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# SUMMER & FALL 2019 REVIEW



## Message from the Associate Dean:

The end of the Fall 2019 semester gives us an opportunity to highlight some of the initiatives underway within the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) and prepare for the coming semester.

As you will see from this Review, the Center has been building on an already strong international foundation at St. Norbert. Whether it is a renewed focus on international student recruitment, expanding participation in study abroad opportunities, or hosting an ambitious range of programs during International Education Week, the Center has worked with partners across campus to deepen SNC's internationalization efforts and make students and faculty alike aware of the opportunities for international engagement.

We have also welcomed a number of new colleagues to the CGE team, including: Gail Gilbert, Director of Study Abroad; Andelys Bolaños, Director of International Admissions and Recruitment; and Alli Reed, Study Abroad Advisor. In addition, Jana Dettlaff assumed a new role within the Center as the Interim Director of the English as a Second Language (ESL) Institute, while Christina Hankwitz stepped into the role of Director of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). These colleagues have brought new energy and vision to the three main divisions within CGE -- ESL, study abroad, and international student recruitment.

Spring 2020 promises to be equally dynamic and exciting, as offer the latest Great Decisions lecture series, and continue working with our Global Fellows to create new Global Seminars for the coming academic year. Look for more information about all of these opportunities in the months ahead.

As reflected in St. Norbert's Strategic Plan (2016-2021), CGE is called upon to help the College "underscore our place in the global community". We thank you for your support for this important work, and look forward to collaborating with partners across campus and beyond to achieve these important goals.

**Daniel C. Stoll, Ph.D.**  
Associate Dean for Global Affairs

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# STUDY ABROAD & OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

## GLOBAL SEMINARS

### Summer 2019

- International Economics & the Business Environment in the European Union (Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, England): **Marc Schaffer, Ben Huegel**
- Leadership Lessons from WWI and WWII (France, Germany, Belgium): **Lucy Arendt**
- Philosophy in Ireland (Ireland): **Joel Mann, John Neary**
- Sweden & the United States - Defining a Nation, Conceiving the Good Life (Sweden): **Robert Osgood**
- Hiking through History & *Communio* (Spain): **Rosemary Sands**



Econ in the EU students in Brussels



Students hiking in Spain

## GLOBAL FELLOWS

In collaboration with the Vice President for Academic Affairs, CGE offers a learning community that supports faculty members with the design and delivery of a Global Seminar (i.e., short-term, faculty-led study abroad program). The Global Fellows participating in the program this year are:

- **Adam Brandt**, Assistant Professor, Biology
- **Erik Brekke**, Associate Professor, Physics
- **Katie Ginsbach**, Assistant Professor, Modern Languages and Literatures (Spanish)
- **Anindo Choudhury**, Professor, Biology, Environmental Science
- **Marc Hammer**, Permanent part time instructor, Schneider School of Business
- **Amy Vandenberg**, Assistant Professor, Schneider School of Business
- **Carrie Larson**, Assistant Professor, History
- **Debbie Kupinsky**, Assistant Professor, Art

Throughout the Fall semester, Global Fellows have attended a series of workshops, led by CGE, to prepare and develop Global Seminar proposals. This record number of faculty participants will allow for enhanced and varied study abroad and off-campus program opportunities.

## STUDY ABROAD ENROLLMENT

### Top 5 Majors

1. Business Administration
2. Biology
3. Education
4. Political Science
5. Communication & Media Studies

### Top 5 Semester Destinations

1. Multi-Country (Global Seminars)
2. Ireland
3. Spain
4. Italy
5. Australia

(Note: The following data includes: Summer 2019, Fall 2019, J-term 2020, and Spring 2020, with a total of 122 participants.)

# STUDY ABROAD & OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

## STUDY ABROAD LEADERSHIP TEAM (SALT)

Each semester, the study abroad staff recruits study abroad returnees to join the Study Abroad Leadership Team, or SALT. The purpose of this team is not only to help promote study abroad, but also to provide students with both professional and leadership development after their semester abroad.

This semester, our SALT team consisted of 12 students who participated in programs in countries such as Australia, England, Italy, Ireland, Japan, and Ecuador. Throughout the semester, these students have helped organize and deliver study abroad-related programming such as the Study Abroad Fair (during International Education Week), study abroad orientation for Spring 2020 participants, and a student-led study abroad panel for Gateway Seminar students.

## STUDY ABROAD PARTNER VISITS

During the Fall semester, we were very pleased to welcome to campus many of our study abroad partners from around the world. While on campus, our partners met faculty, promoted study abroad to students, and collaborated with the CGE team to further enhance our relationships. Visitors from the following institutions and organizations visited campus during the fall semester:

- AIFS Study Abroad
- American University-Washington Semester
- CEA Study Abroad
- Foundation for International Education
- IES Abroad
- Middlebury College
- Musashi University; Japan
- SIT Study Abroad
- STA Travel
- Study Abroad Italy
- Swansea University; Wales
- Tsuru University; Japan
- Université Catholique de Lille; France
- University College Cork; Ireland
- University of Minnesota
- University of the Sunshine Coast; Australia
- University of Virginia



International Education Week 2019; meeting between partner and faculty

Additionally, our Director of Study Abroad and Off-Campus Programs, Gail Gilbert, visited five of our partner institutions in Australia during the month of October. Gail spent two weeks visiting Australian campuses to talk about both inbound and outbound students, as well as meeting with current SNC students studying in Australia to record a podcast episode highlighting their experiences abroad.



Fall 2019 Study Abroad Fair



International Education Week 2019; meeting between partner and faculty



Fall 2019 Study Abroad Fair

## INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

### ENROLLMENT

The ESL program welcomed 22 students this semester from Japan, Peru, Vietnam, Ecuador, Saudi Arabia. These include students from our long-standing partner at Nihon University in Japan, as well as a cohort of religious sisters from convents in Vietnam.



Life, Language, & Culture Fair 2019; ESL students presenting their work



Class excursion to Feeding America



Chicago Trip

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The students enjoyed classes in English language writing, reading, listening, grammar, and Cultural Immersion.
- The Cultural Immersion class took them on several excursions to area attractions:
  - Green Bay Botanical Garden
  - Sturgeon Bay Maritime Museum and Lighthouse
  - Camp Randall Stadium & Capitol Building in Madison
  - St. Norbert Abbey
  - Feeding America, service learning experience with in-class collaboration with Nancy Mathias from the Sturzl Center for Community Service & Learning
- Six ESL students completed the advanced level and graduated from the ESL program in December 2019. Two of these students (Peru, Vietnam) are matriculating to degree programs at St. Norbert College.
- 39 ESL, international degree-seeking, exchange, and domestic students and staff enjoyed a beautiful day trip to Chicago in early November.

### CGE GRADUATION & FAREWELL

Over 50 guests attended the farewell ceremony for our departing and graduating students on December 5, 2019. We recognized six ESL graduating students (two of whom are matriculating into degree programs at SNC); one international student graduating from St. Norbert College; and four exchange students.

Dr. Daniel Stoll offered welcoming remarks to the audience. Several students reflected on their experience at SNC in their speeches. The first issue of the St. Norbert ESL Express newsletter was introduced and distributed to the audience.



Fall 2019 CGE Graduation and Farewell Ceremony

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

## IREX & World Learning

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD), sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, brings future leaders to the U.S. to experience the U.S. educational system, share their culture, and explore U.S. culture and values. Global UGRAD - IREX is a highly competitive program with more than 20,000 applications received annually, and fewer than 300 students chosen to participate. SNC has welcomed Pakistani students through this program for two years. For the first time this year, SNC also received students through Global UGRAD - World Learning; a program similar to IREX opportunities. A fall site visit by World Learning staff resulted in a very positive report about our campus and the support offered to international students.



International students leading the Global Etiquette Dinner for International Education Week

## OPT Workshop

International students nearing graduation were invited to attend an Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop led by the College's Primary Designated School Official (PDSO), Christina Hankwitz. OPT is a benefit available to F-1 international students for up to 12 months of employment in students' field of study as a way to gain practical work experience. Students received guidance on completing the OPT application, gathering the required documents, and submitting the required application fee.

## International Student Orientation

This year's International Student Orientation for new students was updated to include the participation of multiple College offices to help incoming students learn more about the services available to them on our campus. The cohort of new international students spent three days together, exploring both the on-campus and off-campus community and forming a strong bond with each other.

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS

**Ibrahim Mahmoud** and **Narek Shamayan** enrolled at SNC for the Fall 2019 semester through the Global UGRAD, funded by the U.S. Department of State. Ibrahim Mahmoud is a pre-med student from Egypt. Narek Shamayan is from Armenia and majoring in computer science.

**Sehrish Rehmat** came to SNC through the Global UGRAD program, funded by the U.S. Department of State. Sehrish is a political science major from Pakistan.

**Sara Fuentes** studied at SNC for one year through an institutional exchange with our partner school, Universidad de San Francisco in Quito, Ecuador. Sara served as a Foreign Language Teaching Assistant, working with MLL professors in the Spanish department. Sara is majoring in International Relations.



From left to right: Narek, Sara, Ibrahim, Sehrish

# INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

## HIGHLIGHTS

During the fall semester, International Admissions traveled to three continents, eight countries, and 12 cities and participated in 43 high school visits/fairs, seven counselor programs and one college fair. International recruitment activities took place in the following countries: Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, England, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam. Spring travel season brings more opportunities to engage with prospective students abroad!

The International Admission Office continues to explore building our educational agent partnerships. In doing so, the international recruiter participated in a 3-day intensive agent workshop meeting with agents from target and exploratory markets; including: Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama, Russia, Sweden, and Vietnam.

Beginning spring semester 2020, we will welcome 2 new international degree-seeking students from Peru and Vietnam. They will join the diverse and robust SNC international community consisting of 51 students representing 21 countries.



## GLOBAL PROGRAMMING

- **International Student Reception:** CGE celebrated new and returning international students at an International Student Reception during the first week of the semester. Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jenn Bonds-Raacke, Associate Dean for Global Affairs Dr. Daniel Stoll and international student Cesar Benavente offered words of welcome to the audience of students, faculty and staff.
- **International Education Week**
  - **Life, Language, and Culture Fair:** Our ESL students prepared interactive poster presentations about various aspects of life, language, and culture in their countries. An audience of over 100 visited the fair.
  - **Study Abroad Fair:** The College's first Study Abroad Fair was held during International Education Week. During the fair, students had the opportunity to explore study abroad options by connecting with partner institutions from around the world, faculty and study abroad alumni. Over 100 SNC faculty, students and staff visited the fair.
  - **Global Etiquette Dinner:** In collaboration with the Office of Career and Professional Development, CGE offered a global version of the popular Etiquette Dinner. Five international students served as cultural ambassadors to a capacity crowd, leading student participants through various global norms and proper etiquette around the world.



Study Abroad Fair



Life, Language, & Culture Fair



### Megan Gundrum '20, Rome, Italy

"Given these learning experiences, I have learned that there is so much more out there than I had ever imagined or realized, and there is still more that I have not seen. Studying abroad showed me that it is important to step out of your comfort zone, learn about new places, cultures, people, and take advantage of every experience you can. It is important for me as a future English teacher to be worldly and acknowledge the variety in the world we live in. Studying abroad has also inspired me to look at teaching English abroad because I am now so passionate about traveling and learning and teaching about other cultures outside of my own. It has taught me to be independent and gave me the confidence I need to know I can achieve anything I set my mind to."

### Sister Linh, ESL student, Vietnam

"Indeed, I have learned a great training program, which combines theory and practice, elaborate written comments, energetic field trips. The listening and speaking classes are hilarious and meaningful. Cultural classes are extremely vibrant by the abundance of international students. I am very impressed by the positive spirit in your studies. It's a pleasure to be greeted by the friendliness. Thanks to the patient and professional support of the teachers, the tutor, the ESL staff and the SNC staff, I can now smile confidently to show my best. I am very grateful to all of you."



### Ibrahim Mahmoud, exchange student, Egypt

"Personal space here is different from the Arab world. For Arabs, personal space is seen as a thing where if a person wants personal space, they might not be friendly. If an American was to go to the Arab world, it would be a very weird experience for them. Americans aren't used to having people so close to them. I knew the differences when I came here, so I'm trying to keep up with it. Sometimes I act intuitively and then I remember to keep some distance. The thing is just understanding perspective. Me seeing it in your perspective is hard. But when you understand the way of living in other places, it's easier to understand how they live, and how they form their lives."





# STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

## **Andelys Bolaños, Director of International Recruitment & Admissions**

- Joined CGE in June 2019
- Authored SNC's International Student Recruitment Plan
- Conducted recruiting trips to Latin America

## **Jana Dettlaff, Ph.D., Interim Director of the ESL Institute**

- Assumed role of Interim Director in July 2019
- Co-presented a workshop for Summer 2019 Tech Bar Trainings
- Coordinated Global Tour & Mini Language Lessons for International Education Week

## **Gail Gilbert, Director of Study Abroad**

- Joined CGE in April 2019
- Organized CGE's first-ever Study Abroad Fair
- Conducted site visits to SNC's partner schools in Australia
- Redesigned content for the Global Fellows workshops

## **Christina Hankwitz, Director of International Student and Scholar Services**

- Assumed role of Director in July 2019
- Redesigned on-boarding process for new international students
- Attended NAFSA V regional conference in Milwaukee

## **Olga Henek, ESL Instructor**

- Taught courses in the Intensive English Program and arranged Cultural Immersion excursions and experiences
- Coordinated ESL students' poster presentations for Life, Language, and Culture Fair during International Education Week

## **Susie McGinnity, ESL Instructor**

- Taught courses in the Intensive English Program and arranged Cultural Immersion excursions and experiences
- Coordinated ESL students' poster presentations for Life, Language, and Culture Fair during International Education Week

## **Beverly Moeser, Administrative Assistant**

- Coordinated planning for International Education Week
- Represented CGE on the SNC Day Planning Committee
- Helped organize the Indigenous Student Art Exhibit for International Education Week

## **Alli Reed, Study Abroad Coordinator**

- Joined CGE in June 2019
- Revised CGE's advising model for students intending to study abroad
- Coordinated CGE's recruitment efforts for study abroad, including the Study Abroad Leadership Team (SALT)
- Served on the Gilman Scholarship Panel

## **Daniel Stoll, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Global Affairs**

- Represented CGE on the Core Curriculum Committee, International Travel Committee, and the Advisory Board for the International Studies major
- Conducted recruiting trips to Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam
- Launched CGE's year-long strategic planning process
- Served as respondent to Norman Miller Center's program with Dr. Micheline Ishay, author of *The Levant Express*

# SPRING 2020 GREAT DECISIONS LECTURE SERIES

## GREAT DECISIONS

Please be certain to attend the following programs in the Great Decisions lecture series. All of the lectures at SNC will be held in the Fort Howard Theater, and will begin at 6:30 pm.

### **February 5: The Philippines and the United States**

Dr. Joel Mann, Professor of Philosophy and Director, Honors Program  
St. Norbert College

### **February 12: Red Sea Security**

Dr. Daniel Stoll, Associate Dean for Global Affairs  
St. Norbert College

### **February 26: U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle**

Dr. Anju Reejhsinghani, Executive Director  
Institute for Regional and International Studies, UW-Madison

### **March 12: Artificial Intelligence and Data**

Dr. Frederic Lemieux, Professor of the Practice  
Georgetown University

### **March 25: Climate Change and the Global Order (Alumni Room, UWGB)**

Dr. Daniel Mueller, Associate Lecturer, Political Science  
UW-Lacrosse

### **April 8: India and Pakistan (1965 Room, UWGB)**

Dr. Aparna Thomas, Professor of Politics and Women's Studies  
Cornell College

### **April 22: China's Road to Latin America (Alumni Room, UWGB)**

Professor Charles Irish, Bascom Distinguished Teaching Professor of Law  
UW-Madison

