



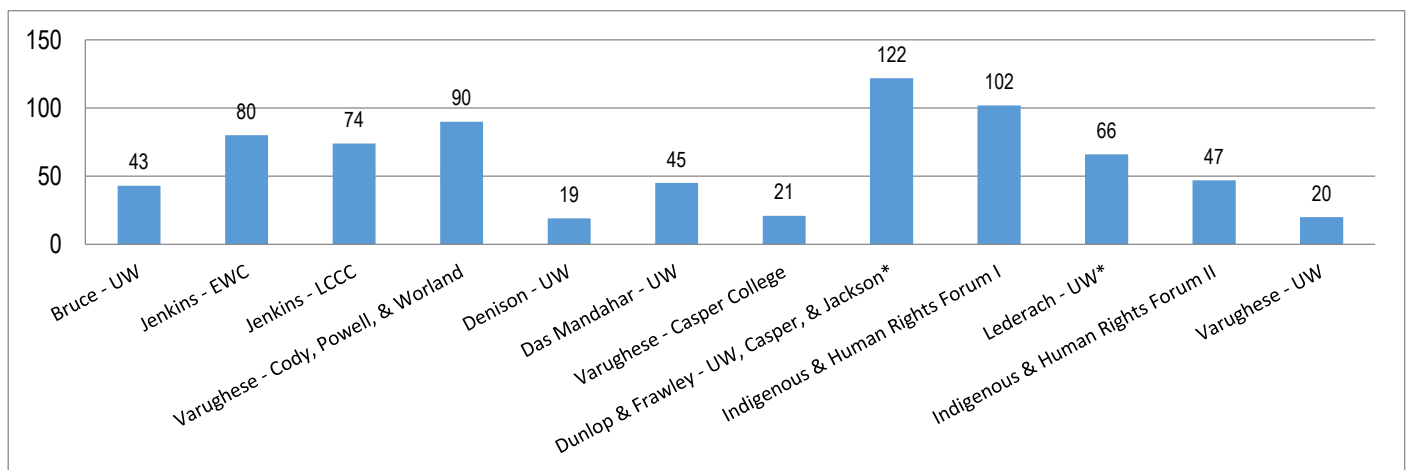
## Global Studies Lecture Series Report of Activities Around Wyoming – Fall 2015 Jean A. Garrison

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) and Global and Area Studies (GAST) Program continue their commitment to statewide outreach programming focusing on international affairs in communities around Wyoming and on the UW campus. This series was made possible through partnerships with UW's Office of Academic Affairs and the Excellence in Higher Education Endowment, the UW Outreach School, the UW Foundation, International Programs Office, School of Energy Resources, and external partners including the Wyoming Humanities Council, Ruth R. Ellbogen Foundation, Homer A. and Mildred S. Scott Foundation, InterConnections21 in Jackson, Wyoming's community colleges, and the embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

### Fall 2015 Global Studies Lecture Series

This section highlights sixteen events in eight Wyoming communities that CGS and GAST sponsored/facilitated in Fall 2015. In September, the first talk of the **German Reunification Lecture Series** featured Dr. Gary Bruce (University of Waterloo, Canada) presenting on "The Stasi Files and Reconciliation in United Germany" at UW. This was followed by UW writer-in-residence and *National Geographic* correspondent Mark Jenkins who continued his **World to Wyoming** tour on "Vietnam Underground: The Viet Cong, Spelunkers, and the Biggest Cave on Earth" at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington and Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne. (These final two presentations concluded the 2015 series, which included presentations in eleven communities reaching 2,200 audience members.) UW Senior Visiting Scholar in Global Studies, Dr. George Varughese from the Asia Foundation, presented "Nepal's Earthquake, Development, and Reconstruction," in five venues across Wyoming including Northwest College in Powell, the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs of Worland, at Casper College, and at UW. In October, **The German Reunification Series** hosted Dr. Andrew Denison (Director of the Transatlantic Network) focusing on "The United States and German Reunification: Hopes and Fears in Retrospect" at UW. As part of the **Global Studies Excellence Series** at UW, Dr. Mohan Das Manandhar (MIT) presented on "The Politics of Exclusion and Issues of Development in Nepal" in October and Dr. John Paul Lederach (Notre Dame) on "Conflict, Transformation, Peacebuilding, and Sustainable Reconciliation in Divided Societies" in November. The series, **Building Community Across Difference: Lessons From Northern Ireland**, with Dr. Tom Fawley and Rev. John Dunlap was held in Casper, Jackson, and at UW. In cooperation with the High Plains American Indian Research Institute (HPAIRI), CGS sponsored two forums on Indigenous Rights as Human Rights this fall. The first event, HPAIRI's 2015 Distinguished Lecture Series, "From Self-Determination to the Human Rights Era of Federal Indian Law," featured Walter Echo-Hawk, Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Lewis and Clark School of Law. The second forum, "Indigenous Rights as Human Rights," featured Dr. Cindy Holder (University of Victoria, Canada) and Dr. Colin Samson, UW's Visiting Scholar in American Indian Studies. The Global and Area Studies Program and the Center for Global Studies also supported several brown bags, films, and other forums at UW. This partnership allows us to broaden our impact as well as the number of people we can reach.

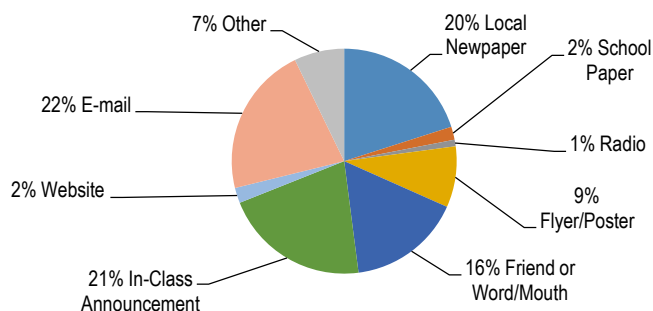
### Global Studies Lecture Series – Fall 2015 Data



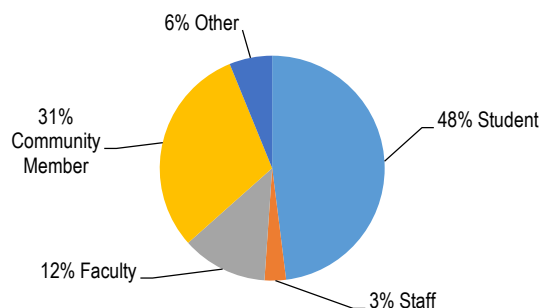
\*Data includes class visits at the respective colleges.  
Number of attendants for these events = 686 people.

The charts below display data gathered at speaker series events in Fall 2015 via short questionnaires distributed to audience members. Over 93% of respondents, which included students, faculty, staff, and community members, reported that the speaker series improved their understanding of global issues, and 93% stated that the event contributed to building a sense of international awareness.

## Where did you learn about this event?



## What category describes you best?



### Fall 2015 Program Highlights

#### **1. 25 Years of German Unity Celebration, September 1 – December 8, 2015 (University of Wyoming)**

The German Embassy awarded CGS Associate Director Stephanie Anderson funds to commemorate 25 years of German unification. With support from the Global & Area Studies Program and the Center for Global Studies and in partnership with the International Programs Office, the Milward L. Simpson Fund in Political Science, Gender and Women's Studies, the Department of Music, American Studies, and the UW Art Museum, nine events were held from September 1 – December 8, 2015 at UW. These seminars, public presentations, and class discussions focused on connecting history from the start of World War II to the present (overall attendance for the series was 295 people). This series consisted of the following events: a poster exhibition documenting the path to unification; "Opening Ceremony/Performance Art/An Arch of Reconciliation;" "The Stasi, Reunification and Reconciliation" with Dr. Gary Bruce (University of Waterloo); film viewing of *The Lives of Others*; lecture on "The Anniversary of German Unification" with Dr. Andrew Denison (Director of Transatlantic Networks); presentation on "Struggle with a Foreign Tongue: David Bowie in Berlin;" film viewing of *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*; panel discussion "From Nudity Cultures in East and West to Sauna Club Mega Brothels;" with Annegret Staiger (Clarkson University); and ended with a Reunification Commemoration Concert.

#### **2. Human Rights Focus in UW and Community Partnership Events – Casper, Jackson & UW**

The human rights research cluster in the Center for Global Studies partnered with Global and Area Studies, the College of Law, and community partners to sponsor a series of discussions on **Building Community Across Difference: Lessons From Northern Ireland**. The October presentations in Casper, Jackson and at UW were led by Dr. Tom Frawley (Former Ombudsman of Northern Ireland) and Rev. John Dunlop from Belfast who discussed the challenges associated with any community where there are differences of perspective, identity, and power. The CGS-High Plains American Indian Research Institute partnership, supported by Global and Area Studies and American Indian Studies, organized two **Human Rights and Indigenous Rights Forums**. The forums focused on domestic, transnational, and international aspects of indigenous rights as human rights. The partnership will continue to sponsor events focusing on areas of common interest between the research centers.

### Upcoming Spring 2016 Lecture Series Highlights

**World to Wyoming** series featuring Mark Jenkins presenting "Burma's Resurrection: An Expedition Deep Into A Forbidden Land" – February 26 at UW, March 1 at Gillette College, March 2 at Sheridan Junior High School Auditorium, March 3 at Northwest College in Powell, and March 4 in Cody, March 6 in Jackson. This series focuses on Mark Jenkins' expedition with a team of North Face athletes, who attempted to climb the highest peak in Burma, Hkakabo Razi, 19,300 feet. This story is featured in the September 2015 issue of *National Geographic* as the story "Point of No Return," and in the Renan Ozturk documentary "Down to Nothing."

**What in the World?** program featuring Center for Global Studies funded students presenting on their international fieldwork projects – March 3 at the Sheridan Fulmer Public Library, March 5 at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, and March 6 at the Wildlife Museum in Jackson.

In addition, at UW the **Wyoming Goes Global Conference** (March 28-29) will feature CGS-sponsored faculty and student research presentations from across campus, CGS with the School of Energy Resources is sponsoring two forums (Feb. 24 & April 4) on the international, national, and local implications of carbon policy after the Paris COP-21 meeting in **Regulating Carbon in Coal Country and Beyond – Local, National and International Considerations**, and the **Global Studies Excellence Series** will feature several experts focusing on international development themes and support additional talks by Senior Visiting Scholar George Varughese. Information on these and other events is available at [www.uwyo.edu/globalcenter](http://www.uwyo.edu/globalcenter) and [www.uwyo.edu/intstudy](http://www.uwyo.edu/intstudy).