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Provost Henry Receives Prestigious International Education Award

By John F. Hicks

Each year, the National Association of State Land Grant Universities and Colleges (NASULGC) honors one or two individuals from its 214 member institutions for a career that furthers international education. The 2004 Michael P. Malone Award, named in honor of the former President of Montana State University and Chair of the NASULGC Commission on International Programs, was presented to Dr. Ronald J. Henry, Georgia State's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In her letter of notification to Dr. Henry, Nancy L. Zimpher, then Chair of the Commission on International Programs noted: "...this year, the Malone Award committee considered more than two dozen extremely qualified candidates for the honor. Your long list of accomplishments in developing international programs is truly remarkable and serves as a model of leadership for others to emulate..."

Dr. Henry's nominating letter detailed an extraordinary record of accomplishment covering a decade of his tenure as Georgia State's Provost. These achievements were instrumental in transforming the educational experience at Georgia State University into one that is truly global. Since arriving here in July 1994, Dr. Henry has:

- Made internationalization a core institutional value, consistently reflected in the strategic mission and programs of the university
- Provided internal funding and made organizational enhancements to strengthen international education
- Provided financial and intellectual support for the International Strategic Initiatives Program, featured elsewhere in this issue
- Realized a dramatic increase in faculty participation in

international activities – quadrupling from an estimated 100 in 1994 to 394 by 2003

- Expanded the number of active International Cooperation Agreements with institutions in other parts of the world
- Increased the number of international students and scholars at Georgia State. International student and scholar numbers stood at 840 and 80 respectively in 1994-95. By 2003-04 respective enrollment of international students and scholars had risen to 1724 and 164.
- Supported steady growth in the number of Georgia State students studying abroad and championed the International Education Fee which provides study abroad scholarships
- Fostered the transformation of the curriculum to one that is international, and
- Supported the establishment of numerous programs and activities that promote and publicize international education on campus.

In accepting this award at the 2004 summer meeting of the Commission on International Programs in San Diego, Provost Henry said that "...Much of Georgia State's progress in international education is the result of two ingredients – good people with excellent ideas and a focused approach. My role is to support the ideas by providing money and focus – incentives tied to focused strategies – then move out of their way. Deans are the key to success with faculty..."

On behalf of the entire university community, Global Dimensions congratulates Dr. Henry for receiving this distinguished award and for his visionary leadership in successfully internationalizing education at Georgia State University.

To learn more about NASULGC and the Michael P. Malone Award please visit: www.nasulg.org/Default.htm.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PROVOST

Provost Henry's receipt of the 2004 Malone Award symbolizes the tremendous progress Georgia State University has made over the last decade in internationalizing education. It also reflects the commitment and determination of the



university family to equip our students with the knowledge, skills and experiences needed to compete and contribute to the global community.

While our achievements are notable, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels. More than ever before, it is imperative that American students study, learn

about and appreciate the languages and cultures of other nations. Such exposure is just as critical for success within our national boundaries as it is outside of the United States. As demographic changes and the unabated influx of people into Atlanta from all over the world continues to shape the international character of our immediate environs, international sophistication and sensitivity are becoming increasingly necessary to navigate and excel in our own backyard. It therefore is gratifying to see the many efforts underway to intensify international education at Georgia State. The articles in this issue of Global Dimensions report on some of the many activities and achievements of our various international initiatives.

We are especially pleased with the rapid growth in the number of Georgia State students studying abroad. Without student interest, financial resources and the committed leadership of faculty and administrators, this simply could not happen. The College of Arts and Sciences' decision to select "international" as the theme of its honors program this year is exemplary of the university-wide commitment and vision to encourage all students to study abroad. Speaking at the honors day program on the importance of studying abroad, Dr. Robert Sattelmeyer, Professor of English and Director of International Programs for the college stated: "...We promote study abroad because part of what a university education is about is the understanding and appreciation of different cultures and points of view, and the platitudes you hear about our increasingly global civilization got to be platitudes because they are true..."

As study abroad leads the way in taking the university to the next level in internationalizing education, this will add yet another mark of excellence and distinction to our reputation. Georgia State will become known as a place where students will be expected and encouraged to study abroad and to take advantage of other opportunities to integrate international perspectives into their course of study.

The challenge to university leadership is to provide the needed resources and incentives to faculty and staff who consistently demonstrate their commitment to the university's international education goals and objectives.

John F. Hicks

Assistant Provost for International Affairs

Global Dimensions Trivia

1. What two countries does Lake Titicaca lie between?
2. What is the largest city in sub-Saharan Africa by population, and with how many people?
3. Is Australia larger or smaller than the United States?
4. What is the deepest point on Earth (land or sea)?
5. What is the largest city in the world in land area?
6. What is the U.S.'s oldest city?
7. The Hundred Years War was fought between what two European countries?
8. Who was the "Great Liberator" in South American History?
9. What volcano last erupted in 1707?
10. What empire ruled by Mansa Musa reached its height in Africa from 1312-1337?

ANSWERS

1. Peru and Bolivia
2. Lagos, Nigeria
3. Slightly more than 10 million.
4. A point in the Marianas Trench called Challenger Deep. In 1995, its depth was recorded to be 35,797 feet (6,78 miles). It is located near the Marianas Islands in the South Pacific.
5. Mount Isa, Australia; 17,370 square miles
6. St. Augustine, Florida; established in 1565
7. England
8. Simon and France; 1337-1453
9. Bolivar; liberated Venezuela from Spain in 1821, and later liberated Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia.
9. Mt. Fuji
10. The Mali Empire



DOUG'S CORNER

We are near the fourth anniversary of 9/11 and there begins to be hope that the concept of international education is being seen as a good thing. Editorials call for more international education, Harvard now says 100% of its undergraduates must have an international experience, study abroad numbers continue to grow, President Bush's budget called for an increase in funding for exchanges, and the Secretary of State affirmed the importance of international education at her confirmation hearing:



"We will increase our exchanges with the rest of the world.... And America must remain open to visitors and workers and students from around the world..."

In the House, Representatives Jim Kolbe (R, Arizona) and Jim Oberstar (D, Minnesota) introduced a resolution, H.Con.Res.100, calling on Congress to express its support of an international education policy for the United States. Such a policy will promote understanding between nations and support visa policies that would allow the movement of persons involved in these exchanges. It also calls for an increase in the number of U.S. students studying abroad and supports foreign language education and international expertise at earlier ages.

Senators Norm Coleman (R, Minnesota) and Jeff Bingaman (D, New Mexico) introduced legislation to reverse the decline in the number of international students studying in the United States. The bill, S. 455, is known as the ACTION Act of 2005. Senator Coleman was instrumental in getting the State Department to extend the Visa Mantis approvals from one year's validity to four years. The Act would require mechanisms to be developed whereby schools' officers could make corrections to minor data problems in SEVIS. It asks the State Department to renegotiate visa agreements so that all students have a minimum four year visa. It also creates a presumption of approval for student visas instead of a presumption of home residence abandonment.

These activities in the U.S. Congress show positive support of international education, but there continue to be actions that undermine that movement. For example, the House recently passed the REAL ID Act, H.R. 418. Its most direct impact on international education would be to restrict access to a driver's license to many nonimmigrants. The Real ID Act will reinforce the perception that the U.S. is not open to or welcoming to international students, scholars, and other visitors.

If you have the opportunity, please ask your Representative and Senators to co-sponsor those acts that support international education.

Dr. Doug Podoll, Director
International Student and Scholar Services

International Students Reach Out to Campus and Community

By Heather Housley

Georgia State's twenty-one international student groups have been busy this spring semester with several campus and community events. In response to the deadly tsunami that devastated parts of South Asia in December, the International Student Association Council (ISAC) rapidly organized to raise funds for UNICEF's relief efforts. In just two days, they collected almost \$3200 from students, faculty, and staff – mostly in coins and small bills. Thank you to everyone who donated and to the many students who helped raise the funds!

The groups within ISAC have also sent members out to several local elementary schools, high schools and daycare centers recently to speak about their countries and cultures. Not only do these visits provide a great opportunity for the school children to learn about other parts of the world, but the Georgia State students also find them very rewarding

and the questions asked quite enlightening and entertaining.

ISAC has also presented several cultural events on campus this spring. For example, the groups have hosted an African Fashion Show, Chinese New Year, Salsa Night, Kurdish Newroz Celebration, Bangladesh Cultural Show, and UTSAV: A Celebration of India, presented at the Rialto Theater. Some groups organize an entire week of cultural activities, and this year the campus was treated to Pan-African Week, Caribbean Week, the first ever Desi Week (all Southeast Asian cultures), and the annual International Spring Festival. The events help internationalize our campus, provide a cultural outlet for students so far away from home, and also foster development of leadership and organizational skills. Thank you to all the international students who have helped organize these colorful campus and community events!

Study Abroad Programs on the Rise

By Leigh Essex Walker

In 2004, the number of Georgia State University students studying abroad rose to 410 – 32% more than the previous year. This upward trend is expected to continue this year and beyond. By the 2006–2007 Academic year, the Board of Regents' and Georgia State University's goal of at least 700 Georgia State students studying abroad will be reached, if not exceeded.

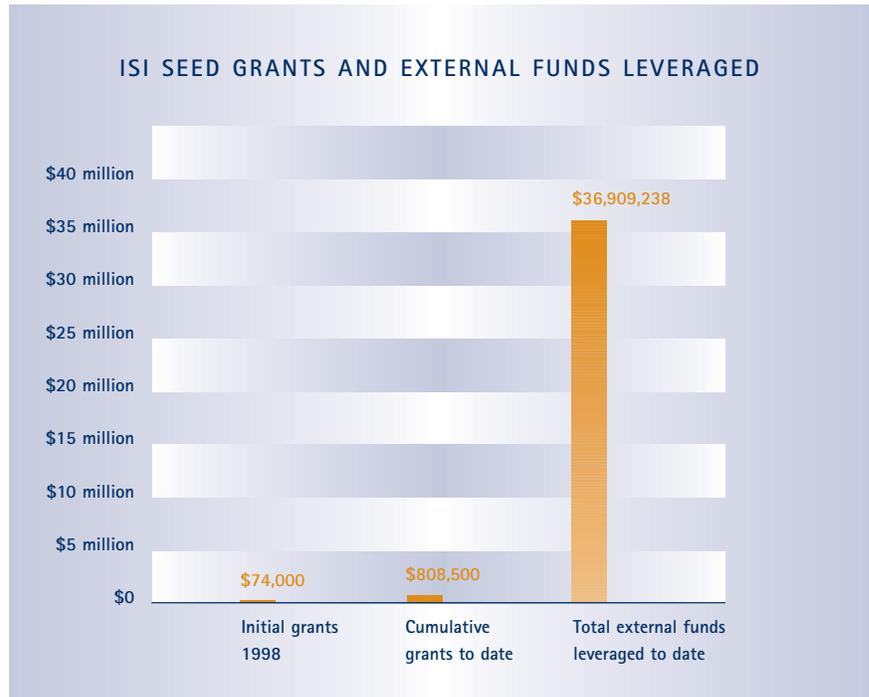
The explosion in new Study Abroad Programs throughout the university can be attributed to a growing appreciation among Georgia State students of the importance of international education, the introduction in 2003 of an International Education Fee that funds study abroad scholarships, and the committed leadership of Georgia State University faculty and staff. The number of Georgia State sponsored study abroad programs increased dramatically between 2004 and 2005 from 22 to 33 – some 50%.

One innovative, inter-disciplinary new study abroad program, "The Rio Experience," designed by Dr. Colin Crawford (College of Law) and Dr. Cassandra White (Arts & Sciences, Anthropology) invites students to use Rio's peerless surroundings as a laboratory to study cutting edge environmental health issues in Brazil.

Dr. Carolyn Codamo's program, *Egypt: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* represents a unique new study abroad model for a Perspectives class that may be adapted by other faculty in the future. New programs introduced this year by the School of Art and Design include Dr. Mariama Ross' *Art, Culture & Education in Ghana* and Dr. Melody Milbrandt's *Russian Art & Art Education*. The History department's Professor Richard Laub also introduced *Landscapes of Memory: History, Culture & Historic Preservation in South Africa*.

Dr. Carol Hansen of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies initiated a new student semester exchange program in *Public Administration and Urban Studies* in Newcastle, England. Through this program, graduate students from Georgia State and the University of Northumbria will gain an awareness of international policy and practice and the managerial skills needed to function effectively in a global setting.

A complete listing of new study abroad programs can be seen on the back page of this newsletter.



Strategic Initiative Grants Boost International Education at Georgia State

By Kike Ehigiator

Initiated in 1998, the International Strategic Initiative (ISI) Program was conceived to assist the university in internationalizing education. The ISI program provides seed grants to the colleges to assist in their efforts to develop and initiate meaningful and enduring international programs.

As illustrated in the chart above, the ISI Program has enjoyed considerable success since its inception. All six colleges actively participate in the program. Moreover, the program has become increasingly competitive since 1999 with demand for seed grants far exceeding available funds. In 1998, five grants were awarded totaling \$74,000. To date, 67 grants have been awarded amounting to some \$808,500. This investment, which supports a diverse portfolio of international activities, has leveraged nearly \$37 million dollars in external grants from national and international funding agencies and foundations.

The ISI Program has enabled a dramatic expansion of student, faculty and staff engagement in international education. The program also has facilitated the establishment of mutually beneficial relationships with numerous international partners. For example, ISI seed grants helped the College of Arts and Science's Middle East Center for Peace, Culture and Development obtain federal funding to establish at Georgia State a National Resources Center for the Middle East. Initial ISI grants to the Robinson College of Business supported the successful creation of the Caucuses School of Business in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. The Andrew Young School of Policy Studies used ISI grants to help obtain millions of dollars to support economic and fiscal policy initiatives in Russia and in developing and transitional countries. And for the past two years, ISI grants have supported the participation of several Georgia State students in national level Model Africa Union, Arab League, and United Nations programs.

A complete listing of seed grants provided through the ISI Program can be viewed at: http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwoia/inter_strategic_initiatives/awards.htm

The annual grant cycle runs from June to September each year. ISI grants must be matched by the colleges, and proposals for these funds must articulate a plan for leveraging external funding. Successful proposals may be funded for three consecutive years if promising progress is being made to attract external resources to sustain the program. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is posted on the OIA website in June. Last year's RFP can be viewed at: http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwoia/inter_strategic_initiatives/proposal_links.htm

To learn more about the ISI Program, please contact Kike Ehigiator in the Office of International Affairs at 404.463.9411 or 404.651.8142.



Traveling Spirits

By Leslie Mellard

Picture Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica townsmen gathering on Saturday morning to play their instruments outside of the weekly market. Notice the instruments themselves, especially the bass.

People from the South Caribbean side of Costa Rica come to Puerto Viejo every Saturday morning to purchase fruits, vegetables, meats and dairy products at this open air market just across from the beach. The gentlemen in the picture set up their instruments and share their passion for music with the bustling market shoppers.

Throughout Costa Rica, open-air markets set up every Saturday morning and people gather to shop and socialize. Everything sold is home grown, raised, or made and is much more affordable than the brick and mortar markets that are beginning to pop up in Costa Rica. These markets are not only economically beneficial, but are also chance for Saturday morning friendship and fellowship.

I was told by a man at this market, "I don't understand Americans... They live to work... I work to live."

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2004

By Misty Holm

Georgia State University joined universities around the country in celebrating International Education Week from November 15–19, 2004. Five events, each celebrating a different aspect of international education, were held on campus during the week.

Nkosinathi Biko, son of legendary South African civil rights activist Steven Biko, was a guest speaker on Tuesday, November 16. He spoke about his father's legacy of activism and the racial influences and events that led to his transformation and involvement in the fight against apartheid. He also spoke of the foundation he established to honor his father, the Steve Biko Foundation, which seeks to promote social change and reform among youths in South Africa.

On Wednesday, November 17, Provost Ron Henry presented the International Excellence Award to ten members of Georgia State's university community at an appreciation luncheon. The recipients were Jamie Boex and Sally Wallace from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Mourad Dakhi from the Robinson College of Business, Robbie Friedmann and Michael Vaughn from the College of Health and Human Sciences, Asa Hilliard III from the College of Education, Rashid Naim, Phang C. Tai, and the Intensive English Program from the College of Arts & Sciences, and Charles Marvin from the College of Law.

The Study Abroad Programs Office held its second *How to Afford Study Abroad Workshop* on Wednesday, November 17. The purpose of the workshop was to give students the tools that they need to gather funding to use towards their study abroad program.

Nkosinathi Biko with
Office of International
Affairs Business Manager
Veronica Thomas and
Robinson College of
Business MBA Student
Sebastian Mathews at an
International Education
Week seminar

On November 18 and 19, the Study Abroad Programs Office hosted information and orientation sessions to acquaint Georgia State University undergraduates with the scholarship opportunities available through the National Security Education Program – one of five scholarship programs sponsored by the federal government.

Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures International Photo Competition Awards Ceremony and Reception celebrated its 5th anniversary on November 18 in the Student Center Ballroom. The event brings together international and returned study abroad students, faculty, staff, and administrators to honor recipients of the International Education Fee (IEF) Study Abroad Scholarship, as well as winners of our annual photo competition. Dr. Ronald Colarusso, Dean of the College of Education was keynote speaker. His remarks shared highlights of some of Georgia State's international programs and included an "international quiz" that utilized audience participation to drive home his international education message. This year saw two additions to the festivities. The People's Choice Award was chosen from the winners of the first four annual competitions and was won by senior Geography student Wafa Istambouli. The Program Director of the Year Award, presented by President Carl Patton, was created to honor faculty who strive to internationalize Georgia State University by taking students abroad to enhance their academic experience. This year's recipient was Dr. José Montero who, for more than 20 years, has introduced his students to the wonders of Madrid, Spain.



LET'S STUDY ABROAD

As a student at Georgia State University, it is no longer a question of if you study abroad, but when. With the support of the university, your college, your academic advisor, financial aid and scholarships, and certainly the assistance provided by the Study Abroad Programs Office, there are few reasons to miss out on such a life changing opportunity.

It is never too early to begin planning for this increasingly critical part of your education. Many students are studying abroad as early as the summer after their freshman year, for example, taking core classes in English literally all around the world. It is also becoming common for students to study abroad more than once, taking advantage of a growing number of Georgia State programs in every discipline, from language to biology.

Don't let cost stand in your way. In its second year, the Georgia State International Education Fee and Foundation Scholarship Programs, along with financial aid and a growing number of other scholarships have helped to make study abroad more affordable than ever for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Talk to your professors, talk to your friends who have studied abroad, and attend a Globe Trekker Seminar in the Study Abroad Office to learn more about the opportunities available to you. You will be surprised to discover how accessible this experience can be. In fact, it is the best time of your life to take advantage of the exciting opportunity to live and learn in another country, even as you work toward your degree at Georgia State.

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WHAT'S AHEAD IN 2005

May 29-June 3	NASFSA: Association of International Educators National Conference, Seattle, Washington
July 10-12	NASULGC (National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges) Commission on International Programs National Conference, Newport, RI
October 5	10th Annual Study Abroad Fair, Georgia State University
November 14-18	International Education Week (IEW)
Date TBA (during IEW)	6th Annual Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures International Photo Competition Award Ceremony, Georgia State University
November 15	Undergraduate NSEP Information Session
November 17	Undergraduate NSEP Participants' Workshop

Georgia State University Study Abroad Programs 2004-2005

Argentina & Brazil: Management in Different World Regions, The Case in South America, *Summer*

- 🌐 Brazil: The Urban Environment and Health, Law Policy and Culture – The Rio Experience, *Summer*
- 🌐 Brazil & Trinidad: Preparing for Carnival in Brazil: Music and the Arts in Rio de Janeiro and Salvador, *Fall Break*
- China: Study Abroad in Transition Economies, *Summer*
- 🌐 China: 2005 USG Summer Study to China Program, *Summer*
- China & Thailand: Executive MBA Class of 2005 trip to Asia, *Maymester*
- Eastern Europe: Summer Academy in International Commercial Arbitration, *Summer*
- 🌐 Egypt: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow, *Maymester*
- Egypt: Egypt in the Age of the Pharaohs, *Maymester*
- 🌐 England: Educational Leadership Endorsement, *Summer*
- England: Child Welfare (Non-credit bearing program), *Spring*
- Europe: European Teachers Exchange Network (ETEN), *Fall & Spring*
- France: Philosophy Exchange with the University of Paris, Sorbonne, *Fall/Spring semester and academic year*
- France: Management & Marketing in the EU, Toulouse, *Maymester*
- 🌐 France: French Studies Abroad Program in Tours, *Summer*
- France & the EU: Financial & Managerial Issues, *Maymester*
- Germany: GSU/Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen Exchange, *Fall/Spring semester and academic year*
- Germany: GSU/Yohannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Exchange, *Fall/Spring semester and academic year*

Germany: GSU/Universitat Potsdam Exchange, *Fall/Spring semester and academic year*

- 🌐 Ghana: Art, Culture and Education in Ghana, West Africa, *Maymester*
- Institute of International Business, international Internship, *destinations and durations vary*
- Italy: Study Abroad in Visual Art in Florence, *Summer*
- Italy: International Exchange at Ca'Foscari University, Venice, *Academic years 2004/2005 to 2005/2006*
- 🌐 Italy: International Perspectives on Ceramics, Tuscany, *Maymester*
- Italy: Consortium of Universities for International Studies, *Summer, Spring & Fall*
- Mexico: Spanish Studies in Guadalajara, *Summer*
- 🌐 Russia: Russian Art & Education, *Maymester*
- Scotland: Issues of Landscape in Northeast Scotland, United Kingdom (Scottish Sculpture Workshop), *Summer*
- 🌐 Spain: Spanish Studies in Granada, *Summer*
- Spain: Spanish Studies in Madrid, *Summer*
- 🌐 South Africa: Landscapes of Memory: History, Culture and Historic Preservation, *Maymester*
- South Africa: Economic Studies, *Maymester*
- Switzerland, Germany, & France: European Hospitality Experience, *Maymester*
- UK: Joint Studies in British & American Cultures Exchange, *Fall & Spring*
- 🌐 UK: Public Administration and Urban Studies in Newcastle Fall Semester Exchange, *Fall 2005*

🌐 denotes program that is new this year.