As we approach the end of 2018, we look back on an important year of successful research projects and new university partnerships, and look forward to leadership transitions at CGS. This year, we have continued our core work of supporting faculty and student research across the globe with ten faculty international field projects and sixteen student projects supported. This summer, Dr. Stephanie Anderson and I accompanied President Laurie Nichols to Berlin to meet with officials from the Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) to sign a new memorandum of understanding (MOU). This MOU created new faculty exchange opportunities, including an initial, jointly-funded seed grant to foster collaborative research between the faculties of both institutions. One project for 2018-19 pairs UW’s Dr. Susan Dewey from the School of Culture, Gender, and Social Justice with a colleague from FUB on a comparative prisons project. Thanks to CGS board members, Dr. Tanja Börzel and Dr. Thomas Risse, professors of political science from FUB, for their hospitality in Berlin and for helping to spearhead these joint research opportunities. Advancing such relationships is just what CGS was created to do!

This semester marks a landmark leadership transition for CGS. For five years, I have had the privilege to lead a team of folks to help advance international research at UW. In December, I will step down as the founding director, and CGS will come under the capable leadership of Dr. Robert Field, our current associate director, who will serve as the interim director for the remainder of the academic year. I have accepted a new position as UW’s chief engagement officer reporting to President Laurie Nichols to direct the new Office of Engagement and Outreach. In this position, I will lead UW’s effort to implement a new vision for engagement and outreach with our communities, coordinating and streamlining engagement and outreach efforts to achieve enhanced consistency, follow-through, and impact. This shift is a natural outgrowth of my work last year leading the UW Engagement Task Force, and, fundamentally, an outgrowth of the work done over the last decade in outreach programs and the partnerships we developed with community colleges. Finally, we also say goodbye to CGS Project Coordinator Erika Helgeson who has joined Academic Affairs as the Compliance and Review Specialist. Good luck, Erika!

I want to thank you all for your friendship and support. International affairs and research is in my blood, and I promise to remain a strong supporter of CGS efforts, although from the sidelines. As noted below, CGS now stands within an integrated vision of internationalization at UW.

This fall, CGS has formally joined the Global Engagement Office (GEO) under the leadership of Associate Vice Provost for Global Engagement Dr. Anthony “Tony” Ogden, who began his job in August. Tony serves as UW’s new senior international officer leading and coordinating UW’s strategic international mission. This partnership marks an important milestone for UW, which now has all international offices under one roof both literally and administratively. CGS continues its mission to promote international research opportunities for faculty and students, but now, under the GEO umbrella, it joins forces with Education Abroad, International Students and Scholars, and the English Language Center to foster a collective, comprehensive internationalization strategy!

Tony brings extensive international education experience to UW having previously held leadership positions in this area at Michigan State University, the University of Kentucky, and Pennsylvania State University. A native of Kentucky and two-time Fulbright recipient, Tony has written widely on topics related to international higher education. He recently co-edited a volume on the emerging issue of scholar-practitioners in international education and is now working on two forthcoming volumes. One is focused on critical perspectives in international education to be published by Stylus and the other is a comprehensive compendium on international education research to be published by Routledge. He completed a PhD at The Pennsylvania State University in Educational Theory and Policy with a dual focus in Comparative and International Education.

As Tony settles into his new role at UW, his immediate priorities include expanding our international student recruitment efforts, supporting education abroad programming, advancing strategic partnerships and collaborations, and supporting curriculum internationalization.
attitudes to food, held by older generations who experienced famine, differ from younger generations, who did not grow up with food insecurity. She also plans to explore other food-related generational differences including body image and the modern pressure to be thin in contrast to more traditional views.

**The Belfast Giants and Decreasing Divisions of Identity in Northern Ireland**

Emily Schimelpfenig (MA, Political Science) from Lander, Wyoming was awarded a CGS World to Wyoming Grant to conduct her research in Northern Ireland while at the Queen's University Conflict Transformation Summer School. This program focused on different aspects of conflict transformation and peace building. She completed interviews with program organizers, academics, and public sector workers on the Midnight Street Soccer Program in Northern Ireland. Emily notes, “[t]hese were some of the most intense moments because it really immersed us in the lives of people in Northern Ireland.” The interviews focused on identifying the role that these programs play in the broader picture of peacebuilding in Northern Ireland. She travelled to see, first hand, some key conflict areas such as the peace walls and murals in Belfast.

**Human-Elephant Conflict Analysis in Coimbatore Forest District in India**

Anne Nicole Reed (MS, Rangeland Ecology & Watershed Management and Environment & Natural Resources) from Cheyenne, Wyoming used her CGS-SER Nielson International Fieldwork Grant to travel to Southern India to conduct her research on human-elephant conflict. She investigated various mitigation efforts and their effectiveness, and used a survey to gather information on crop damage from elephant raids. The research included meeting with over 100 stakeholders in the Coimbatore Forest district.

**Improving Brucellosis Control Strategies in Uganda**

Meagan Soehn (BS, Microbiology) from Casper, Wyoming was awarded a Harris International Research Award to travel to Uganda to increase disease awareness and surveillance of brucellosis. The project’s purpose is to reduce brucellosis spillover rates into livestock and human populations. The team conducted a training on brucellosis at the National Animal Disease Diagnostics and Epidemiology Center (NADDEC). They gave a variety of presentations detailing how the disease was tackled within the United States. Disease prevention remains a primary route for improved livestock production in Africa.

**Drivers of Freshwater Fish Biodiversity in Lake Tanganyika, Africa**

Jimena Golcher-Benavides (PhD, Ecology) from Konstanz, Germany used the Harris International Research Award to travel to Tanzania to collect specimens and environmental samples to examine freshwater fish biodiversity in Lake Tanganyika. Home to more than 300 fish species, this is the deepest and oldest tropical lake in the world. Jimena also helped with geological research collecting sediment and fossils that are key to further understanding of the geological history of the lake. The future sustainability of this lake is critical as it remains an important food resource for the region.

**European Integration in Bosnia & Herzegovina: The Impact EU Communication Policy Has on Peace in Bosnia**

Lucas Hansen (MA, Political Science) from Seattle, Washington used the CGS-U.S. Senator Malcolm Wallop ‘Conversations on Democracy’ Award to travel to the Balkans to interview a wide range of stakeholders associated with ensuring the peace in Bosnia. His research included meeting with European Union officials working within the European Union Information Center offices. His project highlights the unique situation in Bosnia and explores how the EU can strengthen integration, provide a better standard of living for Bosnians, and help prevent another conflict.

**2019 CGS-SER Nielson Scholarship Award**

This year’s CGS-SER Nielson International Graduate Scholarship Award winner is Christopher Sudol (MA, History) from Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. His MA thesis project couples historical understanding of the management of the Colorado River with modern environmental policy and natural resource management to better understand landscape impacts upon native populations from the perspective of water use and management. It examines how controlling water in an arid landscape has clear impacts upon the social, economic, and legal standing of minority populations. Chris notes “[t]his fellowship opportunity will provide me with a critical step in the research process, information sharing, where I can receive and consider critiques from the academic and UW community.” The CGS-SER Nielson Graduate Scholarship offers a $10,000 grant to help students complete their thesis or dissertation project.
SEEDS OF POSSIBILITY: A CHILDREN’S BOOK

Associate Professor Ashley Hope Carlisle (Department of Visual and Literary Arts) used her CGS Faculty International Research Award to travel to the Kew Herbarium in the United Kingdom. Prior to her travel, she consulted with the manager of UW’s Rocky Mountain Herbarium and other UW botanists to identify approximately 50 plant families to follow up with at the Kew Herbarium. At Kew, she had open access to all wings of the herbarium which contains 7 million specimens of 600 plant families, including multiple representatives of the families targeted in her project. Ashley was also given access to the Kew research library, which maintains a large collection of plant illustrations. The products of her visit to the Kew Herbarium include a large and diverse collection of seed and illustration images, which provide a valuable foundation for her plan to create a book that parents can read with their children. With access to the resources and operation of an internationally renowned herbarium, Ashley added to her understanding of plant systematics and taxonomy. This research trip will help her complete a book project and will strengthen the quality of potential future projects. Her visit to Kew, a truly unique resource for the world, provides support for her emerging work at the interface of art and science. Work at the junction of disciplines can be risky, but is essential for forward thinking interdisciplinary work that CGS seeks to encourage.

THE HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER IN A TIME OF SCARCITY

Professor Noah Novogrodsky and Associate Professor Jason Robison from the College of Law together with Professor Bryan Shuman of the Department of Geology and Geophysics used their CGS Faculty International Research Award to investigate a controversial water law case. The dispute between Bolivia and Chile is now a case before the International Court of Justice. At the core of the case is the question of whether Chile may pipe the waters of the Silala River to copper mining operations hundreds of kilometers away and whether doing so deprives Bolivia and its communities of water that originates in that country. The Silala River case is being closely watched by Egypt and Ethiopia, two nations currently locked in a struggle over the Blue Nile and the consequences of the Renaissance Dam. The research team also is using early 20th century Anaconda mining records of the first mapping and geological surveying of the region, which are housed in UW’s American Heritage Center. The next step is for the research team to return to both Santiago, Chile and the Antofagasta region – site of the Silala River and canyon – to understand the ecology, the competing claims to resources in the region, and the human right to water in arid places.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL: PREHISTORIC PEOPLES, CLIMATES AND ENVIRONMENTS OF THE NORTHERN ADRIATIC

Professor James Ahern (Department of Anthropology) used his CGS Faculty International Research Award to travel to Croatia to work with colleagues from the Institute for Archaeological Research in Zagreb. He spent most of his time excavating 30,000-year-old archaeological deposits at Abri Kontija near the village of Krunčići. The project’s main objective is to understand the biological and cultural effects on humans of the major climatic and ecological changes that occurred in the Northern Adriatic over the end of the last Ice Age. In order to achieve this objective, the researchers employed a variety of tools and methods. On site archeological excavation has a number of steps, and while painstaking, it enables a full picture of the site to be generated over time. To do this, Jim and his fellow researchers place remains (flora, fauna, human, cultural, etc.) in context using a variety of methods including geomorphology and stable isotope ecology. With reference to Electrical Resistance Tomography data at Abri Kontija, they also uncovered more than 200 mapped artifacts and hundreds of animal bones. The most notable work of their project was the discovery of an expanded Atl-Atl foreshaft (part of the dart that was used along with a spear-thrower; highly sophisticated stone-age hunting technology). Although the analysis of this artifact is ongoing, it could be the oldest evidence of the use of spear-throwing technology.
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