Study Abroad Fair hits GC Campus  
Written by: Ben Lord

On Wednesday, September 20th, GC Campus hosted its annual study abroad fair. Front campus was covered with elegant tables giving information to students on different abroad opportunities. Giving the small presentations were past study abroad students and faculty that either teaches or accompanies the students abroad.

Along with the multiple country showcases, the different programs that offer other abroad opportunities were there as well. SIT is a partner program offered by GC that also provides an assorted panel of abroad opportunities. They offer programs by location and by critical global issue. Another program is ISA. This group adds on to the freedom that students have when browsing the multiple options for studying abroad.

But wait! What if you are a Senior and or have already studied abroad? The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers the chance for students or graduates to study, research or participate in teaching assistantships abroad. Within the program, the participants pursue their degree, conduct advanced research, or teach English in elementary and secondary schools or universities. Every year, the Fulbright program supports around 1,500 students.

Campus Fulbright program adviser, Anna Whiteside, wants to get the word out to more GC students because not many know about the grants you can receive from different programs.

“We have two students from GC researching and teaching abroad on the program grants,” says Whiteside. “It’s a really incredible opportunity to get support for a passion of yours!”

Many of the tables had decorations and pictures from previous trips abroad. The countries available by GC to study in are very diverse and hold a wide range of options for students to choose from. Students have a variety of choices of what to study while in a foreign domain. Classes offered by GC range from environmental field studies, foreign languages, business, and many other fields of focus.
A study abroad experience sparks a front-page feature
GC Frontpage piece by: Margaret Brown

Georgia College senior Martin Wilson dreamt of having a paper published since he was a sophomore. After he studied in Santiago, Chile, in May, he got his chance earning the top, front-page spot in PulsAmérica for his feature, “Economy: Is the Chilean Economy Ready for Graphene?: The Latin American Tiger is at an Existential Crossroads.”

“When I was in Chile, I told Dr. Nicholson about how I only had another year to accomplish my goal,” said Wilson. “He offered to help get me started and edit my paper.”

While in Santiago, Wilson learned how vital copper is to the Chilean economy. He began researching this and also discovered how the new substance—graphene—could pose a threat to copper.

“I read an article on how this crazy new substance has all the science-fiction-like properties,” he said. “Graphene fits perfectly with my topic interest, so I hit the ground running.”

The more research Wilson did, the more he was surprised to learn that few academics addressed the Chilean economy and graphene.

“It wasn’t hard to work on this project because graphene is something that a millennial, like myself, should know about,” he said. “It’s going to change technology forever assuming the industry continues to grow at its current rate. I was excited to put this out there.”

His professor commends Wilson for his work in putting the country’s history together with economic trends that they learned about in meetings with business leaders while they were in Santiago.

“His analysis melds the humanities and economics in a way that offers a deep understanding of contemporary Chile,” said Dr. Brantley Nicholson, assistant professor of Spanish and Latin American Culture. “It resonates beyond the singular focus of professional and academic silos.”

International Spotlight Experience ft: Anna-marie Thompson
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Students at Georgia College hold incredible opportunities of studying abroad through multiple programs such as ISA, SIT, or the school. These programs allow students to experience some of the most exotic, yet beautiful countries in the world.

Senior and spanish major, Anna-marie Thompson, spent her month of May enjoying the radiant beauties of Costa Rica. ISA offered a joint program, and Thompson attended school for a total of 6 credits in San Jose. She was able to excel in her classes, but was also able to partner with a local ministry and volunteer for the church.

When traveling to any foreign country, there is always a little culture shock when you first get there. Upon arrival, Thompson said there was some difficulty in transportation.

“I was a little lost and without specific directions to my homestay,” said Thompson. “It gave me the perfect chance to jump into the language and practice my spanish.”

As for Thompson’s overall experience, she says it made her into a better person because she was able to step out of her reality and live in a completely different culture. She says that the trip forced her to be more open-minded.

“School wasn’t the only thing accomplished on this trip. I was able to travel, do humanitarian work, and live the Pura Vida life!”
Environmental Field Studies
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The School for Field Studies (SFS) has hit the GC Campus to recruit students for abroad research. SFS has partnered with universities to give students a hands-on, challenging opportunity to conduct scientific research and provide solutions to environmental problems. Each center at every SFS location allows the researchers to work with local communities and receive firsthand experience.

The program offers multiple locations such as Australia, Bhutan, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Tanzania, and Turks & Caicos. Through this incredible opportunity, students will be able practice their passion and thrive in the culture they choose.

GC Study Abroad Photo Contest
Students who participated in studying abroad this past spring or summer were asked to submit their favorite or most memorable photo from their trip. The winner will receive a special prize and their photo will be enlarged and placed on display in the library.

Upcoming Events:
- Oct. 24th International Day
- Nov. 9-11th SEMAU Conference in Statesboro, GA

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Oxford Study Abroad Alumni Event

Georgia College’s study abroad program partner, Regent’s Park College, celebrated its 60th Jubilee at Georgetown College in Kentucky. Study abroad alumni, including Georgia College’s alumnae Anna Democko (2016) attended to event. Students from across the United States converged on Georgetown College to meet their Oxford professors and principal. Dr. Eric Spears and Dr. Tsu-Ming Chiang were also in attendance.

From Left: Anna Democko (GC Alumnae), Principal Rob Ellis (Regent’s Park College), Dr. Lynn Robson (Regent’s Park College), Dr. Eric Spears (Georgia College), and Dr. Tsu-Ming Chiang (Georgia College).