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## Bricke Receives JFDP Honor

International Programs Assistant Vice Provost Hodgje Bricke received a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs for her service to the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP) at the program orientation in January.

Bricke, who has been involved with the program since it began in 1994, was honored for the "intensity of her commitment to bring the world to Kansas and Kansas to the world." This was a special honor as the U.S.

State Department rarely gives awards to the Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs' partners, said Dan Davidson, president of American Council for International Education, which coordinates JFDP.



JFDP scholars, from left, Abdul Bozarov, Melina Dinic, Irina Orujova, and Narine Khachatryan with Assistant Vice Provost Hodgje Bricke.

Seventy-three JFDP scholars have come to KU during the past 16 years with Bricke's guidance. The JFDP program increases access to academic resources and new educational perspectives and promotes the development of a growing network of academics in the United States and the scholars from the Balkans and former Soviet republics.

KU was again the national site for the JFDP orientation program for 68 junior faculty members from the Balkans and former Soviet republics from January 5 to 9. Orientation activities included presentations about intercultural conflict, U.S. higher education, and American society. Participants met with KU faculty, staff, and students, and experienced an evening of bowling and a contra dance. Karene Grad from the State Department's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs attended the orientation.

Following the orientation session, four fellows stayed at KU to work with faculty members in the School of Architecture and the Departments of English, Psychology, and Political Science.

## Message from the Associate Vice Provost

The continued growth in international programs is challenging KU staff to find new ways to accommodate greater numbers of students and faculty involved in international initiatives.

Last fall saw double digit growth in international student enrollments (an actual increase of 10.6%). It is anticipated that international students will number over 2,000 in the fall 2010 semester. Advising and immigration services have been streamlined with a paperless processing system. An academic support and retention coordinator has been added to the staff this year.

Ranked 14<sup>th</sup> nationally for student participation, KU student participation in overseas study reached 1,468. Study Abroad is offering a wider range of new programs including an environmental studies program in India, an art and photography program in Europe and chemical engineering programs in Poland and New Zealand. The internship programs are expanding current opportunities in London and Dublin and adding new sites for architecture internships in Paris and Beijing.

Demand for Applied English Center programs continues to go up. This past year saw an unprecedented 39% growth in student enrollments in AEC classes. Looking ahead, the AEC expects to grow approximately 16% by next fall when students are expected to

number around 650. All programs, whether regular semester classes or special contract programs, are attracting new students.

KU faculty are engaging in research and development projects at international sites and on the Lawrence Campus. Two workshops led by KU faculty have been offered in Costa



Rica this year. Three training programs for Chinese government and industry officials have been offered on campus. Over 80 faculty and administrators from central and eastern Europe have participated in English study and

administrative internships on the KU campus this past year. Some 15 KU faculty are working with International Programs to establish new partnerships in China, India, Korea, and Mongolia. Another 45 traveled to international sites to conduct research and participate in scholarly projects with funds from International Programs.

Our goals to prepare students for careers in a global society and to support faculty in their teaching and research programs remain primary. We're welcoming the challenges of expansion as KU deepens its international profile.

Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco

## 'Fall of the Wall' Event Marks Anniversary

The Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREES) devoted the fall 2009 semester to events commemorating the end of Soviet-style authoritarian rule in Central Europe. The "Fall of the Wall" semester featured a wealth of related course offerings, lectures, and screenings of Central European films. Two highlights were an international conference, "Central Europe 1989: Lessons and Legacies," and the "Velvet Revolution Party," both events that welcomed scholars, students, and friends in the community. The October 16-18 conference brought participants from across the United States, Canada, and Europe to discuss topics such as rethinking history, new political formations, everyday life, and popular culture since 1989, as well as redefining identity after the end of Soviet rule. CREES welcomed Polish writer Izabela Filipiak, who gave a keynote speech at the conference and a public reading of her fiction and poetry at the Raven Bookstore in downtown Lawrence.

On November 7 more than 100 KU students, alumni, and people from the greater Kansas and Missouri area came back to school at the

KU campus in Lawrence for a day-long "Velvet Revolution Party." The day began with a panel discussion "Reimagining Central Europe: Transition and Identity" with Professors Svetlana Vassileva-Karagyozeva, Slavic, and Nathan Wood, history. A luncheon featured speeches by Slovak Ambassador Peter Burian and Czech Deputy in Charge of Mission Daniel Košťoval.

Later in the day, KU's Department of Theater staged a reading of Karel Čapek's famous play *Rossum's Universal Robots*, in which the Czech playwright coined the word "robot." The play was translated and introduced by Slavic languages and literatures doctoral student Eva Hruska; adapted by Professor John Staniunas, theatre; and read by Professors Henry Bial, Dennis Christilles, Michelle Leon, and John Staniunas, as well as students Thomas Browne, Erik LaPointe, Jeff List, Mary McNulty, Maggie Parker, and Alex Salamat.

Assistant Professor Nathan Wood, history, and Professor Emerita Anna Cieniala, history, shared the story of the Revolutions of 1989 with a broad audience, when they were interviewed for the Walt Bodine Show, which aired on NPR in October.



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# Olsen Addresses Academic Agenda

Deana Olsen has a list of projects she would like to undertake as part of her new position in International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS). Olsen helps international students to adjust to the American educational system, navigate a large university and benefit from all the opportunities at KU. Olsen's position was added to the ISSS staff in order for one staff member to focus on the myriad academic needs of international students.

"Amazing things are happening on campus and students don't always know they're available. Learning about these resources in their first semester is a key to international students' success," Olsen said.

"Strong international undergraduate students are an important part of KU's intellectual environment in that they bring perspectives, knowledge, and experiences to our classrooms that would otherwise be missing. But even the best international students struggle at times to adjust to American educational practices, and to just being so far from home at a young age. Many also have to work extra hard to deal with the demands of a university curriculum in a second language. Providing academic support to these students to help with--and to help prepare for--difficult times is sound policy both for them and for KU. Their success is our success," said ISSS Director Joe Potts.

Since Olsen started her job in December 2009, she has talked with other units to find ways to involve international students in more facets of the KU campus. She has spoken with the Honors Programs about pairing honors students with

international students as study buddies. Olsen wants to connect students who are going to study abroad with KU students from the countries to which they will be traveling, so the American

students can learn about their destination from native citizens. Many international students want to major in business but they often need to take classes at the Applied English Center before they can enter the competitive School of Business. Olsen wants to work with the business school so international students have a better understanding of the requirements and know all their options.

"International students have added hurdles to face while they're navigating the KU system, and anything we can do to streamline the process or help

inform students about the policies that might trip them up and assist them in their goals is part of our aim in developing best practices for KU," Olsen said.

In addition to program development and compiling resources for international student success, another part of Olsen's job includes collecting and analyzing retention data on current and past international students at all levels. In the past, no one has examined the retention rates for international students in their first year and throughout their KU experience. As she collects this information, ISSS will be able to pinpoint groups to target in its retention efforts.

Olsen was a nontraditional college student who began at ISSS as a student worker, so she understands what it takes to acclimate to a university setting. When this position was announced, she knew "this is the job I've been looking for."



## Heilke Takes Helm of New Center

The spring semester was an exciting one for the Center for Global and International Studies (CGIS). After the dust

settled from the move to the new office space in 318 Blake Hall last semester, the search was on for a permanent center director. Professor Thomas Heilke was appointed director in January, replacing acting director and College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Associate Dean Bill Tsutsui. Prior to becoming director,

Heilke served for six years in a variety of roles in International Programs at KU, including helping to lead the office as interim co-associate vice provost. A professor of political science, he teaches and publishes in the history of political thought, religion

and politics, and international relations. He has been a distinguished lecturer in the KU Humanities and Western Civilization program, and he directed a study abroad semester in Italy and France in spring 2000. He received his Ph.D. from Duke University in 1990.

CGIS hosted its first major event in February with a panel discussion at the Hall Center and lecture at the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics with Reza Aslan, internationally acclaimed writer and scholar of religions. Both events were

well received, with over 400 attendees present for the Dole Institute lecture. CGIS has cosponsored a number of other interesting events this semester and plans are in the works for several major projects for the 2010-2011 academic year.



CGIS Acting Director Bill Tsutsui passes the reins to new Director Thomas Heilke.

## On Campus

## KU Researcher Helps in Lizard Discovery

University of Kansas researchers are among a team of international scientists that has discovered and documented a new species of monitor lizard in the Philippines that can grow up to two meters long. The Northern Sierra Madre Forest Monitor displays bright yellow and black stripes and spots across its back and eats mainly fruit and snails.

Through the analysis of its physical features and its DNA, scientists have determined that the new species is distinct from other similar species. It spends most of its time in trees in the forests of the Northern Sierra Madre mountain range of Luzon.

Although the species had been seen as early as 2001, it was only last year that a joint KU-National Museum of the Philippines expedition to Aurora Province yielded a large, adult specimen and good DNA samples. The scientific description of the reptile has been published in *Biology Letters*, an

international journal published by the Royal Society of London.

Luke Welton, a KU graduate student and one of the coauthors of the scientific description, was one of the first biologists to see a living Northern Sierra Madre Monitor Lizard in Aurora Province.

"I knew as soon as I saw the animal that it was something special," says Welton. "I had seen specimens of the other two species of fruit-eating monitors, but neither of the other known species are nearly as spectacular as the Northern Sierra Madre Forest Monitor."

Giant fruit-eating monitor lizards are found only in the Philippines. It is one of three giant fruit-eating monitor lizard species that are threatened by destruction of their forest habitats and, to a lesser degree, by hunting for their meat and the pet trade.

--From University Relations

## Law School Opens New Center

A new center at the University of Kansas School of Law is bringing together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students around the study and practice of international trade and agriculture.

The Center for International Trade and Agriculture officially launched on April 9, when Rep. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., delivered the keynote luncheon address at a scholarly roundtable, "Kansas and World Agriculture: Current Crises and Future Opportunities."

The center's goal is to promote key issues in international trade and agriculture through research and outreach in Kansas and around the world.

To accomplish its mission, the center sponsors interdisciplinary conferences addressing issues of current importance to legal practitioners, scholars and policymakers in international trade and agriculture; hosts visiting scholars, practitioners or policymakers to interact with students, faculty, and alumni through guest lectures and mini-courses; and educates and trains law students through course work and summer placements to engage in legal practice, prepare for work in law reform, or engage in agribusiness and international trade in areas related to trade and agriculture.

The center is led by KU law faculty members Raj Bhala, Rice Distinguished Professor, and John Head, professor of law.



Surendra Bhandari of Nepal defends his Doctor of Juridical Science thesis in February.

Also this spring at the KU School of Law, an accomplished lawyer and scholar from Nepal became the first candidate to complete the school's Doctor of Juridical Science program. Surendra Bhandari successfully defended his doctoral thesis in early February after beginning his research at Green Hall in August 2008-

- just one year after the S.J.D. program's inception at the law school. The program is designed for students interested in engaging in in-depth legal scholarship, particularly future academic leaders, government leaders, and judges.

Candidate for the S.J.D. program must hold a basic law degree (bachelor of laws or juris doctor) and a master of laws degree, possess a prestigious academic record, and show promise for reaching the highest ranks of legal service in their home country. In addition to Bhandari, the program boasts 13 students from Saudi Arabia, China, Korea, Egypt, Turkey, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates and the United States (Kansas).

# Alumnus Values KU Connections

By Jolita Sun

Growing up in Hong Kong, one of the world's most vibrant international cities, I have always been fascinated by people, places, ideas, and cultures. Pursuing higher education in the United States was my lifelong dream.



The opportunity came in the spring of 1998. I came to Kansas for the first time, without knowing anything about the Sunflower state. Little did I know that I was soon to transform from a Hong Kong girl to a die-hard Jayhawk. And Lawrence, Kansas, was soon to become my home away from home

and one of my most favorite places in my lifetime.

The rest is now history. I graduated from KU with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Accounting, and a MA in Economics. My overseas education has definitely prepared me to embark on a successful career in business. And I am truly grateful for all the knowledge, traditions, and fond memories that KU, its faculty, and fellow Jayhawks have so generously shared with me. I am a much better person today precisely because of my choice to attend KU.

I wish I could sum up my experiences at KU, but the truth is that no words are enough to express my gratitude, commitment to, and support for my alma mater. Over the years, I have been actively involved in promoting KU in Hong Kong, including volunteering at local educational fairs. In 2008, I

founded the Hong Kong chapter of the KU Alumni Association, and at the inaugural party, 30-some alumna from various generations attended. (The most senior Jayhawk graduated in the 1970s, and he was truly one of the highlights of the night!)

I believe that was a defining moment for KU, as the Hong Kong chapter is its first international chapter in Asia, and second worldwide. As the world is getting more intertwined and interconnected, it is my hope to leverage my experience, influence, and network to support KU and increase its presence in Hong Kong and everywhere I go. I have been relocated to Shanghai, and in a month's time, the world will welcome the 2010 World Expo in the city. At this 'soon to be' historical moment, I am already



The KU Hong Kong Chapter at a group gathering.

looking forward to reconnecting with many more Jayhawks who are working, living, or passing by Shanghai.

Rock chalk Jayhawk KU!

*Jolita Sun graduated in 2003 with a MA in Economics. She was awarded the 2009 Dick Wintermode award by the KU Alumni Association for her outstanding leadership in the KU Hong Kong Chapter.*



# GAP Marks Fifth Anniversary

- Since its inception, 3,432 students have registered to participate in GAP.
- A total of 1,311 students have successfully completed GAP certification.
- The number of students achieving certification has grown each year, from 94 in GAP's first year, 2005-2006 to 317 in 2009-2010.
- 138 international students have completed GAP certification.
- Students from more than 75 majors have completed GAP certification.
- More than 800 undergraduate courses now count towards certification.
- Nearly 200 students have completed GAP certification with distinction.



Students who completed GAP were recognized at the annual luncheon.



Associate Vice Provost Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco and Interim Provost Danny Anderson presented certificates at the annual luncheon to students who completed GAP.

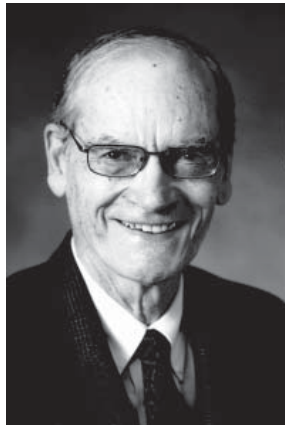
"I am continually inspired by the students who participate in GAP. They come from many walks of life, study many different disciplines and have many different experiences, but they all share a desire to learn about the world and contribute in impressive ways to the international life of our university. I am particularly touched by the stories of transformation that students share with me. So many are inspired by a singular study abroad experience, cultural performance, international course, or cross-cultural interaction to see the world with new eyes. Because of the experiences they've had at KU, they are committed to a lifelong path of international learning and engagement. And after certifying more than 1,200 students in five years, I am proud to be part of a program that helps to equip students with a global perspective and provides well-deserved recognition for students' international experiences and contributions."

--Jenna Hunter, GAP coordinator

## Book Examines KU/Costa Rica Beginnings

The fact that the University of Kansas and Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR) exchange program, initiated in 1958, is the oldest interuniversity exchange of its kind in the Western Hemisphere is fairly well known at KU. Most people do not know that the KU/Costa Rica relationship goes back much further, into the nineteenth century.

Professor Emeritus Charles Stansifer and his UCR collaborator Maria Eugenia Bozzoli Vargas de Wille, an anthropology professor, discovered the depth and breadth of the KU-Costa Rica connection while researching their book *The University of Kansas and the University of Costa Rica: An Extraordinary Relationship*.



Charley Stansifer

"The two universities, despite differences in origin, needs, and leadership systems, have built a partnership that has provided enormous benefit to untold thousands of students and faculty members, and university administrators," wrote KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little and UCR Rector Yamileth González Garcia in the book's preface.

The first connection was made at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 when KU professor and explorer Lewis Lindsay Dyche met Anastasio Alfarom, an anthropologist who was the organizer and manager of the Costa Rican exhibit, who coordinated the Costa Rica exhibit. Around 1917, after World War I, German enrollment went down and Spanish enrollments increased, according to Stansifer, so KU needed a Spanish professor. A

Spaniard who was married to a Costa Rican woman was hired. The connection continued when three Costa Rican students came to KU in the 1920s.

Then in the 1940s, "things began to happen." When the KU Natural History Museum was built, museum director E. Raymond Hall recruited Ruben Torres Rojas, the director of the Costa Rican national



Maria Eugenia Bozzoli Vargas de Wille

natural history museum, to add South American animals to the Dyche mammal collection and to help enhance the tropical rain forest section of the panorama exhibit. Rojas came to Lawrence to meet with Hall, and he

brought his son, who became a KU student.

By 1947 KU had 23 international students, 11 of whom were from Costa Rica. Anthropology and engineering were among the disciplines that attracted Costa Rican students. Stansifer noted that the engineering tradition continues as a current Costa Rican undergraduate, Roberto Mendez Mata, is the third-generation in his family to major in engineering at KU.

Stansifer and his co-author are publishing their book in English and Spanish with the UCR Press this spring.

"There's never been a university in the United States that has had an impact on a Latin American university like KU has on the University of Costa Rica," Stansifer said.

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## KU Medical Center

# KUMC IP Staff Prepares for Conference

For those unfamiliar with International Programs at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Judith Reagan, director, oversees the Outbound Program for medical, nursing and allied health students. Reagan has been with the Medical Center for 40 years and has traveled extensively, developing exchange relationships with more than 20 sites. Julia Shaw, associate director, oversees all immigration-related issues for students, exchange visitors, employees and spouses. Denise Johnson is the ESL instructor and works with students and post doc fellows. Johnson manages the ESL lab and is actively involved in coordinating cultural programs on campus that benefit the International Population.

Sarah Hiatt, international student coordinator, works closely with International Students during all stages of their program. Hiatt runs the Short Term International Medical Student Program, bringing senior students from across the globe to participate in clinical electives. Emily Zhou, office manager, is the first person visitors meet when they arrive at the Office of International Programs. Zhou runs the day-to-day operations of the office, including scheduling appointments and interpreting for the staff when needed.

The office prepared for the NAFSA 2010 annual conference, that was held in Kansas City, Mo, during the first week of June. Shaw led a workshop focusing on naming practices throughout the



Back row from left, Emily Zhou, Denise Johnson, and Sarah Hiatt. Seated from left, Judith Reagan and Julia Shaw.

world. Shaw worked with Amber C. Arashiro, Michigan State University, and Omiunota Ukpokodu, University of Missouri-Kansas City, to develop this workshop. Reagan presented a poster, "International Health Electives: A Road Map for Senior Students at a Midwestern State Medical School."

In February, 44 senior medical students and 13 senior nursing students went abroad for clinical experiences. They traveled to sites on five continents, to developed and developing countries to urban hospitals and rural clinics, to English- and Spanish-speaking countries. The students presented posters at the International Health Showcase in April.

## Center for East Asian Studies

# Junior High Students Experience Asia

Since 2007, the Center for East Asian Studies has given seventh graders at Southwest Junior High in Lawrence opportunities to get up close and personal with bits of Asian culture.

Each year, as an introduction to its six-week social studies unit on East Asia, the school mounts a grade-wide East Asia Kickoff in partnership with CEAS. Throughout the morning of a designated school day, seventh graders rotate in groups from

one hands-on, interactive presentation to another, each one led by an expert in the field. Among those who have helped at the kickoffs are KU faculty, include East Asian language professor Sanae Eda, graduate students Yingjie Li and Ji Yeon Lee, CEAS staff member Randi Hacker and artist Hong Zhang and the martial arts practitioner Tyler Rea.

Seventh graders have learned poems and

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# Fulbright Project Examines Biodiversity

By Cameron Siler

Sandwiched between Australia to the southeast and Asia to the west, the Philippines is a country in Southeast Asia made up of more than 7,100 islands. I find that number astonishing. The diversity of life in the Philippines is roughly broken into distinct faunal regions that are further divided by oceans, rivers, volcanic peaks, and mountain ranges. This regionalized biodiversity across the Philippines has created many distinct ecosystems, home to a large number of endemic species found nowhere else on earth. This biodiversity is threatened by a rapidly growing human population, however, and forest degradation that has resulted in a loss of nearly 90 percent of the country's rain forest over the last 75 years.

Complicating the issue of conserving the nation's biodiversity are the barriers to education that result from a complex system of lingual and cultural differences. More than 100 dialects are spoken throughout the country. This diversity in languages is so extreme in areas that the dialect changes when traveling between towns on a single, small island.

Over the last five years I have been heavily involved in surveying the diversity of amphibians and reptiles throughout the Philippines. In 2009, I was fortunate to spend nine months conducting a conservation and biodiversity project in the Philippines funded by the U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hayes Program. The project goals included conducting conservation and biodiversity assessments of amphibians and reptiles on islands throughout the Philippines, implementing a hands-on approach

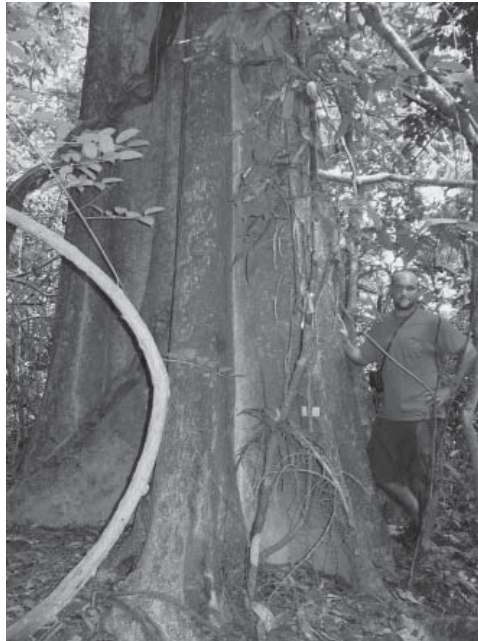
to conservation-based public education and training in communities around the country, and developing multi-language education and conservation tools.

During my nine-month study, much of my time was spent in the forest communities around the country, meeting with community leaders, working with students, and conducting surveys. The year was a success and an amazing experience, resulting in a rich dataset, including photographs, recordings of frog-mating calls, and notes on the behaviors and habitat requirements of all species encountered. I was also able to work with Philippine collaborators and students in creating illustrations of exemplar species that will be used in the development of educational tools.

I look forward to expanding this educational outreach program in the Philippines and continuing research to better understand and protect the

diversity of life in the country. An important lesson for me has been the fact that cultural barriers can be overcome with a creative and passionate approach. The challenge for the future will be to relate the importance of research, education, and conservation policy to a wide variety of people from all walks of life in developing, biodiversity-rich nations.

*Cameron Siler is a 2006-2010 Self Fellow and a Ph.D. candidate in ecology and evolutionary biology. He received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Texas at Austin in 2004. His research consists of biodiversity inventories of amphibians and reptiles, conservation assessments, and specifically, research in molecular systematics and phylogeography.*



## Faculty Activities

**Chris Allen**, professor, electrical engineering & computer science, led a team of four GRAs for 44 days in fall 2009 to survey sea and land ice over Antarctica as part of NASA's Operation Ice Bridge campaign. Based out of Punta Arenas, Chile, a total of 21 eleven-hour-long science flights were completed on NASA's DC-8 aircraft during which the three KU radar systems collected more than 22 terabytes of data.

**Yong Bai**, associate professor, civil, environmental & architectural engineering, was the co-chair for the 23rd International Chinese Transportation Professionals Association Annual Meeting/the 8th Asia Pacific Transportation Development Conference at the Tainan University of Technology, Taiwan, in May 2009. The conference theme was Law Carbon Emission Transportation System Design, Planning and Practices.

**Raj Bhala**, Rice Distinguished professor, law, made three presentations at the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, in January: "Understanding Islamic Law (Shari'a): Perspectives on Finance, Women, and Apostasy," "The Doha Round of World Trade Negotiations: Devilish Details and Grand Theme," and "International Trade and Finance: Trends and Opportunities."

**Edward Canda**, professor, social work, presented a plenary address and a workshop at the International Conference on Social Work and Counseling at City University of Hong Kong in summer 2009. He also visited Hallym University in Korea to strengthen social work collaborations and presented a workshop for a gerontological social service agency in Seoul. While in Korea, he continued his research on Confucian philosophy of social welfare. Canda recently published co-authored articles in Korea, Japan, and the United Kingdom on aspects of spirituality and social work.

**Michael Detamore**, associate professor, chemical and petroleum engineering, presented at the Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine Europe and World Biobanking Summit in Edinburgh, Scotland, in September 2009.

**Mark Ewing**, associate professor, engineering, attended the International Symposium on Vibrations of Continuous Systems in Zakopane, Poland, in July. He gave a paper and attended the advisory committee meeting during which he was

selected as the conference chairman for the 2011 symposium in Whistler, B.C., Canada.

**Marsha Haufler**, professor, art history, gave an invited presentation for the Korea Foundation's 11th Workshop for Korean Art Curators in Seoul, South Korea, in October 2009.

**Jerzy W. Grzymala-Busse**, professor, engineering, presented three papers at international conferences in fall 2009: "A Multiple Scanning Strategy for Entropy Based Discretization," International Symposium on Methodologies for Intelligent Systems, Prague, Czech Republic; "Local Approximations," International Conference on Intelligent Data Engineering and Automated Learning, Burgos, Spain; and "Mining Data with Missing Attribute Values: A Comparison of Probabilistic and Rough Set Approaches," International Conference on Intelligent Systems and Knowledge Engineering, Hasselt, Belgium.

**Adolfo Matamoros**, associate professor, civil engineering, was invited by the Structural Engineers Association of Costa Rica to give two keynote presentations during the Tenth Structural and Earthquake Engineering Seminar, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, in September 2009. The two topics addressed were recent improvements to methods for seismic rehabilitation of reinforced concrete structures and the factors that affect the vulnerability to collapse of reinforced concrete columns in older buildings during earthquakes.

**Mario Medina**, associate professor, civil, environmental & architectural engineering, was invited by the Université de La Réunion on Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean to teach, give conferences, and to work on research in building energy conservation in June 2009.

**Holly Nelson-Becker**, associate professor, social welfare, presented "The Strengths Perspective: Principles and Applications for Older Adults" and "Spiritually Sensitive Practice with Older Adults" at the School of Social Work, Korea University, Seoul, Korea in June 2009.

**Richard Spano**, associate dean, social welfare, took seven students to Costa Rica to study the social service delivery systems in health, mental health, child welfare, rural agricultural development, and corrections. Students met with faculty and students in the school of social work at UCR and visited numerous practicum sites in and around San José.

**Paulette Spencer**, Deane E. Ackers Distinguished

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## Summer Programs Abound for Students

Students wishing to study abroad or participate in field work in Latin America will have many opportunities to do so this summer. In addition to popular summer language institutes in Mexico and Brazil, programs supported by the Center of Latin American Studies, the Department of Anthropology, the Office of Study Abroad, and several of KU's professional schools will allow students to take their education beyond the classroom and into the field to supplement coursework and contribute to students' future success by providing first-hand glimpses of life in Latin America.

For the second consecutive summer, Latin American Studies professor Laura Herlihy will take students to Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, to study the culture, language, and history of the Miskitu coast. Puerto Cabezas, which abuts to the south by La Moskitia, the largest tract of rain forest in Central America, has a unique blend of mestizo, indigenous, and Afro-Caribbean culture.

Bart Dean, associate professor, anthropology, will teach students about ethnographic field methods in Peru. Students will be introduced to methods, logistics, and ethics for collecting and analyzing ethnographic data amid the mountains and jungles of the Upper Amazon region. An additional anthropology program, led by Professor John Hoopes, provides the opportunity to take part in archeological work at Nuevo Corinto, Costa Rica.

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songs in Chinese, Korean, and Japanese. They have learned about the art of taiko drumming from Dianne Daugherty and her *ki daiko* drummers from Olathe. In past years, they have also had the opportunity to try their hands at origami,

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Professor of mechanical engineering and director, Bioengineering Research Center, was a visiting professor at the Bauru School of Dentistry, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil for a month in 2009. Dr. Jose Carlos Pereira, dean of the Bauru School of Dentistry, invited Spencer to

The School of Social Welfare offers credit to participants in its 12-day program in San José, Costa Rica. Students gain an international perspective on social work through lectures, field trips to social service agencies, and presentations by social work faculty from the University of Costa Rica.

Professor Linda Lee from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications is directing the International Media and Marketing Communications program in Argentina. From Buenos Aires to the western Andean wine country, students in journalism, business, communications studies, and Latin American studies will shift cultures and expand their knowledge in a vibrant international setting.

KU Engineers Without Borders, a student organization in the School of Engineering, will continue its work in Azacilo, Bolivia, in July, building and maintaining composting latrines and assessing water-supply systems. Although most members are from the engineering field, participation is open to students in any major, since a variety of skill sets in this unique project.

Finally, the Center of Latin American Studies will again be funding graduate student travel in Latin America through Tinker Foundation summer research grants. Twenty master's and doctoral students from a wide range of disciplines will carry out field research in 11 Latin American countries, as well as Spain.

calligraphy, and eating rice with chopsticks. This year, for the first time, seventh graders even learned a bit of Mongolian thanks to KU doctoral candidate Battsetseg Serj. More than 1,000 seventh graders have gotten a taste of Asia through this very successful collaboration.

work with the graduate students and faculty on research questions related to biomaterials. Spencer gave lectures on structural characterization of biomaterials and characterization of biomaterial/tissue interfaces.

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