

December 2014

Destination Kent State

EHHS hosts 22 Visiting Scholars for Spring 2014



8th Year of hosting ILEP Teachers!

As the only university in the country to host the international Leaders in Education Program all 8 years of the programs' existence, Kent State is proud to welcome the 2014 ILEPers from Morocco, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Senegal and Ghana. These 14 English and 2 economics secondary teachers are part of the program sponsored by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and IREX. Screened in heavy competition within their countries, these visiting scholars take two special designed classes, and visit to regular graduate classes in addition to internships in the public schools.

Pictured above left to right are Youssef El Boutaibi, Mohamed Gadelrab, Sylvester Opolku, Aboullaye Fall, Jil Lahallo, Magda Ibrahim, Siti Asniatih, , Adji Gueye, Taoufik Chaif, Mizy Faris, Francisli Galdino, Riyas Pattathodika, , Ernest Gyimah, Bobby Jose, Thomas Varghese, and Claudia Conchon.

NE Ohio Impacted by Visiting Scholars

Visiting Scholars at Kent State have impact beyond the classrooms and campus community. The 16 ILEP scholars are hosted by the area schools. Kent Roosevelt High School, Kent Stanton Middle School, Stow's Kimpton Middle School, Stow Monroe Falls High School, Hudson High School, Aurora High School and Rootstown High School.

Eight Friendship Families are also paired with the ILEP visitors. Hosting this year include Janet and David Dix, Amanda Hudnall, Karen and Doug Fuller, Marlene and Fran Dorsey, Barb and Joe Marken, Maria and Fred McCarty, Reed and Karen Beck, and Carolyn and Jim Brothers.

The ILEP Fellows will also do service learning project with refugees at the Akron International Institute.

EHHS Faculty who are advisors to the ILEP schools include **Ken Cshner, Bill Bintz, Davison Mupinga, Chris Busey, Sonja Wisdom, Jen Fissette, Teresa Rishel, and Anna Schmidt.**

Additionally, more faculty members have welcomed these scholars into their classes demonstrating their wiliness to internationalize their classrooms, and to help these outstanding teachers continue to grow professionally. Thanks to **Bill Binz, Ken Cushner, Sarah Rilling, Martin Jencius, Danielle Gruehler, Brad Morris, Nicole Robinson, Christa Boska, and Brenda McKenzie,**

Kent State Residency Fulfills Chinese Requirements for Faculty

Chinese Assistant and Associate Professors must have a year abroad before they can be considered for advanced status as faculty. Thus, Kent State is a destination for many partner university's young faculty as they prepare for advancement in their universities. Currently, EHHS is hosting five visiting scholars from five different university. We welcome Associate Professor **Shuchi Wang** from Shanghai Normal University. Her host faculty here is **Philip Wang**. **Fan Qiutao**, from Sichuan International Studies University, is hosted by Shawn Fitzgerald. Associate Professor **Yingfeng He** is from Shanghai Second Polytechnic University and working with **Philip Wang** in travel/tourism. Still in residence from last semester is **Shen Shu** from Second Military Medical University of Shanghai, and **Yan Xu** from Changzhou Institute of Light Industry of Technology. **Vilma Seeberg** and **Ning Chuang** are the host faculty for these two scholars.

Fulbright Scholar Vidya Ramkumar First Visiting Scholar in Speech and Audiology

Fulbright Scholar, **Vidya Ramkumar**, a senior lecturer in the Department of Audiology and Speech, at Sri Ramachandra University and Hospital in Chennai. She is currently pursuing a PHD in the application of telemedicine for assessing newborns nearing in rural India. While here, she will be working with **Dr. Mark Krumm**. Also traveling with her from India is her mother, **Uma Ramkumar** and her 4 month old daughter, **Anahitha**. Vidya is the first visiting scholar in EHHS's department of Speech and Audiology.

Spring Semester Highlights: Visiting Scholar Presentations

Cultural Dialogues by ILEP Scholars

200 White Hall, 12:00-1:00

February 11—Morocco & Egypt

February 20—India & Indonesia

February 26—Senegal & Ghana

March 6—Brazil

Gerald H. Read Distinguished Lectures

200 White Hall, 3:30-4:30

April 1—YingFeng He & Shuchui

Wang (Travel and Tourism)

April 10—Yang Xiaoyan & Fan Qiutao

(Travel and Marketing)

April 17—Vidya Ramkumar

(Telemedicine in Speech and Audiology)

Gerald H. Read Distinguished Lecture

KIVA, 7:00 p.m.

March 13--Celebration of Global Citizen Diplomacy. Featuring former ILEP scholars: Patrick Maband Mnisi (South Africa), Umi Safari (Indonesia), Ricardo De Sales from (Brazil) and Nourrendine Boutahar (Morocco)

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