Global Studies Lecture Series
May 2015

Global and Area Studies and the Center for Global Studies continue their commitment to statewide outreach programming in communities around Wyoming and on the UW campus. Through partnerships with UW’s Office of Academic Affairs and the Excellence in Higher Education Endowment, the UW Outreach School, the UW Foundation, and external support from the Ruth R. Ellbogen Foundation, Wyoming Humanities Council, Homer and Mildred Scott Foundation, the Colorado European Union Center for Excellence, and Wyoming’s colleges, the Global Studies Lecture Series has racked up record audience numbers this year. This report provides the highlights of the Fall 2014-Spring 2015 statewide speaker series, and provides the schedule for Summer 2015 events.

Fall 2014 Global Studies Lecture Series
In Fall 2014, we sponsored or facilitated 13 events in 10 Wyoming communities which reached 884 people. In September, UW writer-in-residence and National Geographic correspondent Mark Jenkins continued his World to Wyoming tour at Casper College, Sheridan College, and Gillette College presenting The Last of the First Skiers, reflecting on his trip to the Altai Mountains of Central Asia. At the end of September, the Center for Global Studies and School of Energy Resources sponsored a Global Women’s Leadership Forum at UW, where three leading women discussed their diverse global careers. In October, Dr. Elinor Burkett, Senior Visiting Scholar in Global Studies, began her outreach in Saratoga with a talk on human security at the International Studies Articulation meeting with the community colleges. She then, took her documentary, iThemba, on a statewide Global Studies in Film tour to Rock Springs, Powell, Riverton, Jackson Hole, Casper, Cheyenne, and Laramie. Dr. Burkett also spoke to a variety of students at UW, Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs, Northwest College in Powell, Casper College, and in Cheyenne at Cheyenne East High School. The Center for Global Studies initiated its yearlong focus energy and the environment with The EU, China and the US as Global Actors in Energy and the Environment: Putting the Geopolitics of Energy into Perspective. The panel discussion, held at UW at the end of October, included panelists from the University of Wyoming, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, and the University of New Hampshire. Global and Area Studies and the Center for Global Studies also supported talks by Ambassador Nicholas Platt focusing on his time as a diplomat in China, a series of events commemorating the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, and various brownbag discussions focusing on topics such as human rights.

Global Studies Lecture Series – Fall 2014 Data

Spring 2015 Global Studies Lecture Series
In Spring 2015 we sponsored or facilitated 19 events in 10 Wyoming communities focusing on 9 topics, reaching 2,809 people. In February, the Honorable Vice President Dick and Mrs. Lynne Cheney discussed Mrs. Cheney’s book James Madison: A Life Reconsidered at UW. In February, March and April, Dr. Ahmed Rhazaoui, Senior Visiting Scholar in Global Studies, presented The Syrian Crisis, Refugees and Impact on Neighboring Countries at the Sunrise Rotary Club of Laramie, the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in Worland, Northwest College in Powell, the American Committees on Foreign Relations in Casper, and UW, respectively. In March, UW writer-in-residence and National Geographic correspondent Mark Jenkins continued his World to Wyoming tour at UW, Gillette College, Sheridan Junior High, Northwest College in Powell, the Buffalo Bill Center for the West in Cody, Lander Valley High School (in cooperation with Central Wyoming College), Western Wyoming Community College.
College in Rock Springs, and Casper College. His 2015 program focused on Vietnam Underground: The Viet Cong, Spelunkers, and the Biggest Cave on Earth, reflecting on his trip to the world’s largest cave in Vietnam. Jenkins also taught classes during his visits to colleges such as lecturing in introduction to international relations, cultural anthropology, and English composition and gave his presentation at the Wyoming Boys School. The Center for Global Studies continued its energy series in March with Addressing Global Energy-Environmental Realities: Opportunities and Challenges from Multiple Disciplinary and Stakeholder Perspectives. The panel discussion, held at UW, included panelists from the Energy Security Program at the National Bureau of Asian Research, the Finland Futures Research Center at the University of Turku, and the Shanghai Institute for International Studies. Graduate students gave talks around the state in the What in the World? International Studies Fieldwork program. The final event of the year at UW brought Magdy Martinez-Soliman, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support with the UNDP discussing the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

![Global Studies Lecture Series – Spring 2015 Data](chart)

Number of Attendees - Spring 2015 (total for this series = 2,809)

*What in the World? presentations included five venues around the state.

Since its inception six years ago, the statewide impact of the Global Studies Lecture Series has continued to grow in terms of communities touched and the size and scope of audience members. Moreover, the partnership between the Center for Global Studies and the Global and Area Studies Program allows us to broaden our impact as well as the number of people we can reach.

![Global Studies Lecture Series 2009 – 2015 Data](chart)

The following charts display data gathered at speaker series events over the last six years via short questionnaires distributed to audience members. Over 89% of respondents, which included students, faculty, staff, and community members, reported that the speaker series improved their understanding of global issues, and 96% stated that the event contributed to building a sense of international awareness.
Expanding “What in the World?” International Studies Fieldwork Presentations – Graduate Student Projects

Sheridan (March 12), Cody (March 14), and Jackson (March 16) During March, three graduate students toured the state of Wyoming to present findings from their international fieldwork. These thesis projects included: 1) John Rader (MA, Political Science – Spring 2015) whose work focused on the trade-offs of mega dam projects in South America, 2) Natalya Sharova (MA, International Studies – Summer 2015) whose research focused on the politics of Australia’s short experiment with climate change policy, and 3) Joshua Taboga (MA, International Studies and Environment and Natural Resources – Spring 2015) whose research uncovered the politics of creating a car-reduced lifestyle in Freiburg, Germany’s Vauban district.

Laramie (April 28) and Cheyenne (May 4) In April and early May, Ola Raddaoui (MA, International Studies – Fall 2015) presented her work on Islamic feminism and the Arab Spring in Tunisia and Adil Bentahar (PhD, Curriculum and Instruction – Summer 2015) discussed civic education in Morocco in Laramie for the League of Women Voters and to a broad audience in Cheyenne. In Cheyenne, they were joined by Jacqueline Todak (MA, International Studies and Environment and Natural Resources – Spring 2015) presenting her work on the coffee crisis in Nicaragua through the lens of corporate social responsibility.

Upcoming Summer 2015 Events

In Summer 2015, the 4th annual Centennial ‘What in the World?’ series highlights the excellent and varied international work conducted by UW faculty and graduate students.

- June 3 – “Energy and Climate Policy in Australia” (Natalya Sharova), “Project Citizen in Morocco” (Adil Bentahar), and “Ireland’s Great Hunger of 1845-1850” (Christopher Parsons).
- July 8 – “The Khmer Rouge, Genocide, and Cambodia’s Museum of Memory”, Nicole Crawford, Curator of Collections at the UW Art Museum and Pechet Men, Cambodia’s Museum of Memory.
- August 19 – “Modeling Sustainable Agriculture Practices in Guatemala”, Roger Coupal, Department of Agricultural Economics and Ginger Paige, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management.

Summer Institute on Human Rights – June 14-19, 2015 (University of Wyoming)
The Wyoming Humanities Council in partnership with the UW Global & Area Studies Program and the Center for Global Studies will hold a Summer Institute on Human Rights, June 14-19, 2015 on the University of Wyoming campus. The Institute is open to teachers and others who are interested in participating. Led by skilled faculty, the classes, seminar, and public presentations examine human rights with a focus on connecting history from the classical era to contemporary issues. Courses and topics include “Heart Mountain and Human Rights in Wyoming”, “The 20th Century and International Human Rights”, “The Philosophy of Human Rights from the Greeks through Wollstonecraft”, and “Bringing Human Rights Home: Contemporary Issues in America”. Presenters include: Suzan Pritchett from the UW School of Law, Barbara Logan, UW History Department, David Messenger, UW Global & Area Studies, and Aura Newlin of Northwest College and the Heart Mountain Foundation.

Jackson Energy Security Workshop, August 6-7, 2015 – UW National Park Service Research Station (Teton National Park)
This workshop brings together an interdisciplinary group of UW and internationally-based scholars, practitioners, and industry and environmental representatives to discuss key issues in the energy security debate including governance and management issues, community development, and environmental values and trade-offs from local to global contexts. This workshop includes a public talk on “EU Leaders and Laggards in Environmental Governance and Management” on August 6th. This workshop concludes the Center for Global Studies-School of Energy Resources year-long focus on The EU, China and the US as Global Actors in Energy and the Environment.