

# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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## SHEILA CROUCHER TO SPEAK ON GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Dr. Sheila Croucher will deliver this year's International Studies lecture on April 14 at 7 p.m. The event will be held in Old Main Chapel. The theme of her talk will be, "Citizens of the World: Managing Multiple Memberships." The talk will address the issue of individuals with multiple citizenships and the way they conceptualize their identities in regard to race and nation.



Dr. Sheila Croucher

Dr. Croucher is the Paul Rejai Professor of Political Science at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She teaches in the American Studies Program and is an affiliate in the Women's Studies

Program. Among her many publications are *The Other Side of the Fence: American Migrants in Mexico* (University of Texas Press, 2009) and *Globalization and Belonging: The Politics of Identity in a Changing World* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2003).

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## STAND FOR JAPAN BENEFIT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

A benefit for victims of the recent earthquakes and tsunami in Japan will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in Reisner's Tuscarora Room. The Asian American organization will be holding an

extravaganza which will include Asian food, games, dance, music, and martial arts demonstrations. Five dollars will be charged for admission and all benefits will go toward relief efforts for Japan.



## HONORS STUDENTS CONTINUE SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A group of Shippensburg University Honors Program students and faculty recently spent a week in the Dominican Republic to implement their service-learning project, "Reach Out: A Shippensburg University Honors Program Literacy and Leadership Initiative." Nine SU students and three faculty members traveled to Santo Domingo, the capital city, to work with children and their teachers at the Pathways of Learning elementary school from January 9 to 16. This marks the second year of the Reach Out project.



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Senior elementary education major Kristen Imboden created an instructional manual to enhance literacy education at the school. During their week in Santo Domingo, the SU faculty and students used the literacy manual to conduct training workshops for the school's teachers. They also demonstrated many of the innovative teaching techniques in the manual by working directly with students in the classroom. "The literacy focus of the project allowed me to apply disciplinary knowledge gained through my four years at Shippensburg University," Imboden said. "I was able to conduct research that applies to my field of study and change lives in the process. It was an incredible experience." During their week in the Dominican Republic, the SU students met a Shippensburg University alumnus, Susanne Bergey, who teaches at St. George's Preparatory School in Santo Domingo. The SU students met with St. George's faculty and students to consider ways that they might become involved with the Reach Out project. The SU students also visited La Universidad Dominicana Organización & Método to discuss the possibility of establishing a foreign exchange program with the university.

Dr. Tomoko Grabosky of the Counseling Department, Dr. José Ricardo-Osorio of the Modern Languages Department and Dr. Gretchen Pierce of the History Department mentored the students as they prepared curricular materials during the fall semester and accompanied them to the Dominican Republic. "Traveling to the Dominican Republic was a life-changing experience," Dr. Pierce said. "In just one short week, I got to help several dozen at-risk children in Santo Domingo improve their literacy skills and learn to love coming to school."

Each year, the SU students hold several fundraisers to support the Pathways of Learning School. This year, the students will focus their efforts on raising funds to aid in the construction of a new school building to relieve the severely over-crowded conditions at the current school. They also plan to develop additional curricular materials and travel to the Dominican Republic next January to work with the teachers and students at the school.

Applications are currently being accepted, until March 31, 2011, for students who would like to travel to the Dominican Republic in January 2012. The program is NOT just for Honors students, and it is not mandatory that you know Spanish. Students from the following programs may have a particular interest in joining us, though all are welcome: Education, International Studies, Latin American Studies, Social Work, and Spanish. For more information about the SU Honors Program's Reach Out project and to download an application, please visit <http://www.ship.edu/honors/reachout>.

# SHIPPENSBURG GRADS MEET IN SHANGHAI

You can take the student out of Shippensburg, but you can't take Shippensburg out of the student, a fact which was proven recently by four Shippensburg graduates.

JohnPaul Bennett, Jodie Vanderman, Mohammad Hussein, and Mike Goldberg recently met in Shanghai to enjoy a night of fun and reminiscing. Bennett and Goldberg were International Studies minors. In addition to the IS minor, Goldberg completed an Area Studies certificate in Asian Studies. All four graduates are part of a growing population of Shippensburg students and alumni who live

and work in Shanghai.

Ms. Vanderman, a 2000 graduate, is currently employed as Dupont's Asia Pacific Marketing Competency Manager. She has been in Shanghai for one year and works all across Asia. She says that she has, "No plans to return to the US anytime soon- high impact, fast paced work here. However, I do return to the US frequently for business."

Fellow alum JohnPaul Bennett, who graduated in 2010, is an analyst for Dash Brands.



Ship Grads JohnPaul Bennett, Jodie Vanderman, Muhammad Hussein, and Mike Goldberg.

He has also worked as an economic analyst for the National Science Foundation in Qinghai and Gansu in China. He is the author of two articles.

## FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION TO BE HELD ON CAMPUS

Dr. Jonathan Skaff, Director of International Studies, will hold an information session on Fulbright and other scholarships on Tuesday, April 12 at 5:00 in DHC 207. This session is recommended for students with 3.5 GPAs or higher who are seeking opportunities to earn scholarships to study, research or teach abroad.

## NEW INTERNATIONAL CENTER IN THE CUB!

A new International Center is coming to the Ceddia Union Building upon its extension some time in 2012. With the cooperation and support of the Student Senate, a new suite of rooms will be built on the second floor of the CUB, which will include an international lounge, offices, and reception space for the Directors of International Programs and International Studies.

Potential designs for the space include decorative elements from all around the world.

The space will create an atmosphere which will meet the needs of students and faculty alike and make study abroad preparations much easier to complete.



# Shippensburg University

## International Photo Contest 2011

### OFFICIAL RULES:

The International Photo Contest should demonstrate images from a student's perspective abroad while on an overseas experience. The contest is open to students who have participated in a study abroad opportunity through Shippensburg University or international students studying at Shippensburg University. In order to participate, students must be currently enrolled at Ship.

- Pictures must be taken in a country foreign to the student
- Photo must be in 5 x 7 format
- Student may submit up to three printed photos (e-mailed photos will NOT be accepted)
- Students will not receive photos back.

**\*\*All photos submitted will become the property of the International Programs Office and may be used in promotional materials in the future.\*\***

There will be a display of the photos on the Reference Wall Hanging Display in the Lehman Library from April 11 to April 15, 2011. All photos will be available for SU students to vote for their top 2 choices which will determine the top 15 photos. From these 15, a panel of SU Faculty and Staff will pick the top 3 winning photos. Winners will be contacted by April 22. The three winning pictures will be put on display in the International Programs Office. Pictures will be judged based upon creativity and quality. Questions can be directed to x1279 or to internationalprogram@ship.edu.

- Prizes will be as follows:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place- \$100 Gift Certificate from the University Store
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- \$75 Gift Certificate from the University Store
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- \$50 Gift Certificate from the University Store

Deadlines for entry will be **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011 at 4:00 PM**

Please submit photos to the International Programs office located in McLean Hall with one of the attached forms to the back of each photo:

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Picture Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Picture Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Circle one:      Study Abroad Student or International Student**

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*International Studies is designed to promote global awareness and prepare students for an ever-changing and interdependent world. The academic components of the program include an International Studies minor and four different Area Studies certificates. The minor and certificates use an interdisciplinary approach to help students understand other countries and cultures and the forces of globalization. The International Studies program also hosts educational events to bring global perspectives to the campus community. The program encourages study abroad and the study of foreign languages in order to enhance a student's ability to function effectively in other countries and increase employability in international programs.*

## FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES!

The International Studies Program will be holding a viewing of another film as part of the on-going, semester-long film festival! The last film in the series, *The Visitor*, will be shown on April 7. Walter, a college professor, travels to New York, and finds a Syrian man, Tarek, and his

Senegalese girlfriend living in his apartment. The couple has nowhere to go. When Walter reluctantly allows the couple to stay with him, they return his kindness by teaching him the exuberant rhythms of the African drum and rekindling his passion



for life. The film was directed by Thomas McCarthy and produced in English, French, Arabic, and

Russian. The film will be shown in Dauphin 051 at 7:00.

The film festival is entitled "Conflicts and Resolutions in a Globalized World." The films are produced in a variety of languages and are set in a variety of different locations, providing a truly international focus. Films to date have included *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, a film on the recent Liberian civil war, *Kameradeschaft*, filmed in 1931, about conflicts on the border between France and Germany, and *A Prophet*, set in Corsica. The films have enjoyed a great turnout.