

Alumni Return for READ Lecture

Four Voices Inspiring Change: A Global Conversation with Teacher Leaders



Senator Sherrod Brown and Staff Honored for Support of KSU Program

Each year when we welcome the International Leaders in Education Program to Kent State, US Senator Sherrod Brown's staff help us welcome them to Ohio. At the end of the semester when we award them certificates to congratulate them for the successful completion of the program, Brown's staffers are there to help us in honoring these international teachers.

The ILEP program is federal funded. It isn't often that the federally elected official offices take time to be involved in these federal program at the University. To thank Brown for his on-going support, Kent State will present Certificates of Appreciation to him and his staff member, Sarah Lowry, at the International Leaders in Education Program READ Distinguished Lecture.

Eight Years of ILEP Impact NE Ohio

For the last eight years, KSU has hosted the International leaders in Education Program, a program funded by the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Exchange and administered by IREX. This has brought nearly 100 secondary educators from 20 countries to the university, the community and the local public and private schools. What impact has the continuation of this federally funded program had on lives and institutions here in NE Ohio?

In an attempt to answer this question, CIIE is holding a series of events in early March to celebrate and review the impact of this program. Four returning alumni, (pictured top to bottom, left to right) **Ricardo Sales** (Brazil), **Maband Patrick Mnisi** (South Africa), **Nouredine Boutahar** (Morocco), and **Umi Rakailah Safari** (Indonesia) will present the Gerald H. Read Distinguished Lecture on March 13, at 7:30, in the KIVA. In a panel moderated by **Marty Jencius**, the panelists will tell how this global program has changed their lives, their professional approaches to teaching and learning, and their world view.

As part of the evening's activities, all of the partner teachers from the public and private schools who have hosted the scholars, all of the host families and community agencies who have been involved with each group, and the KSU faculty who have had them as students or advisors have been invited to focus groups discussions where we will delve into the impact of this program. A reception for all will celebrate the strong support that NE Ohio has given to the International Leaders in Education Program over the years.

**Progress Report for
Millennium Goal**

**GOAL 3:
PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER
WOMEN**

**Target 3.A:
Eliminate gender disparity in primary and
secondary education, preferably by 2005, and
in all levels of education no later than 2015**

- The world has achieved equality in primary education between girls and boys, but only 2 out of 130 countries have achieved that target at all levels of education.
- Globally, 40 out of every 100 wage-earning jobs in the non-agricultural sector were held by women in 2011. This is a significant improvement since 1990.
- In many countries, gender inequality persists and women continue to face discrimination in access to education, work and economic assets, and participation in government. For example, in every developing region, women tend to hold less secure jobs than men, with fewer social benefits.
- Violence against women continues to undermine efforts to reach all goals.
- Poverty is a major barrier to secondary education, especially among older girls.
- Women are largely relegated to more vulnerable forms of employment.



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**International Women’s Day Event
Helps Family & Consumer Science
Globalize Their Program**



**Sherif-Trask to present *Changes in
Families: Globalizing Force, Economics, &
Women in the Paid Labor Force***

Dr. Bahira Sherif-Trask from the University of Delaware, will present on **March 6, Moulton Hall Ballroom, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Professor Trask received her Bachelor’s degree from Yale in Political Science and her Ph. D. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Globalization and Families: Accelerated Systemic Social Change, Trask’s recent book, stems from the realization that globalization is a critical factor in fundamentally transforming societies and culture around the world. **Maureen Blankemeyer** arranged this presentation.

CIIE has also provided international programming for **Rhonda Richardson’s** classes this year in the presentations, *Children of the World*. Recent presenters on parenting around the world included Fulbright visiting scholar Vidya Ramkumar (India) and Fulbright student Irina Shcheglova (Russia), as well as Aline Washington, a community member from Brazil.

CIIE can assist you, too, in providing global speakers for your class. Just ask.