love: The Letters of Marie Le Prince de Beaumont (1711-80), \$4,943.00.

FY 2017 Faculty Research Grant Recipients (continued)

Allen Gee, English & Rhetoric

At Little Monticello: a biography of James Alan McPherson, \$3,813.15

Kevin Hunt & Emily Simonavice, Health & Human Performance

Promoting Global Health Awareness Through Community-based Engaged Learning in San Ignacio, Belize, \$4,992.69.

Monica Ketchie, Nursing

Nurses' Attitudes Beliefs and Barriers Toward Physiologic Birth, \$3,964.50.

Hasitha Mahabaduge, Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy

Spectrometer System for Sputter Deposition Monitoring, \$5,000.00.

Amanda Reinke, Government & Sociology

Policy-Driven Restorative Justice Implementation in Virginia, \$1,201.00.

Bruce Snyder, Biological & Environmental Sciences

Constructing a Preliminary Phylogeny of the Native Earthworm Genus Diplocardia, \$4,978.00.

Katie Stumpf, Biological & Environmental Sciences

Avian Community Analysis at Lake Laurel Research Station, \$4,990.00.

Allison VandeVoort, Biological & Environmental Sciences

Investigating the Long-term Impacts of Agriculture on Andalusia Farm Soil: A Soil of Historical Agricultural and Literary Importance, \$5,000.00.

Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 Student Travel Funds Awarded

MURACE funded 107 student researchers for a total of \$31,861.50 at an average of \$245.82 per researcher to present at conferences in the United States. To qualify for funding, all students had to have presentation proposals accepted. There was an increase of 25 student researchers funded and an additional 7 faculty or staff mentors participating in the 2016/2017 (fall/spring) over 2015/2016 (fall/spring) competition. Students presented at numerous conferences including: Academy of Economics & Finance Conference, American Musicological Society Conference, Atlantic Marketing Association, Association of Third World Studies Conference, Georgia Association of Historians Annual Conference, Gulf-South Summit, NCUR Memphis, SE Chapter of American College of Sports Medicine, SE Regional American Chemical Society Conference, SE Section of Am Physics Society Conference, and Southern Political Science Association Conference among many others.

GC's Online Graduate Students

According to SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements), Georgia College continues to attract graduate students from across the United States. The following states represent at least one graduate student enrolled in an online program:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, N. Mariana Islands, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.