March 2016 will mark the second anniversary of the Center for Global Studies (CGS). In this short time, we have built a broad set of partnerships with UW departments, colleges, and schools to support innovative and interdisciplinary international research opportunities for students and faculty. In addition, the Center has sponsored discussions of significant international events on campus and around the state of Wyoming. This inaugural CGS newsletter is our opportunity to highlight some of these innovative and interdisciplinary projects. Our work is made possible by important institutional partnerships and our donor partners.

These partners include Dr. John Allen, who grew up in Laramie, Cody, and Wheatland and attended UW from 1959 to 1964, earning his BA degree in International Affairs (Political Science and Geography double major) and his MA in Political Science. As an early graduate of International Affairs, he has supported CGS since its inception. After his degrees from UW, John traveled east to get his Ph.D. in Geography from Clark University. He had a distinguished career as a faculty member and administrator at UCONN and returned to UW in 2000 to head the Department of Geography for seven years. John is one of the country’s leading scholars on North American exploration with particular interests in the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the Rocky Mountain fur trade. Taking a page from Lewis and Clark’s ‘Corps of Discovery’ (essentially an early 19th Century international expedition across the American West if you think about it!), John has been a central supporter of the CGS mission of discovery to enhance international research opportunities for students and faculty at UW.

Support from people like John provides important seed money to jumpstart a two-year effort to build a $250,000 expendable fund and to focus specific attention on growing the CGS endowment. On March 28-29, 2016 the second Wyoming Goes Global Conference, which features the international work of faculty and students we have supported, will mark the start of this campaign to build sustainable funding sources for CGS program activities. Please join us in Laramie for the conference, follow us on Facebook (University of Wyoming – Center for Global Studies), and watch for announcements of our new round of projects and programming in Spring 2016 on our website (www.uwyo.edu/globalcenter). You also can become a CGS partner with the touch of a button on the website or contact me directly (307-766-6119 | garrison@uwyo.edu) to visit about how to join our efforts to bring the world to Wyoming and Wyoming to the world. Have a wonderful fall and holiday season!

Partnership Profile - Wyoming to Berlin and Back

For the second year in a row, the German embassy has awarded CGS Associate Director Stephanie Anderson funds to commemorate two watershed events of modern European and global history – the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and 25 years of German unity. Hundreds of students, faculty and community members have participated in events from breaking down a mock Berlin Wall on Prexy’s last fall to a series of panel discussions on topics such as “The Stasi, Reunification and Reconciliation” and contemporary political and social issues in Europe. Most memorable visually and interactive was the building of An Arch of Reconciliation. This arch, made of wire, represented an opening of the iron curtain and the path Germany has followed to reconciliation and unification. Students wrote their own hopes and regrets on multicolored tags they attached to the arch transforming it from something foreboding and militaristic into a garden arch, overgrown with flowers. The culmination of all of the students’ hopes, fears, pain, and negative situations thus created something beneficial and conversation sparking. The arch physically demonstrated the potential power of language and rhetoric when it is structured and combined with education. Stephanie’s passion for this work links to her ongoing research on security and identity in the European Union context. Stephanie was featured as UW’s Faculty Senate Distinguished Speaker in Spring 2015 and gave a talk in Laramie and Casper on “They Love Us; They Love Us Not?: How America’s Image Abroad Shapes Transatlantic Security Relations”. She’ll be part of upcoming CGS outreach events around Wyoming as well. Our ties to Germany and the EU include an ongoing partnership with the Colorado European Union Center for Excellence (CEUCE) at CU-Boulder and Denver University. Through CEUCE, the European Commission provided funding for our workshop series (co-sponsored with the School of Energy Resources) on the U.S., EU, and China’s cooperation on energy and climate security which culminated in a Jackson Energy Security Workshop in August 2015. The workshop included faculty from UW, the Free University of Berlin, and participants from the non-profit and private sectors. This partnership continues in 2016 with a forum planned on the transatlantic relationship.
Internships in Italy, Turkey, and The Hague

As part of her undergraduate course of study in Business Administration, Anne Burback from Casper, worked with a team of students to complete an international sales and marketing plan for Pach.Ita, a small, family-owned, organic farming business in Sicily that was looking to expand its tomato exports across the European Union. Returning from the experience, Anne noted that she’d gained a new perspective on “what it takes to work with a team in an international business context”. Mustaffa N. Raja, a Petroleum Engineering major from Buffalo spent a year in Ankara, Turkey on an exchange with the Middle East Technical University and working as an intern with Turkish Petroleum. He gained invaluable practical experience with an internationally recognized company that gives him added advantage when applying for jobs in the tight oil and gas market. Third year College of Law student Anna Kate Cleveland from Battle Creek, Washington provided important research assistance for officials at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Through this internship, she had the opportunity to work with international lawyers that she would not have contact with in Wyoming. The photo shows Anne with other interns at the organic farms of Pach.Ita in Sicily.

Kenya's Olive Baboons as Stewards of the Land

Megan Dudenhoeffer from Idaho Falls, a triple major in Zoology, Russian, and Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), spent the summer with Dr. Jacob Goheen from the Dept. of Zoology and Physiology exploring the role that olive baboons and other animals play in dispersing seeds in the Laikepedia region of Kenya. Through this fieldwork, she learned about community-based conservation, and also the value of wildlife to local peoples and their economic livelihoods. This work helps researchers understand the complex relationship between large predators and seed dispersal and the impact on rangeland quality and large predator populations as well as ecotourism experiences. The photo shows Megan in Kenya.

Water Resource Management in Sri Lanka

Jagath C. Vithanage (Ph.D. candidate in Hydrological Sciences) from Thalawathugoda, Sri Lanka looked at conveyance losses along the Yoda Ela irrigation canal in Sri Lanka. His work is part of a three-year study wherein instrumentation is deployed to better understand the fate and transport of water and provide knowledge useful to the best management of water. Through this research, they will be able to detect both gains and losses to the system. His work addresses the research/knowledge gap regarding conveyance losses in a water-stressed area that is undergoing significant land management pressure.

Human-Elephant Conflict in India

Dr. Ramesh Sivanpillai from the Department of Botany & WyGISC exemplifies the commitment to applied research and mentorship of students embodied in the mission of the Center for Global Studies. In Summer 2015, he led students in a field course to India to investigate India’s environmental policies pertaining to conservation and development. Ramesh and his students looked specifically at the growing human-elephant conflicts in villages and cities due to expanding human encroachment on elephant habitat. Involving students in his research, they used geospatial analyses to characterize the spatial patterns (where) and frequency (how often) of these conflicts. This work helps to identify hot spots, which can be used for devising conflict reduction strategies such as changes to agricultural practices or setting aside additional corridors for animal movement. Anne Nicole Reed (Wildlife Biology and Fisheries Management major) from Cheyenne notes that the substantial crop loss is a “true source of frustration for the farmers. Both elephants and humans have lost their lives in this conflict.” The UW research team worked closely with faculty members at Kongunadu Arts & Science College (Coimbatore, India) to complete this project. This represents international exchange at its best as it demonstrates the multiplier effect we get from international faculty fieldwork which creates new curricular and research opportunities for students.
UW Alums Chris and Michelle Spear Give Back by Establishing International Student Fieldwork Fund

In Spring 2016, the newly established Christopher and Michelle Spear Fund for the Center for Global Studies will support its first student fieldwork project. Chris and Michelle note “[o]ur time spent living, working and raising a family overseas came well after our attending the University of Wyoming. We created this scholarship to help UW students experience other cultures, arts and languages while still in school. The Center for Global Studies’ international opportunities provide students an invaluable skill and perspective. Experiencing life while studying in another country not only enables a student to consider things that are well within that society, but understand how that society views America. We offer this scholarship as perspective and to help broaden the minds of UW students.”

Chris and Michelle lived in Brussels and London, working and traveling with their four children throughout Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, and Africa. They now reside again in McLean, Virginia, outside Washington, DC, where Chris works as Vice President for Hyundai Motor Company and Michelle as an interior designer. Chris, originally from Auburn, Nebraska, graduated from UW in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science and again in 1995 with a Master of Public Administration. Michelle, originally from Dalton, Nebraska, graduated from UW in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science. CGS will be working closely with Chris and Michelle to grow their fund to create opportunities for more international student fieldwork projects.

Centennial, Wyoming – A Hub for Global Studies
Dr. Thomas Risse and Dr. Tanja Börzel from the Free University of Berlin (pictured with CGS Director Jean Garrison) are integrally involved with global studies at UW. Not only do they serve as senior fellows associated with CGS and participate in events at UW, they also host an annual August barbecue at their second home in Centennial, Wyoming to support the CGS Centennial Fellowship in Global Studies. This fund started by residents of Centennial and Laramie supports two student research projects annually.

During her Fall 2015 sabbatical, Jean served as a Senior Research Fellow at the Kolleg-Forschergruppe (KFG) “Transformative Power of Europe” project at the Free University of Berlin, a research program under the joint directorship of Thomas and Tanja.

“What in the World?” Presentations
The “What in the World?” series takes graduate students around the state to present on their fieldwork. Graduate students Josh Taboga (MA-Int’l Studies/ENR, 2015), John Rader (MA-Political Science, 2015), and Natalia Sharova (MA-Int’l Studies, 2015) are pictured with Jade and David Walsh from Jackson. Natalia was the first recipient of the Walsh Fellowship in Global Studies that Jade and David established in 2014. Josh (who received the CGS-SER Nielson Fellowship) did his work on car-reduced living in Germany, John studied mega dams in Chile, and Natalia’s research focused on Australia’s climate policy. Today Josh is in Munich working for an environmental services firm, John is in law school at CU-Boulder, and Natalia is working in Washington, DC in the area of government relations. Several of these presentations can be accessed from the CGS website www.uwyo.edu/globalcenter.
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