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The Read Review welcomes news items and photographs of cultural or international events. We also seek articles about international education.

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It Takes a Village...

The African proverb, "It takes a village..." can be extended to KSU's hosting of the International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP). Twelve KSU faculty members have partnered with ILEP and the Gerald H. Read Center to host sixteen international secondary educators in courses this semester. Each ILEP scholar is attending two KSU courses chosen based on personal and professional goals as well as the willingness of KSU faculty to host these visiting scholars. Ms. Mary Tipton, ILEP Co-coordinator, explained that the ILEP scholars, in addition to their own learning, will contribute to the learning of their classmates by bringing international experiences and perspectives.

Dr. Wendy Kasten is hosting Fabiola Cordero from Ecuador in "Survey of Young Adult Literature." She explains, "They [ILEP Scholars] bring to our class and our discussions

global perspectives that benefit everyone taking the course. They are a rich source of what life and thinking looks like in other parts of the world, and they stimulate the thinking of our U.S. students."

In Dr. Joanne Caniglia's math education courses, you can find three ILEP scholars, Novianti Mulyana (*Indonesia*), Hanan Sidani (*Lebanon*), and Eugene Dlamini (*South Africa*). Dr. Caniglia says, "The fit is perfect. At times we get an international perspective." She describes the scholars as thoughtful, bright and articulate. "The benefit is not just to the scholar."



Dr. Wendy Kasten



Dr. Joanne Caniglia

A Special Thank You to the 2011 ILEP Faculty Partners School of Foundations, Leadership & Administration

Dr. Wei Huang
Dr. Martha Merrill
Dr. Vilma Seeborg

School of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum Studies

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Dr. Wendy Kasten
Dr. Teresa Rishel

School of Lifespan Development & Educational Sciences

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ILEP Scholars (back row-from left to right) Comfort Molete, Hermes Vargas, Sukanto Roy, Mohamed Abouabdellah, Eugene Sikumbuzo Dlamini, Naji Abdelilah; (front row-from left to right) Hanan Sidani, Jeane Gomes de Oliveria, Betty Rahmawati, Magaly Diaz, Novianti Mulyana, Patricia Carvalho, Fabiola Cordero, Nadine Al Masri Al Chaarani, Christine Arjona, Swapur Mohajon

Enhancing the Global Perspective of Pre-service Teachers Through Professionalism Points



Dr. Debra Clark

Dr. Debra Clark, Professor of Cultural Foundations in Education, teaches courses addressing issues of human diversity in education. Dr. Clark requires pre-service teachers enrolled in her courses to earn professionalism points.

Students can earn these points through a variety of options, such as volunteering in schools, tutoring children in an after-school programs, attending events and listening to speakers when they come to campus. She explains, "A portion of the professional points they earn must be intercultural, again they have many options for earning these points; however, the Read Center for International and Intercultural Education has made helped me to make going to Read Room events the easiest option for gaining these points."

Cultural Dialogues are held four times each semester (see Upcoming Events on the back of this Read Review). Guest speakers include KSU's international students and visiting scholars. Dr. Clark writes, "I believe, by having pre-services teachers attend the cultural dialogues presented in the Read Room. It greatly enhances the global perspective of education."

Students attending for professionalism points sign-in at the beginning of the program and collect a reflection form created by Dr. Clark at the end of the program. The completed reflection form is turned into Dr. Clark for credit.

Dr. Clark's integration of the intercultural events requirements into her course was a creative way to open our eyes to real world issues that ultimately will affect our teaching career at some point. Intercultural training should be a requirement of all future teachers in my opinion, and I am thankful Dr. Clark included them into my education. -Colena Hous, student

I attended a handful of cultural events that were held in the Read Room last semester. Each event was a learning experience and inspirational. If it weren't for Dr. Clark, I don't know that I would have known that these events existed. I am very grateful for the experience and enjoyed being exposed to new things.

-Jeanie Wills, student

JOBS OVERSEAS



Dr. Kenneth Cushner

During the Fall 2010 semester, six KSU students completed their student teaching program overseas.

According to **Dr. Kenneth Cushner**, three of them are returning to Australia, New Zealand and Mexico to work as teachers. He writes, "This has never happened before—perhaps one returning after a successful semester but never three at the same time."

The COST program continues to attract the attention of pre-service teachers. This semester ten KSU students are overseas in Ireland, Greece, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Germany. Two students are planning to teach in the summer. New sites include China, Hong Kong, the Netherlands.



Aziz Al Gahtani (Saudi Arabia) and **Ajisa Fukudenji (Japan)** presented the Cultural Dialogue—Challenges for Special Populations Around the World on October 13.



On October 26, four international students presented the Cultural Dialogue - Mountains, Myths and Marvels: A Travelogue. **Denis Katusiime & Pius Ochwo (Uganda)**, **Bayu Widyatmoko (Papua Indonesia)**, and **Zhazira Turlanbekova (Kazakhstan)**.

Kyrgyz Connection: Merrill and Yrysova



Rosa Yrysova



Dr. Martha Merrill

In January the College of EHHS welcomed **Rosa Yrysova**, a Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP) Fellow from Kyrgyzstan. JFDP (sponsored by the U.S. Department of State) provides university instructors from Eurasia and Southeast Europe with an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and expertise in their

academic fields.

Rosa currently serves as Deputy Dean of the Architecture Design and Civil Engineering Department and as instructor of English at the Kyrgyz- Russian Slavic University. She clarifies her program goals as a JFDP Fellow, "I want to research the structure of U.S. universities and how to improve student activities at my home institution. I want to learn more about alumni relations centers to share this knowledge with my home university." Rosa is enrolled in four courses to support these goals. "In these courses I want to improve my knowledge of leadership in order to improve

my job in my department."

Dr. Martha Merrill, a faculty member of Higher Education Administration, is serving as Rosa's academic advisor. Rosa explains, "Dr. Merrill is my mentor and friend. She helps me deeply understand the United States' higher educational system. Dr. Merrill is very knowledgeable of the Kyrgyz educational system, and we enjoy comparing the two systems. These conversations help me understand ways to improve the system in Kyrgyzstan."

Lepp Serves as Key Organizer of Conference in Africa



Dr. Andrew Lepp

The 7th ATLAS Africa Conference will be hosted in Kampala, Uganda June 6-8, 2011. According to the Conference Call for Papers, the goal of the conference is to discuss how tourism and environmental education can be linked into a major strategy for nature conservation and sustainable development.

Dr. Andrew Lepp, Professor of Recreation, Park & Tourism Management, is serving as a key organizer for the program as well as an institutional link for KSU. Dr. Lepp explains, "The idea for the conference grew from my desire to formalize or institutionalize (within EHHS) my personal relationships within Uganda. Within Uganda I know and have worked with a

variety of professionals including tourism officials, park officials and university professors. I'm hoping this conference will create opportunities for others in EHHS to benefit from these relationships."

Lepp listed the possible benefits: faculty exchange, student exchange and recruitment, partnering on grant writing and research, and opportunities to contribute to Uganda's development. According to Lepp EHHS enrolled two PhD students from Uganda this Fall semester. Lepp writes, "This is a way of creating an international experience everyday right here on campus for the benefit of those students who may never have a chance to study abroad."

The conference is a product of the partnership between KSU, Makerere University, ATLAS Africa, University of North Texas, Uganda Wildlife Authority, Nature

Uganda, Nature Palace Foundation and Uganda Tourist Board.

Lepp updates us on participation. "The conference is bringing together experts of environmental education and sustainable tourism from around the world – we have received abstracts from the US, Canada, several European nations and many African nations." From KSU, five professors from EHHS, twelve KSU undergrads and two KSU grad students are scheduled to participate in the program. The five professors include **Dr. Davison Mupinga, Dr. Joanne Dowdy, Dr. Wayne Munson, Dr. Phillip Wang and Dr. Sarah Smiley.**

For more information, the Conference website is www.atlas-euro.org/.

Upcoming Events

All are welcome to attend.

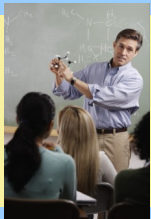
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Cultural Dialogues

Our 16 International Leaders in Education Program scholars will be presenting Cultural Dialogues during the month of February. Join us for a taste of the culture of these 8 countries and a taste of the food, too!

Wednesday, February 2, 12:00, 200 White Hall,

HEALTH AND RECREATION: Caring about Ourselves
presented by scholars from Morocco, Brazil, & the Philippines.



Tuesday, February 8, 12:00, 200 White Hall,

ACTIVISM FOR TEACHERS: Caring about the Profession
presented by scholars from Ecuador, Lebanon, Indonesia, & South Africa.

Wednesday, February 16, 12:00, 200 White Hall,

CARE FOR SPECIAL POPULATIONS: Caring about Others
demonstrated by scholars from The Philippines, Bangladesh, Brazil, and Morocco.



Tuesday, February 22, 12:00, 200 White Hall,

ENVIROMENTAL ISSUES: Caring for the Environment
showcased by scholars from Bangladesh, Ecuador, Lebanon and Indonesia.

The Gerald H. Read Center presents...

KENT STATE

New Year Party!

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Friday, February 4,
3:30-5:30pm

Room 200, White Hall

Bring your family and friends!

Refreshments, social networking. Come meet other international students and celebrate with us!

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Faculty and staff are cordially invited to join the Gerald H. Read Center and the Association of International Students of Education, Health and Human Services in celebrating the New Year.

Come meet our international students, ILEP and JFDP scholars, and study abroad participants.

Friday, February 4
3:30-5:30 p.m.
White Hall Room 200