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## From the Vice Provost

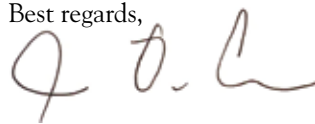
Welcome, readers, to the first Clemson University International Affairs newsletter. We are delighted to share with you some highlights of this year's activity.

Much progress has been made over the past year. We have added new staff, expanded and improved services, and standardized and streamlined many procedures. The results are most promising. Students participating in study abroad programs this year topped 750 for the first time in the University's history. Clemson faculty led more than 30 short-term programs abroad, and the number of international faculty, students and staff on campus continues to grow.

This year also marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of University founder, Thomas Green Clemson. Mr. Clemson was a study abroad student himself back in the 1830s and served as the senior U.S. diplomat to Belgium in the 1840s, negotiating the first agreement of commerce and navigation between our two countries. In celebration of this anniversary and as part of our international portal strategy to increase the flow of people, ideas and opportunities between Clemson and the world, we inaugurated the Thomas Green Clemson University Brussels Center on June 7 in Brussels with the participation of Clemson University President Jim Barker.

We have an exciting year ahead of us and look forward to working with you and to sharing more great stories with you.

Best regards,



James P. Cross, Ph.D.  
Vice Provost for International Affairs  
Chief International Education Officer

## Snapshots from the Thomas Green Clemson University Brussels Center (CUBC) Inauguration



ICHEC Brussels Management School Rector Christian Ost (left), Clemson President James Barker and UCL Rector Bernard Coulie cut the ribbon at the CUBC inauguration.



President Barker addresses the audience.



Student presentations in a CUBC classroom.

## NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of the Office of International Affairs newsletter. Our newsletter will bring you information on the services and activities of our office as well as news of international activities across campus. We welcome feedback, suggestions and submissions for future issues.

But, meanwhile ... our newsletter needs a name! The "Newsletter" name that you see on the cover seems somewhat less than catchy. We'd like something succinct, clever and, if possible, with a unique Clemson connection or flair, but, of course, reflecting our international mission. We would like to receive name suggestions from faculty, staff and students. Please send your suggestions to Teresa Wise, [twise@clemson.edu](mailto:twise@clemson.edu), by Sept. 30, 2007. If we select your submission, you'll have our unending gratitude, we'll acknowledge you in our next and newly christened issue, and a small international gift will come your way.

## Clemson Portal in Europe

On June 7, 2007, the University inaugurated the Thomas Green Clemson University Brussels Center (CUBC) in Belgium, marking the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Clemson's founder.

Brussels is a particularly fitting location for Clemson's European portal since it is the city where Thomas Clemson served as senior U.S. diplomat for four American presidents. Today, more than 350 European-owned companies call South Carolina home, and Belgium is ninth on the list of top foreign employers in South Carolina. Belgium also ranks in the top 10 among recipients of exports from South Carolina.

"The Clemson University Brussels Center is an appropriate tribute to the commitment of Thomas Clemson to improving education, research, service and economic development," says James Cross, vice provost for international affairs. "Clemson's global vision that began many years ago continues today with the inauguration of the center in Brussels."

The center is a collaboration among Clemson, ICHEC Brussels Management School and the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL). It serves as a portal for increasing the flow of people, ideas and opportunities between the United States and Europe. Its mission is to serve as a global leader in developing a comprehensive international education strategy and to support economic development.

CUBC's mission is already being fulfilled with a variety of programming activities on both sides of the Atlantic. For the past two summers, Clemson, ICHEC and UCL students have participated in study abroad programs in Brussels and Clemson. This year, during the second summer session, Clemson welcomed 25 Belgian students to campus to learn more about American business and marketing practices and American culture. In early July, Clemson's International Center for Service-Learning in Teacher Education hosted its first international conference on service-learning in teacher education in conjunction with the CUBC. Participants represented six continents, and the conference, "Conversations That Matter," showcased presentations on service-learning and civic-engagement projects around the world. To learn more about CUBC's activities and to propose programming ideas, contact Dr. Cross, [jpcross@clemson.edu](mailto:jpcross@clemson.edu).



The Thomas Green Clemson University Brussels Center is a collaboration of Clemson, UCL and ICHEC.

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de Louvain

**UCL**

**ICHEC**  
BRUSSELS MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

## PEACE CORPS MASTER'S INTERNATIONAL

The Peace Corps celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Master's International Program this year by adding five new university partners, starting with Clemson.

Designed for Americans who want to earn graduate degrees while serving as Peace Corps volunteers abroad, the program will enable students at Clemson to enroll in agricultural or forestry programs, then combine their academic knowledge with a practical, international field assignment.

Peace Corps' new partnership with Clemson is a natural fit. As a land-grant university, Clemson has a long tradition of teaching, research and service. In fact, Clemson is ranked 21<sup>st</sup> among medium-sized colleges and universities for the number of its alumni who are Peace Corps volunteers.

For more information, visit the Graduate School Web site at [www.grad.clemson.edu](http://www.grad.clemson.edu) or the Peace Corps Web site at [www.peacecorps.gov/masters](http://www.peacecorps.gov/masters).

## Faculty Selected for Summer 2008 USAC Programs

Clemson's membership in the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) provides faculty with the opportunity to apply for visiting teaching positions overseas. Teaching abroad in a USAC program is an excellent way for faculty to expand their international experiences and to learn firsthand about study abroad opportunities for students.

Congratulations to the following faculty who were selected for visiting professor teaching assignments in the summer of 2008:

- Sean Williams, associate professor of English, Bilbao, Spain
- Julie Huntington, assistant professor of French, Accra, Ghana
- Greg Yarrow, professor of wildlife ecology, Puntarenas, Costa Rica

USAC consists of 32 U.S. universities and has been providing study abroad opportunities for more than two decades. Programs are available at 37 locations in 25 countries. Clemson students have participated in USAC programs in locations around the world, including Santiago, Chile; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Prague, Czech Republic; London, England; Galway, Ireland; and Torino, Italy.

Applications for visiting professor positions for 2009 will be available in early 2008. To learn more about USAC, visit [www.usac.unr.edu](http://www.usac.unr.edu) or contact Teresa Wise, [twise@clemson.edu](mailto:twise@clemson.edu).

## Fall Study Abroad Fair

The fall semester Study Abroad Fair will take place in the Hendrix Center on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Encourage your students to come by and see the vast array of study abroad programs and offerings they can choose from. Clemson study abroad faculty directors, exchange partner institutions and third-party providers will be available to discuss their programs. For more information on the study abroad fair, contact Bill Burress, OIA graduate assistant, [burress@clemson.edu](mailto:burress@clemson.edu).



Hendrix Student Center

# COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

## Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences

**Kim Erwin, Director of CAFLS  
Recruiting, Advising and Career  
Services**

The mission of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences Office of Recruiting, Advising and Career Services is to put students first in all we do and to provide support and services to the industries and people in agriculture, forestry and life sciences. An important part of this mission is encouraging students to learn about and interact with other cultures. By living and studying in another culture, a student gains the skills required to be successful in today's global work force.



*Prof. Kalan Ickes and students participating in the 2007 Biological Sciences Maymester course "The Natural History of Dominica" are pictured at Morne Diablotin National Park, Dominica.*

CAFLS offers a wide range of opportunities to study and learn abroad through two-week, summer and semester-long programs. We

have cooperative agreements with schools in Belgium, England, Russia and Germany, just to name a few. CAFLS faculty also lead short-term programs in areas such as India, Peru, Costa Rica and Dominica.

Research also plays a very important role in our college. We offer students opportunities to conduct research and to participate in creative learning projects with faculty and industry around the world.

## Architecture, Arts and Humanities

**T. Anne Dabb, Associate Director,  
Off-Campus Studies**

The College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities believes that studying abroad is an essential component of higher education. Living and studying in another culture, viewing one's own culture from new perspectives, and learning to interact and adapt, to question and explore, are all essential skills in an increasingly diverse and global marketplace.

The AAH Office of Off-Campus Studies provides a passport to "The Fluid Campus," the vision our college embraces to dissolve the traditional boundaries of scholarship, geography and culture. Our programs are carefully designed and selected to enhance the unique

academic makeup of our college: a merging of the disciplines of design, the arts and the humanities. Just as interdisciplinary collaboration is encouraged and supported, so is the intercultural emphasis of our curriculum. We offer a diverse menu of international, cross-cultural learning: study abroad, faculty and student exchange, and intercultural programming all with the aim of preparing students to live and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Semester-long programs of study and exchange programs are thriving in Genoa, Italy; Barcelona, Spain; Cordoba, Argentina; Istanbul, Turkey; and Adelaide, Australia. Maymester and summer programs include Ghana; Turkey and Greece; Paris, France; St. Petersburg, Russia; Kyoto, Japan; Dalian, China; Xalapa, Mexico; and Siegen, Germany. We are currently expanding our programs in Barcelona and Istanbul and exploring future programs in India, China and South Africa.



*Turkey offers students a fascinating blend of Western and Eastern cultures.*

## Business and Behavioral Science

**Denise Lefort, Lecturer and CBBS  
Student Professional Development  
Program Director**

The College of Business and Behavioral Science was active in the spring and summer with various study abroad activities. During

spring break, economics Prof. Dennis Placone led a group of economics students to Brussels, Belgium, and to the Clemson University Brussels Center (CUBC). The students visited the European Commission for two lectures on the European Union: “The Economic and Monetary Union and Formation” and “The EU Trade Policy.”

International Business Honors program students visited the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium with Dr. Mark McKnew. They participated in a seminar led by Alcatel-Lucent’s Mike Jones, vice president of supply chain management and logistics for Europe, toured Coca-Cola’s European Union Group, visited the newly renovated CUBC, attended a reception with Dr. Placone’s class and heard a lecture on “Preparing a Business Plan” by Denise Lefort, lecturer in the College of Business and Behavioral Science.

Also during spring break, Judson Jahn of the Department of Legal and Accountancy Studies and a group of 19 students visited Paris, France, and Brussels, Belgium, with side trips to Brugges and Antwerp, Belgium. They studied international business law and visited organizations such as the International Court of Arbitration in Paris and the EU Parliament in Brussels.

Three summer study abroad programs were offered by the Department of Political Science. Senior lecturer and former Ambassador Vladimir Matic led a group to Belgrade, Serbia, where undergraduate and graduate courses were offered in collaboration with the School of Political Sciences. The program included briefings by government officials, diplomats and journalists. Dr. Mike Coggeshall’s Czech Republic, Heart of Europe program allowed students to explore Czech culture and to compare it to American culture. Dr. Matt Crosston took students to Tambov, Russia, as part of the Russian Provincial Politics program. Students engaged with their Russian peers in a series of political roundtables and interviewed locals involved in politics, business, education and policing.

## Engineering and Science

**Regina Foster, Program Coordinator,  
Dean’s Office**

Realizing the importance of a global understanding in all disciplines, CES students are increasingly and enthusiastically taking advantage of opportunities to participate in international study. The number of CES stu-

dents participating in summer study abroad has steadily increased over the last three years, growing from 35 in 2005 to 40 in 2006. This past summer, 69 CES students participated in a summer study abroad experience.

One example of these opportunities is a summer program at the University of Applied Sciences in Trier, Germany. This six-credit program has been ongoing for five years. Courses include “Renewable Energy Systems” along with “Intercultural Communications.” Students from all disciplines in the college participate under the guidance of a Clemson professor. This year, the group of 24 students was led by Dr. Randy Collins, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering.

## Health, Education and Human Development

**Ann Whitley, Academic Advisor,  
Education Programs**

In May, the College of Health, Education and Human Development said “good-bye for the summer” to a number of students who were headed to other countries for a study abroad experience. These students will not only bring back credit for courses but will also develop a sense of global awareness and cooperation. The College of HEHD acknowledges the importance of the cultural understanding that our study abroad programs foster. In today’s world, it is essential to know the cultures and languages of other countries. With this knowledge, we can develop deeper ties between nations, help in promoting cooperation and peace, and encourage solutions to global issues.

As HEHD students headed out in every direction, many took advantage of Clemson University faculty-led programs. These included two programs in Italy for both undergraduate and graduate students, one led by Dr. David Reinking and the other by Dr. Dee Stegelin, and a graduate program in Scotland led by Drs. Tony Cawthon and Pam Havice.



*Michael Garcia, a marketing student, holds up the famous leaning tower of Pisa, Italy.*

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## Meet Our Staff: Gloria Walker

In this, our first OIA newsletter, we'd like to introduce you to a staff member *extraordinaire*: Gloria Walker, administrative coordinator for OIA and assistant to the vice provost for international affairs.

Gloria provides the vice provost with administrative support for various international coordination committees, international portals, and human resource and fiscal activities. She coordinates the visits of national and international guests and events and serves as office manager for the department.

She also currently serves as a senator on the Staff Senate and is a member of the Senate's Policy Committee. She has been with Clemson for 19 years and with OIA for three and a half years.

Along with her thorough and indispensable knowledge of the University, Gloria consistently brings enthusiasm, intelligence and good cheer to everything she does. We know that you will enjoy working with Gloria as much as we do.

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## MISSION

The mission of the Office of International Affairs is to lead, coordinate and articulate international initiatives, programs and services in support of the University's missions, goals and emphasis areas. International Affairs is dedicated to providing student and scholar centered services and is committed to fostering open communication and cooperation with all University constituents in pursuit of our mission.

## International Services: Students and Scholars

To better serve the campus community, OIA added two international services staff members in 2007.

Clement Liew, assistant director of international student and scholar services, previously worked at the University of Kentucky, Morehead State University in Kentucky and Mount Union College in Ohio. Christopher Biehl, director of international student and scholar services, came to Clemson from the University of Illinois-Chicago. Both Clement and Christopher bring to our office extensive professional experience in the international services arena.

The International Student and Scholar staff at OIA pride themselves on their knowledge of immigration as well as university regulations and how they affect our community. We work with the international student population from the moment they are accepted to Clemson, by providing immigration documents to assist in visa applications, until the time they successfully reach their academic goals. OIA staff meet with students on a one-on-one basis or in large groups, such as at New International Student Orientation. We provide information about maintaining legal status, employment possibilities, travel and visas, and cultural integration. We work closely with the Gantt Intercultural Center's director of international student programs to ensure the developmental and academic success of Clemson's ever-growing international student population.

Our advisors are also highly trained in the nuances of obtaining entry visas for international scholars and exchange visitors. These are individuals who are sponsored by the University to assist in the exchange of ideas and research. We encourage our exchange visitors to take part in opportunities to share information on their culture, research or language with the Clemson community.

OIA also meets, advises and provides training for Clemson administrators to introduce and reaffirm policies, programs and concepts applicable to international students, faculty, staff and scholars.

## International Services: Faculty and Staff, Tax and Employment

OIA contributes to the internationalization of the campus by providing immigration-related support services.

Services provided to international faculty and staff, and to the Clemson offices and departments engaged in hiring them, include coordinating and submitting H-1B petitions and applications for permanent residency. Questions regarding these matters should be directed to Jim Findley, director of international faculty and staff services, [fndlej@clemson.edu](mailto:fndlej@clemson.edu).

OIA also handles tax and employment issues for international faculty, staff and students. This includes responsibility for nonresident alien employment eligibility verification, determination of nonresident alien employee-independent contractor status and related nonresident alien tax issues. Additional responsibility includes tax issues related to U.S.-source scholarships awarded to nonresident aliens. For information or assistance, contact Mack Howard, director of international employment and taxation, [mackh@clemson.edu](mailto:mackh@clemson.edu).

### QUICK FACTS

#### International Faculty and Staff

Total	131
Countries Represented	81

#### International Students 2006-2007

Undergraduates	194
Graduates	694
Exchanges	51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>939</b>

#### Study Abroad Participants Fall 2006/Spring 2007/Summer 2007

Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences	79
Architecture, Arts and Humanities	271
Business and Behavioral Science	221
Engineering and Science	88
Health, Education and Human Development	73
Transient and Special Students	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>751</b>

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### August 17

International Student Orientation

#### August 20 & 21

Social Security Card Applications Accepted, E-305  
Martin Hall

#### September 1

Proposals for Faculty-Led Programs Due

#### September 12

Study Abroad Fair, Hendrix Center

#### November 12-16

International Education Week



Clemson students Charmayne Smith, Brittany Ross and Nicole Lane with Prof. Monica Massie (second from left) in Cordoba, Argentina.



Mark Ingram (center), history student, in St. Andrews, Scotland.

## Proposals for Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs

As a leading global research university, Clemson is committed to offering meaningful international education opportunities to all qualified students, and we strongly encourage students to participate in study abroad programs as part of their overall academic experience. Faculty-led programs are a particularly important means of encouraging our students to study abroad and of ensuring the academic quality and integrity of programming.

Clemson faculty members who wish to develop and lead a study abroad program (whether credit or noncredit) must complete the approval process through their respective departments, colleges and the Office of International Affairs (OIA). This process applies to all study abroad programs, regardless of length. Program budgets are handled in the Office of International Affairs along with other essential components of programming, such as pre-departure orientation, insurance matters and required release documents.

Faculty interested in leading a study abroad program in the spring or summer of 2008 should **submit proposals by Sept. 1, 2007**. Please contact Teresa Wise, [twise@clemson.edu](mailto:twise@clemson.edu), for more information, proposal forms and a faculty-led program guide.

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