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## New Global Scholars Announced

Fifteen sophomores at the University of Kansas have been competitively selected as the second cohort of Global Scholars. This program, coordinated by Brent Steele, director of faculty programs for International Programs, recognizes and encourages undergraduate students who have an interest in global studies and a strong academic record.

The 15 students come from a wide range of disciplines across the university. They were selected for their demonstrated interest in global and international studies, plans for studying abroad and potential for high academic achievement and leadership.

Each student will participate in a three-hour seminar "Imperialism in a Modern World," taught this semester by Associate Professor Megan Greene. Students will be paired with a faculty mentor with similar interests for the remainder of their undergraduate studies and present research on global and international studies during the spring semester of their senior year. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be applied toward a KU-approved study abroad program.

The 2012 Global Scholars are:

Margo Bogossian, sophomore in journalism and Spanish literature  
Hannah Duff, sophomore in environmental studies and global and international studies

Jamie Fuller, sophomore in anthropology and English

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## Message from the Associate Vice Provost

As we enter into 2012, it gives me great pleasure to bring to you our winter issue of the Office of International Programs' Horizons newsletter. Inside, you will find stories that profile the dedicated work of our faculty members, students and staff.



The University of Kansas continues to thrive as a globally-engaged university because of the efforts of university community. From the establishment of the new South Asian Studies program by the Center for Global and International Studies and Professor Bhala's efforts to build the KU School of Law's international law program to the contributions of KU's Haiti Research Initiative Team toward partnership development with Haitian insti-

tutions, ground-breaking work is being done at KU. Honest Mupatsi's story of how music brought him from Zimbabwe to KU to seek a degree in accounting demonstrates the diversity of paths people take to KU.

KU's academic strengths, strong research portfolios, openness to the international community, linkages with partners both near and far, and long-lasting personal relationships with its graduates and visiting scholars all serve as points of connection with the world. Please enjoy this issue and consider submitting a story for a future issue. And, I encourage you to sign up for our semi-monthly e-newsletter.

Happy New Year!"

Susan L. Gronbeck-Tedesco

## On Campus

# Bhala Awarded Woodyard Award

Professor Raj Bhala received the 2011 George and Eleanor Woodyard International Educator Award in November.

The award recognizes faculty on the Lawrence campus who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in strengthening areas such as curriculum development, study abroad programs, relationships with international partner institutions and collaborations with international colleagues in significant research and publications.

Since his arrival at KU in 2003 as the Rice Distinguished Professor,

Bhala has transformed the international law program. Bhala, who is also the associate dean

for international and comparative law has expanded the Law School's international outreach through the doctoral of juridical science (SJD) program and the juris doctor (JD) program for international lawyers. His colleagues note his tireless support for students and the enthusiasm that he brings to his courses in international trade law. Bhala led the effort to establish memoranda

of understanding with international law schools for faculty and student exchanges.



Associate Vice Provost Susan Gronbeck-Tedesco, Eleanor Woodyard, Professor Raj Bhala, Senior Vice Provost Sara Rosen and Director of Faculty Programs Brent Steele

## Center for Global & International Studies

# South Asian Studies Takes Off

This fall, the KU Center for Global and International Studies established the South Asian Studies program (SAS) and appointed Geetanjali Tiwari as its coordinator. SAS has organized several South Asian events this fall, both at KU and in the community.

In September, Kamal Bawa (Department of Biology at the University of Massachusetts and founder of the NGO Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment in India) spoke about biodiversity and climate change in the Himalayas. The following month, Suprabha Seshan, an ecologist with the Gurukula Botanic Sanctuary in Kerala, India, presented a talk, "Rainforest Etiquette in a World Gone Mad," at the Lawrence Public Library. Other SAS events have included a talk about contemporary art in South Asia by

Washburn University art professor Azyz Sharafy and a presentation by D.K. Bhaskar about his work with children in India in which he gives them cameras to document their everyday lives.

The Hindi language program has flourished; third-year Advanced Hindi language is being offered this year. Tiwari is developing a six-week Hindi Language Immersion study abroad program that will be offered in summer 2012. In addition, she taught a brand new culture course on South and Southeast Asia last fall, which brought together experts from KU and the community to provide a holistic understanding of the region. Students enjoyed lectures as well as a field trip to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, an exhibit in the Spencer Museum's teaching gallery specially prepared for the class, and a cooking demonstration.

## African Musician Follows Unique Path

Honest Mupatsi took a different route to the University of Kansas from most students. The freshman from Zimbabwe used his musical talent and experiences to achieve his goal of attending



Honest Mupatsi, second from right in the back row, with his band Liyana.

an American university. His band's journey is documented in "Music by Prudence," a short film that won an Oscar in 2010.

The sound of the marimba first interested Mupatsi as he listened outside the King George's School for the Disabled's music room in Bulawayo. He gradually made his way into the room and quickly learned to play the instrument. After his eight-person group, Liyana, took second prize in an all-Africa competition, they went on tour

in Europe for two months in 2006, performing in Belgium, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Mupatsi's English improved while he was in Europe and his view of the world expanded.

Hard work and original music led to a second tour, this time for six weeks in New York City and California in 2009.

A film crew followed the group, which led to the Oscar-winning film. Eleanor Burkett, one of the film's original producers, encouraged his interest in attending an American university. She told him about the U.S. Achievers Program, which is coordinated by the EducationUSA Advising Centers. As the website describes it, "Usap began in Zimbabwe in 1999 with the aim of providing access to higher education for determined, bright, low-income youth,

thus producing highly skilled and liberally educated leaders for tomorrow's Zimbabwe." A USAID advisor helped Mupatsi navigate the SATs and the application process.

KU was Mupatsi's first choice. He chose to come to Lawrence because he wanted go to a large diverse university with a variety of major options. He is one of three African undergraduates here on USAP. His love of music continues, but he wants to major in accounting so he can help rebuild his country and improve the economy.

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## KU Faculty, Alumni Join Haiti Research Initiative Team

University of Kansas faculty and alumni traveled to Haiti last summer with a team to meet with Haitian officials and civic groups to explore the potential for a collaborative research project in education and technology.

They were part of a core group working to create the Haiti Research Initiative, a post-disaster institutional project involving partnerships with Haiti, KU and The (Domestic) International Center for Community and Human Development, Inc., in Atlanta, Ga.

Professor Maryemma Graham, English, and Brian Rosenblum, associate librarian for digital scholarship, joined Kiran Jayaram, a KU graduate now working on a doctorate at Columbia University, and C.B. Claiborne, professor of marketing at Texas Southern University, for the nine-day trip. They traveled throughout Haiti to meet with the Minister of Education and other key contacts to assess higher education needs in the wake of the catastrophic January 2010 earthquake.

"Despite the flow of aid and donations, as educators, we know that the damage done to the Haitian school system, if not addressed, can remove all hope of community stability and sustained leadership," Graham said. "As researchers, we believe that there are particular areas where we might most usefully apply the research methods derived from the social sciences while employing innovative educational practices."



Left to right: Guy Noel, of Haiti, vice chair, INURED, conference sponsor; Louis Hearn, chair, INURED, University of Miami; Kiran Jayaram, KU, Haitian Studies specialist; Regine Rene, U.S. cultural attache American embassy in Haiti; Maryemma Graham, KU, English; and Brian Rosenblum, KU, librarian

The team attended a retreat titled "On Building a New Foundation for Research, Policy and Development in Haiti" in Port-au-Prince. The Haitian-based Interuniversity Institute for Research and Development sponsors the retreat. This past year, the institute began developing an Interdisciplinary Longitudinal Study of Post-Earthquake Haiti. The study includes ongoing collaborations with more than 25 international researchers and research institutions.

--From University Relations

## Fulbright Assistant Enlivens Hindi Instruction

Smita Singh holds a rare position at the University of Kansas. She is a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA,) one of 12 in the United States and the first for KU. Singh is spending the year assisting Instructor Geeta Tiwari in her Hindi classes.

As she was completing her master's degree in English literature from Patna University in Patna, India, Singh thought about applying for a Fulbright. Teaching a language appealed to her because "language is part of your culture." The Fulbright website describes the FLTA Program as "an opportunity for young, international teachers to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States."

"Having an FLTA on campus for the first time in KU's history has been an especial privilege and delight for the Center for Global and International Studies (CGIS). Smita's presence on our campus adds to KU's internationalization: her Fulbright award that has brought her here is an acknowledgement of KU's national stature as a institution that has expertise in language training, that welcomes international students to its campus in substantive ways, and that engages in serious internationalization for its students and faculty alike," said CGIS director Thomas Heilke.

Singh's presence allows students to learn from a native speaker, in addition to Tiwari. She works with beginning students to practice their speaking. The advanced Hindi student has Singh's personal attention as she and Singh focus on speaking, reading, writing and grammar.

"She brings an important cultural and linguistic perspective to the classroom that adds value to



Hindi student Rose Naughtin with Smita Singh

the expert pedagogy of Prof. Geeta Tiwari, the Hindi instructor and South Asia studies coordinator in CGIS. Smita provides additional hands-on, one-on-one tutoring for our students; anyone familiar with language pedagogy knows how valuable such attention can be for the success of language students," Heilke said.

"I really love class with Smita. Since it's just a one-on-one class, it's easy to tailor the class to what I want to learn or improve on. She just moved from India so she can tell me a lot about the culture as well as the language. Our class is very free and casual; she always has a lesson plan, but I can bring my own ideas for homework and lessons too," said junior Rose Naughtin.

FLTAs are required to attend at least two academic courses per semester. This semester Singh is taking Film and Media Studies and American Women Studies. She is interested in women's studies and wants to explore the root cause of economic problems.

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## Law School Hosts Korean Students

In May 2011, three more candidates in the Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) program earned degrees at KU Law. Ahmad Al Zaabi, Yu-Hao Yeh and Huan Zhu successfully defended their dissertations. Al Zaabi now teaches international trade law and commercial law at United Arab Emirates University Faculty of Law. Yeh moved back to Taiwan to secure a teaching position, and Zhu is a policy research assistant with DB Capitol Strategies PLLC in Washington, D.C.

Ten students from Pusan University (Korea) participated in the inaugural Kansas Summer Law Institute in June. The program offered condensed examinations of Islamic law, American

constitutional law, and international economic law. While in Kansas, the students also visited

government offices in Topeka and learned about American legal education from KU law students.

This fall, the law school announced its new LL.M. in American Legal Studies. The program is designed to provide international students with an introduction to the breadth of American law.



Pusan National University students enjoy class during the inaugural Kansas Summer Law Institute.

Students who complete the program will be prepared for the further study of law in the United States, select bar examinations and the practice of law internationally. The program will accept its first students in fall 2012.



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# Center of Latin American Studies

## Center Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The spring 2011 semester marked the 50th Anniversary of the Center of Latin American Studies at the University of Kansas. The theme was "Latin American Studies in a Global Context: Past, Present, and Future," and included a wide array of events that celebrated the history, legacy and future of Latin American studies. The celebration held November 18-20 was a great success and brought together alumni, faculty, students, friends and Latin American organizations from all over the hemisphere. The celebration began November 18 with the 20th Annual Waggoner Research Colloquium, continued Saturday with the 50th Anniversary Conference and culminated with the 50th Anniversary Banquet in the Kansas Union Ballroom in the evening.



From left: Professor Anita Herzfeld, LAS; Director of Faculty Programs Brent Steele; and keynote speaker Dr. Maria Eugenia Bozzoli, University of Costa Rica

## Study Abroad

### Study Abroad Highlights Latin American Programs

The Office of Study Abroad (OSA) participated in the Latin American Studies 50th Anniversary Program on November 19, 2011. The conference concluded a three-day celebration of the history and future of Latin American Studies at KU. The theme of the conference was "Latin American Studies in a Global Context: Past, Present, and Future."

OSA supplied study abroad information to alumni, current students, faculty and staff during the conference.

"It was great to be part of the conference," stated Sam Spurlock, senior from Sacramento, Cali., co-majoring in French and Linguistics with

a minor in Latin American Studies. "I feel it is very important for students to study abroad, especially students majoring in area studies and also learning another language." Spurlock has studied abroad three times, spending a semester in Angers, France; interning over the summer in Dublin, Ireland; and participating in the Language and Culture in Nicaragua program.

Currently, OSA offers 15 programs in Latin American nations including Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Peru. The KU/University of Costa Rica Academic and Cultural Exchange, which began in 1958, is the longest exchange program in the Western Hemisphere.



Students Jordan Sparrow and Sam Spurlock and Study Abroad Outreach Coordinator Robert Lopez promote Study Abroad during the Latin American Studies 50th Anniversary Conference.

## CREES Hosts Open World Delegates

In April and June 2011 CREES hosted two groups of delegates from Russia as part of the Open World Program. The first delegation, which focused on issues in higher education, was in Lawrence April 8-16. The second group studied environmental management, June 18-26.

The Open World Program "enables emerging leaders from Russia and other Eurasian countries to experience American democracy and civil society in action" ([www.open-world.gov](http://www.open-world.gov)). The program was established in 1999, and is the first and only exchange program of the US legislative branch. Librarian of Congress James H. Billington, familiar to many REES faculty and stu-

dents as the author of numerous works on Russia, was an early proponent of the program and continues to play a large role in Open World's success.

The program has its own Open World Leadership Center, which awards grants to a broad range of NGOs and educational institutions to host Open World delegations. The Center selects host organizations on an annual basis through a competitive grant process. The Graduate School, based in Washington, DC, asked CREES

to take part in its proposal to organize the visits of a number of delegations throughout the year.



Open World delegates test the power generation capabilities of a stationary bike at the Bowersock Dam in Lawrence.

## Applied English Center

### AEC Class Collaborates to Create Musical "Babel"

Lynette Hosek's Special Studies in Speaking and Listening class at the Applied English Center (AEC) collaborated with Assistant Professor Kip Haaheim's Electronic Music Composition I students to create "Babel" -- 11 electronic music compositions that begin with a piece of foreign language text. The AEC students translated a piece of text from their cultures. The music students recorded the AEC students reading the text and then manipulated the recording to create an electronic music piece. The students presented their compositions in a December recital.



From left: Xiaoyu Li, Peiyuan Ding, Nate Van Horn (background), Matt Walsh and Jacob Russell

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