Dear Friends & Colleagues,

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) had a very successful and active academic year. We experienced record enrollment numbers of international students, a steady flow of education abroad activities, and we hosted a plethora of international visitors, programs and events.

The upcoming academic year promises to be just as busy and will continue to move PSU forward in its international efforts. With the retirement of Judy Van Dyck, a long-time friend and colleague, two promotions took place earlier this year. Christina Luther was promoted to Director of International Student and Scholar Services, and Jeff Baffaro was promoted to Director of International Special Programs. Christina and Jeff have many years of experience working within OIA and will undoubtedly excel in their new roles.

During the past year, we were fortunate to have Dr. Suwako Watanabe serve as the Interim Director for the Institute for Asian Studies (IAS), while Dr. Sharon Carstens pursued a much-deserved sabbatical. Dr. Watanabe helped in creating stronger ties to the community with the help of the IAS Steering Committee, who was instrumental in planning the future direction of the Institute.

In Middle East Studies Center (MESC) news, Dr. James Grehan ended his tenure as the Center Director after four years of service. Dr. Grehan and his MESC colleagues were instrumental in administering a U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Grant.

Dr. Birol Yeşilada, Professor of Political Science and Contemporary Turkish Studies Endowed Chair, will be stepping into the role of Center Director, beginning with the new academic year.

In Education Abroad news, Jen Hamlow has been promoted to lead the office as its new Director. Together with her colleagues, she is in the process of redesigning and enhancing PSU’s Education Abroad opportunities and activities.

In keeping with PSU’s sustainability practices, the Education Abroad team is looking to become a near paperless office.

Finally, I am pleased to announce the creation of the Office of International Partnerships with its new Director, Joyce Hamilla. Joyce has extensive experience in working with partnerships around the world from her previous role with the Department of Defense, serving as the Director of International Engagement for Asia and Russia. As many of you know, Agnes Hoffman will be retiring at the end of December, after many years of service to PSU. We thank Agnes for her last year and a half of time spent managing PSU’s international partnerships around the world and for her help in creating the new Partnerships Office. Agnes will be working on transitioning her current projects to Joyce, who will coordinate her work very closely with all the academic units and administrative offices to move forward PSU’s international partnerships agenda. Please help us welcome Joyce to the PSU family!

Within the following pages, you will find other announcements and updates from a variety of our units. We wish you great success in the coming year. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can assist you with your international activities.

Ron Witczak
Executive Director
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Ashley Moe - Russia (David L. Boren Scholarship Recipient)
Ashley Moe is a Russian Flagship student majoring in Russian Language at Portland State University. Her first trip to Russia was in the fall semester of 2012, when she lived in St. Petersburg and studied the language at Smolny Institute. Upon returning home to Portland, OR, Ashley decided to join the Russian Flagship Program at PSU. Soon afterwards, she was chosen to work for NBC at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, and consequently lived and worked for one month in Sochi as a runner and interpreter. In the summer of 2014, Ashley will head off once again to St. Petersburg, where she will study for one academic year at St. Petersburg State University, thereby completing her PSU Senior Capstone. Ashley is interested in using her Russian language skills to pursue a career in the Federal government.

Dylan Waite - United Kingdom (Fulbright Recipient)
Dylan Waite was born and raised in Big Sky Country. As a third generation Montanan who joined the Army National Guard at the age of 17, he was commissioned as an Officer in the Oregon Army National Guard and spent the next four years serving on Active Duty deployed to Iraq and working at the National Guard Headquarters in Arlington, VA. He returned to Portland in 2012 to pursue an M.S. in Sociology, researching far-right racial extremism in the United States and the influence of immigration on ethnic/racial demographics. Dylan hopes to apply his Russian language and cultural skills as a Clinical Psychologist within the intelligence community of the Federal government.

Rabia Newton - Russia (Fulbright Recipient)
Rabia Newton graduated from Portland State University in June of 2013 with a B.A. in Russian Language and Literature, Liberal Studies, and English. While studying at PSU, she worked as a peer mentor for University Studies and was very involved within the Russian department. During the fall of 2011, Rabia was lucky enough to travel to St. Petersburg, Russia where she spent the semester living with a host family and studying with the international exchange program CIEE. She will be returning to Russia for the 2014-2015 academic year as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant. Eventually, Rabia hopes to pursue an advanced degree in Slavic Studies and Journalism.

Miriam Goldman - Russia (David L. Boren Scholarship Recipient)
Miriam Goldman is thrilled and honored to be awarded a Boren Scholarship to study Russian at the Overseas Flagship Center at St. Petersburg State University for the 2014-2015 year. She is a Russian Flagship student with a double major in Psychology and Russian. Over the academic year she will be immersed in Russian culture and language through academic courses, a direct-enrollment course in psychology, an internship at a local organization, and living with a host family. She has a strong interest in understanding the stigma surrounding mental illness and the study of human behavior in Russia. She will pursue graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, and hopes to apply her Russian language and cultural skills as a Clinical Psychologist within the intelligence community of the Federal government.

Jonathan Strand - Germany (Fulbright Recipient)
In the spring of 2012 Jonathan Strand participated in the German Spring Intensive Program in Tübingen, Germany. This spring he will graduate Cum Laude with a B.A. in German and a minor in Math. His Fulbright award will take him to Germany as an English Teaching Assistant. After his year abroad with Fulbright, he plans on applying to a Ph.D. program that is focused on German Language and Culture.

Matthew Chmielewski – Chile (Fulbright Recipient)
Matthew grew up in rural New England and found his love of the biological sciences there while attending Clark University for both his undergraduate and Master's degrees. His enthusiasm for ecology and scientific outreach has lead him through a variety of positions since, including the education department of the Franklin Park Zoo, chasing bonobos around central Democratic Republic of the Congo, monkey studies in Panama, reserve management in Costa Rica, and bird demography studies in western Oregon and on the island of Saipan. Matthew’s travel to Chile with Fulbright will allow him a great opportunity to ask further questions about how bird behavior influences the spatial properties of how roneous communities are formed and maintained, which is the focus of his Ph.D. work at Portland State University.

Sharita Towne - Brazil (Fulbright Recipient)
Our past burdens give shape to what worlds we may build, now and in the future. As an artist and educator Sharita Towne is interested in unpacking these burdens, in understanding how they mold our present selves and in trying to give rise to a collective catharsis. To this end she has undertaken work at former concentration camps and memorials in Germany, in Saharawi Refugee camps in Algeria, in favelas and cultural centers in Brazil, Chile, Spain, and Palestine, and within her own family. Sharita grew up between Oregon, Washington, and Northern California, and graduated from UC Berkeley in 2008 with a B.A. in Art Practice and Interdisciplinary Studies. She works in education, print-making, video, translation, and socially engaged art projects.

Katherine Ball - Denmark (Fulbright Recipient)
Katherine strives to give more energy to our dreams than our fears. Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Katherine has spent the last four years working on projects around the world, exploring alternatives to the dominant discourse. Some of these include: bicycling across the U.S. to interview Americans working on small-scale solutions to the climate crisis, coordinating a national day of action to halt business at banks and corporations unduly influencing state laws, and living on an off-grid floating island building mushroom filters to clean a polluted lake. An amateur in the best sense of the word, Katherine strives to give more energy to our dreams than our fears.

Analesa Zimmerman - Mexico

For more information visit: www.borenawards.org and us.fulbrightonline.org or send an e-mail to clemansd@pdx.edu
Donald Truxillo, 2013-2014 Fulbright Recipient

Donald Truxillo is a professor in the Industrial/Organizational Psychology doctoral program in the PSU Department of Psychology. His Fulbright Specialist grant supported his visit to the University of Trento, Italy, in late 2013. He worked with colleagues in Trento to build an international network of researchers to study age in the workplace, and he helped organize an international conference on the aging workforce at the University of Trento. In addition, he gave lectures to graduate students as part of a course on Training and Human Resource Management. He also worked with Trento faculty and doctoral students to further develop ongoing research collaborations between PSU and the University of Trento.

Marty Mortimer is an underrepresented student at PSU, working on his second Bachelor's degree, majoring in Japanese Language. This scholarship is helping to fund his participation in a one-year study abroad program at Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata, Japan during the 2014-15 academic year. Marty hopes to use this overseas educational experience to improve his language skills in order to pursue a future profession in translating Japanese literature.

For more Fulbright Scholar information, please visit: http://www.cies.org/ or contact Debra Clemans at clemansd@pdx.edu

Learn more about Institute for Asian Studies Scholarships at: www.pdx.edu/asiastudies/student-scholarships
News from the Institute for Asian Studies

The Portland State Institute for Asian Studies (IAS) promotes research, curricular development and public awareness on all parts of Asia. Drawing on the expertise of over 75 faculty and academic professionals, across 30 disciplines, the Institute plays a vital role as a nexus and resource hub for Asia-related programs at PSU.

2013-16 Leadership

The Institute for Asian Studies wishes to thank Dr. Suwako Watanabe (left), PSU Professor of Japanese Language, for her stewardship as IAS Interim Director during the 2013-14 academic year. The Institute for Asian Studies completed a very successful year of programming and development under her direction. While on sabbatical in 2013-14, Dr. Sharon Carstens (right), IAS Director and PSU Professor of Anthropology, spent five months engaged in research in Malaysia, focusing on Chinese language identities and ideologies in Malaysia’s multi-ethnic society. As a visiting senior researcher with the Department of Chinese Studies at University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Dr. Carstens collaborated with local scholars and students in data collection on public conversations, interviews, and focus groups. She was also an invited guest speaker at New Era College, University of Malaya, SEGi University, Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia, and Taylor’s University. Dr. Carstens returns to PSU in the summer of 2014, stepping back into teaching as Professor in the department of Anthropology and into her role as the Director of the Institute for Asian Studies for 2014-2016.

Welcome to New Faculty

Desmond Cheung (left) joined PSU in the fall of 2013 as Assistant Professor of Chinese History. He succeeds China historian Dr. Linda Walton, who retired in the spring of 2013. Professor Cheung received his Ph.D. in 2011 from the University of British Columbia. His research interests lie in the history of late imperial China; especially the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). His current research projects are concerned with the Chinese jingshi (statecraft) tradition, the history of the Sino-European encounter, and urban society of late imperial China, specifically the creation and representation of famous sites in the city of Hangzhou.

2013-14 Program Highlights

The Institute for Asian Studies sponsored and co-sponsored a wide array of public lectures and events in 2013-14, featuring scholars, presenters, and performers from Portland State, around the U.S. and abroad.

The twice yearly lecture series, “Engaging Asia: Lessons and Perspectives”, invites presentations from successful professionals with local connections whose work encompasses Asia. The series featured Ms. Merril Keane, Attorney with Miller Nash LLP, and Ms. Hong Mautz, Portland-based entrepreneur and Chinese cultural producer for lectures, in the fall and spring, respectively.

Quarterly lectures about Korea featured Dr. Laurel Kendall of the American Museum of Natural History; Dr. Kumja Paik Kim, Curator Emerita of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco; and Dr. John Duncan, Director of UCLA’s Center for Korean Studies, who was the honored speaker for PSU’s Annual Trena Gillette Memorial Lecture. (cont. on next page)

Dr. Kumja Paik Kim, Curator Emerita of the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco

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The Institute for Asian Studies’ programming budget is 100% supported by private donations, collaborative partnerships with community partner organizations and in-kind contributions of numerous individuals and volunteers. The Institute extends appreciation and gratitude to our 2013-2014 financial supporters, community partners, and to the volunteer student interns and community volunteers who provided support to the Institute during the past year, assisting with events, office support, and special projects.

Collaborative Projects & Achievements

- During the summer of 2013 PSU welcomed mid-career level civil servants from Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) for a newly developed one-year professional development training focused on best practices in local government, leadership, policy and public administration, administered by the PSU Hatfield School of Government Center for Public Service. This annual program continues for a second year with the arrival of a new cohort of SMG participants in the summer of 2014.
- During the fall of 2013 and the winter of 2014 PSU offered two new courses on Korea. - HST 399 Korean Civilization and KOR 399 Modern Korean Literature - made possible through mutual collaboration between various PSU departments and UCLA’s Korean Studies Program.
- Beginning in the fall of 2014 the PSU community and the general public will have access to the Korean National Library Database through a portal connection available in the PSU Library.

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China Council, and the First Saturday East Asia Program Committee, the Institute for Asian Studies co-sponsored several public programs on China during 2013-14. The programming included CHINA Town Hall in the fall of 2013; “Clash of Memories: Historical Memory, Nationalism and Sino-Japanese Relations,” a lecture held in February 2014 by invited speaker Dr. Zheng Wang of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University; and a monthly First Saturday East Asian Program Series.
News from Education Abroad

Pete Nickerson Scholarship Awards

The Education Abroad office is pleased to announce the awards of scholarships for summer study abroad in China.

Through the generous donation of Peter and Christine Nickerson, summer study in China has been made possible for two PSU students: Kirsten Allen and Matthew Lee.

Ms. Kirsten Allen, an undergraduate student at PSU, is studying in Chengdu, China. This experience is arranged through one of PSU’s approved programs with University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC). Through Ms. Allen’s participation in this program, she has the opportunity to put her Chinese language skills to the test, as she is immersed in an entirely Chinese language environment. Ms. Allen is continuing her Chinese language study and is engaging in a deeper study of Chinese culture and history. Ms. Allen is participating in a summer term placement in the Chinese Academy of Urban Planning and Design (CAUPD) in Beijing. Mr. Lee’s research interests focus on how people can expand the capacity of the urban form to facilitate greater ecological processes and biodiversity through the integration of nature and low-impact development. To learn more about Mr. Lee’s internship activities in China, please see the MURP blog at: http://psuchina.wordpress.com/category/2014/

Scholarship funding is one of the most important factors for PSU students in realizing their dreams of studying abroad. In order to assist more students with their plans for international education, the Education Abroad office is working to secure additional donors for future scholarships.

Alyse Collins, Assistant Director, Education Abroad

News from International Special Programs

International Special Programs (ISP) continues to grow and diversify. Its programming this summer, with nearly 600 students from Japan, Korea, and China participating in various programs from one-week summer camps to month-long teacher training sessions and everything in between. In order to accommodate the twenty programs, the ISP team has hired more than forty program assistants and over thirty English teachers with a diverse range of experiences and backgrounds. It has been an amazing summer thus far and ISP is confident that with this strong of a team, it will only get better.

The highlights from the past two years include an increase in the amount of programs ISP is hosting during the winter term, including students from Toyo University in Japan, as well as a growing diversity in the type of program ISP has to offer. Some examples include Teacher and Professor training programs for Chinese groups and University Administrator groups from Japan and China. In addition, the “America Plus” open enrollment programs for Japanese universities continue to grow, with an addition of twenty students from Takushoku University. ISP is very excited to see its continued growth and adjustment to new interests.

Extended Studies to the Office of International Affairs. She served as the director for both ISP and the Office of International Student and Scholar Services. Judy was a member of numerous campus committees over the years, including the Internationalization Council and the Diversity Action Council. As a well-known presence in Portland, Judy was often called upon to speak with community groups. She has spoken at the yearly gathering for the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program participants and more recently for the American Association of University Women.

Judy’s heart for international students showed in her ability to connect and support students at all hours of the day and in many unique situations. She was a strong advocate for supporting the student as a whole, and she worked to help create an International Student Life Team and advocate for additional funding to start a peer mentor program to support new international students.

During her time with International Special Programs, the office saw many changes and an astounding amount of growth in the types of program offerings. Her vision continues to influence ISP in everything that they do. Following a farewell reception, Judy and her husband have spent her first retired summer camping, in addition to a month-long trip to Europe. ISP is eternally grateful for her work both for our ISP and ISSS teams and for her leadership for OIA as a whole. We will miss you Judy!

Paul Braun, Interim Program Manager for ISP

Join us for the Annual Education Abroad Fair on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom (SMSU 355). This is a great opportunity to speak to faculty and staff about Education Abroad programming and overseas teaching and internships opportunities. Enjoy free food and lots of prizes.
Over the past four academic years, the Middle East Studies Center has operated as a National Resource Center for Middle East Studies. Funding from a Title VI grant, awarded by the Department of Education, has allowed for a vibrant schedule of academic events and visiting speakers.

During the 2013-14 academic year, the Center continued with its monthly Lunch and Learn series, which brings scholars to a campus audience in a more informal noon-time setting. Among the speakers was Ahmad Maher, an Egyptian activist who visited campus in November and spoke about “Whither Egypt: Biography of an Evolving Revolution” before his arrest by Egyptian authorities earlier this year. Professor Marc Lynch of George Washington University delivered a lecture on the fate of the Arab Spring since the overthrow of governments in Egypt and Tunisia.

March brought Professor Alison Snyder of the Department of Architecture at the University of Oregon, who gave an overview of her research on the use of space in contemporary Istanbul. Professor Patricia Goldsworthy-Bishop of Western Oregon University gave a talk in April on photography in colonial Morocco. In May, Keelan Overton, a visiting professor of Islamic Art History at PSU, spoke about Persian art and architecture in Isfahan, Iran.

The evening lecture series most recently featured Professor Hisham Aidi of Columbia University, who spoke in March about music and American diplomacy in the Middle East. In April, Professor Carter Findley, a historian from Ohio State University, delivered a talk on “The Sacred State in Turkish Political History”. Professor Cemil Aydin, invited for an event co-sponsored by the Institute for Asian Studies, spoke on “Understanding Muslim Admirers of Japan’s Shinto Emperor”. In June, the Center hosted Professor James Gustafson, a historian from Indiana State University, whose lecture examined provincial history writing in the towns of Kerman in the late Qajar Empire.

The outreach program held two K-12 teacher workshops - one in October, the other in February - on teaching the Middle East through literature and film. At the end of June, educators from around the country attended a three-day teaching institute on the Middle East in the First World War. Among the speakers who contributed to the proceedings was Professor Joel Beinin of Stanford University and Professor Charles Smith of the University of Arizona. Complementing these gatherings is the Center’s extensive outreach website, Middle East Teaching Tools, designed for K-12 teachers who would like to bring the Middle East into their classrooms on social studies and world history. The website is the largest of its kind in the United States, and consists of various lesson plans, teaching modules, and links to media outlets and resources about the Middle East. Materials are organized by theme and country for ease of use.

The Center has continued to fulfill its mission of empowering students through its Title VI grant to offer Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships for advanced university students and active professionals.

Among the recipients during the academic year were:

Cody French (Arabic), Karen Lückeiz (Arabic), Nathan Jons (Persian), Seth Thomas (Arabic), and Ahmed Zuhairy (Arabic).

Fellows for the summer of 2014 were:

Jamie Biesanz (Arabic), Lamarra Haynes (Arabic), Kate Heinzman (Arabic), Hayley Moore (Turkish), Chandra Roberts (Hebrew), Clint Rollock (Hebrew), Seth Thomas (Arabic), and Madeline Wyse (Arabic).

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Dean Leininger - Japan

Dean, a first generation college student, is studying Japanese language in the summer of 2014 in Himeji, Japan through the Critical Language Scholarship. He is very glad to have the opportunity to see the country he has so long waited to visit. He aspires to later study for a Master's degree in translation/interpreting after first spending time teaching for the JET program or at one of Japan's many private language schools, thus giving him more time to improve his Japanese language and culture skills. (Photo not available.)

Karen Lickteig - Morocco

Karen Lickteig grew up in Wichita, Kansas, and moved to Portland in 2008 to attend Lewis & Clark College. After her first study abroad experience in 2010-11 as a William Jefferson Clinton Scholar at PSU, she transferred to the university’s Middle East Studies Center. She has been back to the Middle East four additional times - to Bahrain, Qatar, Jordan, Oman, Kuwait, Lebanon, and Turkey. In 2013 she earned her B.A. in International Studies focusing on the Middle East with minors in Arabic Language and Business Administration from Portland State. Karen has also interned for the U.S.-Qatar Business Council and the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center of the Middle East Institute, both in Washington, D.C. Karen is currently pursuing a Master’s of Urban Studies at PSU as a Foreign Language & Area Studies fellow, and will continue her Arabic language studies this summer as a Critical Language Scholar in Rabat, Morocco. She is particularly interested in issues surrounding U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, urban design, human rights, sustainable development, and cross-cultural communication.

Noah Sellers - Morocco

Noah Sellers has been awarded a Critical Language Scholarship to Morocco for the summer of 2014. Noah is a 2006 graduate of PSU’s Applied Linguistics and TESOL programs, currently studying in the PSU Arabic program. He has taught English in Thailand, South Korea, Slovakia, and Indonesia.

Colton Hennick - Russia

Colton Hennick grew up in the small, rural town of Placerville, California. During his high school Spanish classes, he realized his love for foreign languages and was eager to learn more. He began to independently study Russian his sophomore year of high school. He then moved to Portland to be a part of the Russian Flagship Program at PSU. His independent study paid off, allowing him to place into Kristine Shmakov’s RUS 203 course at PCC Sylvania for the spring of 2013. From there, he advanced into third year Russian at PSU. Colton received the Critical Language Scholarship to study for two months in Ufa, Russia this coming summer. He will graduate with a B.A. in Russian with an Applied Linguistics minor. His goal is to be bringing his Russian to native level proficiency. He is extremely interested in a career in intelligence with the U.S. government and in learning Korean as well as additional critical needs languages.

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Currently, there are a number of students participating in different internships: Juri Mochizuki at the Consular Office of Japan; Misaki Ota and Shiori Awaji at the Center for Public Service, Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University; Kisshomaru Shimamura at a boutique as a staff with translation in Japanese and English for Japanese who come here to study abroad. Here, I have had two experiences. The first experience is what I have felt in the workplace abroad that I could not know in Japan. The experience of working in English is different from other situations, like taking classes or communicating with friends in English, and harder than those situations. However, at the same time, that is exciting for me because I have considered the work worth doing and I can feel a sense of responsibility as one of the staff here. At the second experience, since Portland is famous for its city planning, I got to consider whether there are any points which I could make use of for city-planning in Japan. I got to learn how they work to improve Portland in terms of city-planning. So in the future, I would like to make use of what I learned about Portland’s city system for Japan.”

Anri Zama, Program Manager, Waseda Transnational Programs
This year, the ICSP was made up of 32 members representing 23 different countries, including Nigeria, Egypt, Bangladesh, Peru, South Korea, Mali, Sweden, China, Thailand, Turkey, Iran, Brazil, Zimbabwe, India, Morocco, Japan, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Spain, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Kyrgyzstan. ICSP meetings are a remarkable opportunity for ICSP members and groups in our community to interact. The year was full of opportunities for ICSP members and groups in our community to interact. ICSP members participated by modeling traditional cultural clothing in the fashion show or by performing on stage that evening. Members of the PSU Committee for International Recruitment and Retention were able to experience a taste of several different cultures at their final meeting for the year. ICSP members Hạnh Vu from Vietnam, Lu Păng from China, Mitzi Baptista Passos from Brazil, and Amanda Linder from Sweden presented about special foods from their home countries and brought samples of the foods for the audience to try. As the committee members tasted the Bún Tôm Xào Sà, Chinese family food, the Mungunzá, and Chokladbullar, and heard about each country’s food traditions, they were reminded of their passion for internationalization and the many joys of working with an international population.

In addition to these events, ICSP members were also guest speakers at many area schools and organizations, including Hayhurst Elementary School, PSU International Special Programs, Chapman Elementary School, the U.S. Department of State’s Pan Africa Youth Leadership Program, Mirabella Senior Living, RAPSU, PSU Housing and Residence Life, McKinley Elementary School, Evergreen High School, Korean-American Scientists Engineers Association, Oregon Nîkîkei, Friends of Seasonal and Service Workers, PSU Student Success at Portland State University through the International Student Mentor Program (ISMP). The program also provides opportunities for mentors to develop and enhance their interpersonal communication skills, intercultural leadership skills, and to learn about PSU resources to best support new students.

As a former mentee and mentor in this program, it is my great pleasure to be part of the ISMP again.

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This year, the International Student Life team selected 49 undergraduate and graduate student mentors from 20 different countries to support more than 300 incoming international students during the fall term. As of July 2014, we have already had over 200 international students sign up for International Student Orientation in September. As the number of incoming students grows, we are expanding our program every year to continue creating a welcoming environment.

Dinner, and many other outings. We had our overnight mentoring retreat at Camp Magruder in Rockaway Beach to build a supportive community in the program. Additionally, we completed a separate PSU resource training day to become well-versed in on-campus resources, as well as basic immigration regulations. There are two more training sessions to complete before we welcome new students in person at orientation.

If you would like to learn more about International Student Life at PSU, please visit: www.pdx.edu/international-students/international-student-life
Nicole Sisco is the Faculty-Led Program Advisor in the Education Abroad department. She brings a passion for international education and cultural exchange to the advising team, stemming from her own rewarding experiences studying, working, and volunteering abroad. After having the opportunity to participate in international programs in both high school (Germany) and college (Honduras and Germany), she decided to move to Berlin after completing her undergraduate studies in her home state of Virginia. In Berlin, Nicole joined the professional realm of managing study abroad programs at IES Abroad, and worked in public relations at the Checkpoint Charlie Foundation. Inspired by these international experiences, Nicole moved from Berlin to England to pursue an M.A. in Intercultural Communication. After completing this degree and a stint supporting refugee rights in Montreal, Canada, she worked in New York City for Cultural Vistas, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting professional development abroad. She is thrilled to now be in Portland and working with students and faculty at PSU.

Krista Kennedy is the Sponsored Student Program Administrator in the office of International Student and Scholar Services. Before coming to PSU, Krista worked with International Student Services at the University of Portland. She is a native of the Portland area, but treasures the time she spent in Japan while studying and teaching English. She has a Bachelor's degree from Pacific University in Japanese and International Studies and a Master's degree from University of Portland in Communication Management. She is currently part of the NAFSA Regional Team, holding the position of Treasurer. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, trying out new recipes, and exploring new places.

Nicole Sisco joined IES Abroad in 2011 as the West Coast Representative. She is a graduate of the University of Portland and has an M.A. in Intercultural Communication from Portland State University. Nicole brings a wealth of experience in international education and exchange programs, having worked for several years in the U.S. and abroad. She is passionate about helping students navigate culture shock, find housing, and overcome financial obstacles, you may find her training student mentors about campus resources and intercultural communication, modeling Indian dresses in the International Night Fashion Show, or participating in wheelchair races in the ICSP Olympic Games. In her free time, Rachel enjoys hiking, backpacking, running, reading, and practicing Broadway hits on the piano.

Professor Gao joined the Confucius Institute at PSU as the co-director from Soochow University, China, in 2013. Most recently, he taught integrated English, general linguistics, and English language classes at Soochow University and Liaocheng Teachers University in China. Dr. Gao received his Ph.D. in Linguistics from Fudan University, China, and has a B.A. in Linguistics from Shandong University, China.

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Yoko Honda is one of two International Student Life Advisors for the International Student Life team. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Science and her Master's degree in Postsecondary, Adult and Continuing Education from Portland State University. During her PSU years, she was a student assistant and graduate assistant in the Office of International Student and Scholar Services. After working in the Office of International Education at Portland Community College for three years, she is happy to return to the office that has helped her grow as a person and a student affairs professional.

Lindsay Buyserie is the new Accountant for PSU's Office of International Affairs. She graduated from James Madison University with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Accounting. While at JMU she was a student intern in the International Accounting Office. It is there where Lindsay fell in love with international accounting and knew she was destined to one day work in an international office again. Lindsay is originally from the West Coast and is happy to be back home and also at PSU. She hopes to one day soon add a trip abroad to her resume. When not working, you can find her being too competitive for her own good on various sports teams.

Joyce Hamilla is the Director for International Partnerships at PSU’s Office of International Affairs. She has had a lifelong passion for international affairs, earning an undergraduate degree in International Relations and Chinese from the University of Notre Dame, and an M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies from the National University of Singapore. Following graduation, she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Singapore, with a research focus on collective security in Southeast Asia and later completed a national research fellowship in cross-cultural cognition. Joyce has worked internationally in the private and public sector, beginning her career at the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, and later serving as an active duty Air Force officer and civilian employee of the Department of Defense. While in the Federal government, Joyce served as both the Cultural Education and Foreign Language Program Manager and Director of International Engagement for Asia and Russia for the Department of Defense. Her work focused on national-level academic and expert engagement in the fields of international relations and global security. Joyce is excited to work in an academic environment so deeply tied to the people and the city of Portland. In addition to exploring the world, she loves cooking and eating great food, scuba diving and camping on the beach with her water-loving puppy.
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Portland State University's international mission is to support interdisciplinary and professional training and research on global issues, to foster greater international exposure for students, faculty, staff, and the community, and to provide leadership on the pursuit of strategic partnerships across campus and between the campus and the local, regional, national and international community that contribute to global awareness and understanding.

In pursuit of PSU’s mission, the Office of International Affairs collaborates with the major international activities in each of the colleges and schools.

OIA plays a leadership role on campus and in the community in the development and implementation of the University’s Internationalization Strategy. OIA’s responsibilities include providing support for: the Internationalization Council, international students, PSU students seeking to study or pursue internships abroad, faculty engaged in international scholarship, visiting international professors, and internationally oriented community/university partnerships. In recognition of the University’s international research, education, and service mission, OIA supports the University’s internationally oriented Institutes and Centers (Middle East Studies Center, Center for Turkish Studies, Institute for Asian Studies, the Confucius Institute, and Center for Japanese Studies).