WELCOME NEW INS DIRECTOR

Little did Dr. Marybeth Carlson know when she completed her term as director of International Studies at the end of Spring semester that one of her colleagues would be moving into her office. We are happy to report that Dr. Jason Pierce, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, appointed Dr. Christopher Agnew as the new director of the International Studies Program. Recently celebrating ten years with the Department of History, Dr. Agnew teaches courses in East Asian history and specializes in the Ming and Qing dynasties.

A member of the International Studies Committee for many years, Dr. Agnew has been an advocate of students embracing a more global perspective and supports the internationalization of the university. “There are all kinds of ways that both students and faculty need to adapt to this new globalized world. So, for me it made sense to gravitate towards the International Studies program, which adopts this view as its very mission,” he said. Connecting with students and faculty who teach courses that fulfill INS requirements. In that sense it is a natural fit for me. When Mary Carlson announced she was stepping down and I also saw an opportunity to use the office to promote more Asia related content – both curriculum content and program content – at the university, and I think the International Studies program can play an important role in that.”

One approach to promoting more Asian content is the newly created Asian Studies Minor that will be available Fall semester 2016. Dr. Agnew also hopes to add minors in other area studies, e.g., Latin American studies and Middle Eastern studies, to demonstrate INS graduates’ regional expertise to future employers.

“We always ask our students to learn languages and to take area studies courses anyway, so it would be nice to have a way of reflecting all that work in some kind of official way,” he said.

When considering the challenges facing INS majors, Dr. Agnew believes UD students could benefit from upper level courses in Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Arabic, and he looks forward to working within the College of Arts and Sciences to bring about expanded language offerings. Another challenge needing to be addressed is creating content and integrating experiential learning opportunities into INS courses that will enable our graduates to find existential satisfaction within their chosen careers.

Believing that going abroad is one of the strengths of INS, Dr. Agnew is looking forward to meeting the INS majors, answering their questions, and encouraging them to “experience things that they are not entirely comfortable with all the time. New experiences are always uncomfortable to some extent,” he said, “and I think I would encourage students to try new things and go to new places.”

A world traveler, Dr. Agnew is no stranger to the unexpected pleasures of new places. “I think one of the most beautiful places I have ever been was a trip I took in the mountains of north central Japan, just a small mountain village—kind of for tourists—and they had an old [Japanese] traditional wooden lodge with a big fire pit in it and they were roasting tiny little river fish. We had some roasted fish and that was the best fish I’ve ever had.”

As my 2012-2016 term comes to a close, I would just like to take a few lines to tell all the International Studies majors I’ve come to know over these years how much I appreciate your making this time so rewarding. Students choose the INS major for so many different reasons and then embark on so many varied careers that advising in HM 123 is always riveting. Of course, I also want to thank Paula for her patience in showing the ropes to her fourth director; her steadiness lends a bit of stability to the comings and goings of students and faculty year in and year out. I know that quality of hers will continue as she welcomes her fifth director to the office. And I wish Dr. Chris Agnew all the satisfaction that I have enjoyed working with INS majors during my tenure in INS.

Dr. Marybeth Carlson

Continuing the Legacy
Introducing the Asian Studies Minor

Although not technically housed in the International Studies office, the Asian Studies minor must have been created with the INS major in mind. Designed for students interested in language, the curriculum includes history, culture, and the philosophies of Asia. Students will be exposed to interdisciplinary methodologies and comparative perspectives of the peoples of South and East Asia, and can plan a structured series of courses that contribute to an intellectual engagement and appreciation of the diversity of Asian societies. The Minor requires 5 courses from three disciplines: History, Global Languages, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Art and Design, and Business. Courses include: Chinese language courses, Cultures of South Asia, History of Pre-Modern East Asia, History of India, China in Revolution, Japanese Philosophy, and Doing Business in Asia.

New INS Concentration – Global Health and Environment

Reading the signs of the times as well as her constant consideration of the future and prospective careers of the INS majors, INS Director, Dr. Marybeth Carlson, submitted changes to the AAC (Academic Affairs Committee) last Spring to enhance the Global Environmental Sustainability concentration by adding courses to assist INS majors interested in careers in global health. The new concentration, Global Health and Environment (available Fall 2016) retains the original GES courses, but includes global health selections such as Medical Ethics, Biology of Infectious Disease, and Writing in the Health Professions.

SIGMA IOTA RHO:
Anticipating opportunities to learn, lead, and serve

“The purpose of Sigma Iota Rho shall be to promote and reward scholarship and service among students and practitioners of international studies, international affairs, and global studies and to foster integrity and creative performance in the conduct of world affairs.”

SIGMA IOTA RHO (ΣΙΡ), the International Studies and Human Rights Studies honor fraternity, was established to recognize those students who have achieved academic excellence within their majors.

Focused on ‘Prudence, Ideals, and Power,’ ΣΙΡ recognizes International Studies and Human Rights Studies majors of high academic standing. Dr. Frank Plantan, the National Director of Sigma Iota Rho, says “[ΣΙΡ] is meant to encourage a life-long devotion to a better understanding of the world we live in and to continuing support for and engagement in education, service, and occupational activities that reflect the mission of Sigma Iota Rho.” ΣΙΡ also publishes a nation-wide journal and frequently requests articles from undergraduate students regarding their research relative to the theory and practice of international relations.

Sigma Iota Rho inducted ten new members in Spring 2016:

INS — Sarah Bergen, Cameron Blair, Kelly Collins, Devon Dubiel, Heather Glanville, Karen Naim, Eva Schuller, Ariana Toulas, and Bradley Petrella. HRS + INS — Caroline McCahey

New ΣΙΡ president, Claire Sanfilippo, is a senior International Studies and Spanish major from outside of Cleveland. She hopes to incorporate the lessons she has learned while studying abroad, interning, and in class to help ΣΙΡ members pursue professional and academic success. Together with the Vice President, Devon Dubiel, they plan on implementing activities such as simulating professional networking events, geography games, and collaborating with the International Club.

Details regarding the upcoming meetings will be distributed to the members at the beginning of the semester.
MODEL UN Earns Outstanding Delegation

What could possibly be a better birthday gift than witnessing the Model United Nations (MUN) team win the highest honor at Nationals this year? Not much according to INS Director Dr. Marybeth Carlson, who accompanied UD students to New York in March. Dr. Margaret P. Karns, one of the founders of UD’s nearly 40-year-old Model UN club, confirmed that 1981 was the last time UD returned to campus with an Outstanding Delegation Award. The second highest award, Distinguished Delegation, was brought back to campus in 2014, and last year’s team received an Honorable Mention.

Representing Belgium, the University of Dayton delegation of 22 students had the rare experience of confronting real world issues. The attacks on Brussels on the second day of the conference prevented the UD delegation from attending their planned meeting with the Belgian Permanent Mission in New York. Several UD students shared their condolences with the Belgian students in their committees. Erin Dexter, 2015-2016 MUN president, said, “I was fortunate to meet a Belgian, who was representing Colombia at the time, and speak with him about the attacks the afternoon after they occurred. He told me that his cousin had actually been wounded and was currently in a coma. I expressed my condolences and my gratitude for his remaining in New York to commit his time to the conference instead of his family back in Brussels. He looked a little surprised and told me that of course he was staying and that the attacks only made the conference that much more important.”

The Model UN organization is important to students all over the globe. In 2015, more than 6,600 students from 411 colleges and universities participated in the national conference. Advised by Professor Tony Talbott, UD MUN representatives spent months researching their assigned country, participated in simulation scenarios and speech rehearsals to hone the presentation skills needed to compete for the highest delegation awards. According to the Model UN website, ‘Awards are given by the National Collegiate College Association in recognition of preparation, Outstanding Position Paper Awards in Committee, as well as other overall delegation awards based on work during NMUN in the categories of: Honorable Mention, Distinguished Delegation, and Outstanding Delegation.’ In 2016, only 25 of the 120 delegations were honored with an Outstanding Delegation Award.

INS students comprised half of this year’s very successful delegation: Kaitlynrose Bicek, Kiara Connelly, Erin Dexter, Cassandra Elzein, Emily Furlong, Anamaria Karrels, Cameron Blair, Jacob Lunk, Porter Lyons, Matt Mackowiak, Courtney Monkus, and Emily Schneeberger. Other delegates included Joseph Armstrong, Maggie Boyd, Austin Dickison, Erin Dingle, Tess Golonka, Megan Jablonski, Amanda Jolly, Roy Lawrence, Alicia Linzmier, and Andrew Nitz.

UD students find their way to this student organization for many reasons, but what they discover is the spirit of pride and accomplishment of taking their first steps on the world stage together. This feeling of sharing is exemplified by UD MUN President, Erin Dexter, “Model UN has been my outside-the-classroom passion for the past four years. Through it I have gained skills and knowledge that would not have been possible without this club. With it came challenges and triumphs that have helped me grow as a person and as a leader. It was amazing to find so many people within the club who had the same passion for international affairs and zest to affect positive change. It was in this club that I truly met ‘my people’ and I know I have many life-long friends because of UD’s Model UN team.”

The very best gift of all.

Dr. Carlson, Erin Dexter, Dr. Margaret Karns, and Porter Lyons
2016 Senior Awards

Outstanding Senior Award for International Studies

This award is given to a graduating International Studies major who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and consistently high engagement with the campus and Dayton community.

Dr. Marybeth Carlson was pleased to present this year’s Outstanding Senior Award to Erin Dexter for her distinguished success within the academic arena, her outstanding work as president of the Model UN club, and for her commitment to the UD community.

Erin Dexter—2016

International Studies Award for Peer Mentorship

Created in 2008 to recognize the importance of peer mentoring in the UD process of educating the whole person through learning and living in community, this award is given to a graduating International Studies major who excels academically and demonstrates the willingness to share, mentor, and encourage other INS students.

Chosen for his devotion to the success of all INS majors and his dedication to UD’s international community, Dr. Marybeth Carlson and Dr. David Darrow, creator of the award, were pleased to present this year’s Award for Peer Mentorship to Porter Lyons.

Porter Lyons—2016

Dr. Margaret P. Karns Award for Academic Excellence and Service

In Global and Local Issues

This award was created to honor Dr. Margaret Karns upon her retirement in recognition of her generous work with International Studies students throughout her career. This honor is awarded to a graduating senior whose work combines academic excellence and service in a way that draws out the connections between international and local issues.

In town for the occasion, Dr. Karns presented this award to Anamaria Karrels for her work as president of Sigma Iota Rho, a Model UN delegate, a D.C. Flyers participant, a successful internship with the U.S. State Department in Geneva, and her selection as a Pickering Fellow.

Anamaria Karrels—2016
International Studies Updates

In The News—

Christina Chabali (INS ’14) – “I received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant grant to teach in Brazil beginning in the spring. It is still sinking in, but I am so grateful to have this opportunity!”

Maggie Reuter (INS ’14) – Transitioned from the Jesuit Volunteer Corps to the Peace Corps in 2015, currently living and working in Paraguay.

Maggie and Christina were asked to translate at the Olympics in Rio. Look who they met on the beach!

Umberto Speranza (INS ’14) – “I’m very happy to finally announce that I’ve been awarded a Fulbright Program Research grant to study and research in Italy beginning this fall. I will be moving to Trieste during the Fulbright and couldn’t be more excited for the opportunity! I’ve also been fortunate to receive a spot at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies | SAIS in Bologna, Italy, for the two years following.”

One of our leading profiles in last year’s newsletter, Anamaria Karrels (INS/HRS ‘16), President of Sigma Iota Rho, began her senior year by speaking at Convocation. She was awarded the prestigious Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs fellowship, and in the Spring was invited to Washington, D.C. to appear on a panel with Madeleine Albright to discuss the importance of a career in public service. After graduation, Anamaria chose to attend the Fletcher School at Tufts University to pursue a Master’s of Arts in Law and Diplomacy.

Anamaria Karrels and Madeleine Albright at The Washington Center

Rachel Cain (INS ‘16) announced early in September that she has been accepted by the AmeriCorps Corporation for National and Community Service and will be heading to Denver in October to start the program.

Congratulations! We wish all our alumni the very best.

A word from our editor:

The College of Arts and Sciences – as well as the entire University – has decided to move away from the annual newsletter style of dissimilating departmental and program information making this the last issue of the INS newsletter. All the news fit to print will be broadcast through blog posts on the college’s new website:

https://www.udayton.edu/blogs/artssciences/index.php

Re-established during Dr. David Darrow’s term as director, recent issues of the INS Newsletter have documented the changes, celebrations, and occasional memorial that have resonated throughout the program. Although there will certainly be more to say in the future, we will miss sharing our news with you in this format.

To stay updated, please check out the UD blog posts, join and post your announcements on the INS Facebook page (information below), and follow and/or tag us on Instagram (UD_INS).

We will never be too far away. Blessings always.

International Studies is on Facebook — Get connected just to say ‘Hi’ or:

1. If you have or know of someone who has internship opportunities that would interest our students.
2. If you have or know of someone who has a position—perhaps you have been promoted!— for our alumni.
3. If you would be willing to advise students about the job or graduate school application process.
4. If you are in the news or an unsung hero that would inspire our students and alumni. Thank you!

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Who is hiring UD's International Studies graduates?

Business:
- American Bank
- Blackmore Partners
- Charles Schwab
- Coldwell Banker
- Downtown Dayton Partnership
- The Dysart Law Firm
- E. & J. Gallo Winery
- The Forbes Funds
- Global Solutions Network
- Liberty Mutual Corporate Office
- Merlin Entertainment
- Reynolds and Reynolds
- Wells Fargo Securities
- World Bank
- Zurich North America

Education (International and U.S.):
- Boston Museum of Science
- Dayton Bilingual Academy
- Dominican Learning Center
- Instituto Esteler (Costa Rica)
- Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport
- Teach for America: Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, and Texas
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language: Brazil, China, Korea, Russia, Spain, Thailand
- University of Dayton China Institute
- UD Research Institute

Environmental, Faith-based and Non-Governmental Organizations:
- Abolition Ohio
- Alliance to End Hunger
- American Red Cross
- AmeriCorps
- Arlington Academy of Hope, Uganda
- Catholic Charities of Onondaga County
- Catholic Volunteers of Florida
- FrancisCorps
- G.I.V.E. Growth International Volunteer Excursions
- International Partners in Mission
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- Ohio River Foundation
- Peace Corps (Volunteer and Administration)
- Rustic Pathways
- Sierra Club

Foreign Affairs:
- International Republican Institute
- National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
- OECD-Development Cooperation Directorate, Paris, France
- Partners for Democratic Change
- United Nations
- U.S.—Russia Business Council
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of State

Government:
- California Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Local, State, and National Political Campaigns
- Ohio House of Representatives
- St. Louis District Attorney’s Office
- Toledo Community Foundation
- U.S. Armed Forces including JAG Corps
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Veterans Evaluation Services
- Wright Patterson Air Force Base

Healthcare Professionals:
- The Alzheimer’s Association
- Brigham and Women’s Hospital
- Cayuga Medical Center
- The Christ Hospital Health Network
- Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
- Cleveland Clinic
- Cook Medical
- Doctors Without Borders
- Medpace
- Operation Smile
- OSU Medical Center