Global Studies Lecture Series
AY 2016-17 Report of Activities Around Wyoming
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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 is 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, Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, InterConnections21 in Jackson, Wyoming’s community colleges, and the embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Fall 2016 Global Studies Lecture Series

We sponsored/facilitated twenty-one events in eleven Wyoming communities in Fall 2016 – thirteen events around Wyoming and eight at UW. We started with a public lecture on American Foreign Policy and the 2016 Election and a workshop on International Relations in 2030 featuring prominent experts from Stanford, the Free University of Berlin, and UW. On campus, we organized a series of events across the whole fall semester under the theme Earth, Wind, and Water Series. Mark Jenkins, UW writer-in-residence and National Geographic correspondent, opened the series with his presentation, “Going to Extremes: Encounters with Earth, Wind, and Water.” This was followed by panels on “Water at Risk” featuring an interdisciplinary group of UW experts, a panel on the energy transition with David Lawrence and Brad Nielsen (both formerly with Shell), and linked panels focusing on the “Future of the West” with Patty Limerick (University of Colorado-Boulder) and R. Andreas Kraemer (Founder & Director Emeritus Ecologic Institute, Berlin) discussing Germany’s energy transition. CGS hosted German Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Peter Wittig, who presented on “A World in Turmoil” focusing on the transatlantic partnership. World to Wyoming presentations with Mark Jenkins on “Burma’s Resurrection: An Expedition Deep into a Forbidden Land” continued at Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, the Boys School in Worland, Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs, Lander Valley High School, Casper College, and Eastern Wyoming College campuses in Douglas and Torrington. UW Senior Visiting Scholar in Global Studies, Ambassador Gary Grappo (former U.S. Ambassador to Oman), shared his expertise and experiences on “The Middle East and the Next US President” in six venues across Wyoming including Lander, Powell, Worland (in partnership with Rotary and Kiwanis), Jackson, Casper, and at UW. Other events included, Dr. Marianne Kamp (Dept. of History) who led discussions on the Middle East as part of the Wyoming Humanities Council bridge program in Powell and Cody.

Global Studies Lecture Series – Fall 2016

*Number of attendants for these events overall = 2331 people; UW campus events = 1228 people; non-UW = 1103 people. Combined average attendance = 111.
We sponsored/facilitated eighteen events in ten Wyoming communities and Washington, DC across Spring 2017. In February, CGS launched a new series, the U.S. Senator Malcolm Wallop Conversations on Democracy Program pairing Ambassador Gary Grappo (UW Senior Visiting Scholar in Global Studies) giving presentations on the “Arab Spring and Democratization in the Middle East” with presentations by students who received Wallop Fellowships for their international fieldwork projects. In February and March, Mark Jenkins’s World to Wyoming tour continued with presentations on “Tea, Trade and Tyranny: Tibet and China Over Time” at UW, Gillette College, Sheridan College, Northwest College in Powell, the Cody Theatre in Cody, and the National Wildlife Museum in Jackson. Throughout the Spring, CGS sponsored graduate students’ presentations of their international research in the What in the World? International Studies Fieldwork program in Sheridan, Cody, Powell, Jackson, and Centennial. CGS organized World to Wyoming in Washington, DC with the UW Foundation and Alumni Association – a UW alumni and friend event in Washington, DC sponsored by Wyoming’s congressional delegation with a program featuring President Laurie S. Nichols updating guests on UW and Mark Jenkins’s presentation on “Burma’s Resurrection.” At UW, programs included Dr. Andrew Williams from St. Andrews (Scotland) discussing his research on Charles de Gaulle and the third annual World Goes Global Conference: Globalization, Sustainability and Resource Use Over Time, presentations/posters highlighting the exciting and significant international research being done by UW faculty and students. In April, Baroness Catherine Ashton, former EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, gave a public address titled “A New World (Dis)Order,” Siphesihle Vilakazi, a certified primary health care nurse, discussed her work with rural communities in South Africa on HIV/AIDS prevention, and Tashi Phuntsok, Director of the Tibet Museum in Dharamsala, India, gave a public talk titled, “Tibet: The Story and Struggle of a Nation.”

Global Studies Lecture Series – Spring 2017 Data

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*What in the World? presentations included five venues around the state including Powell, Cody, Jackson, Centennial, and Cheyenne (from Fall 2016). Number of attendants for these events = 2140 people; UW campus events = 1079 people; non-UW = 1061 people. Combined average attendance = 118 people/event.

The following charts display data gathered at speaker series events over the last year via short questionnaires distributed to audience members. Over 91% of respondents, which included students, faculty, staff, and community members, reported that the speaker series improved their understanding of global issues, and 94% stated that the event contributed to building a sense of international awareness.
Center for Global Studies Partnerships & Series Highlights

Earth, Wind and Water
As part of the Center for Global Studies Partnerships, CGS sponsored the Earth, Wind, and Water Series that fostered interdisciplinary conversations and events across UW in Fall 2016. The goal was to engage the UW campus in discussions representing the challenges and opportunities for “Earth, Wind, and Water” in Wyoming and the world.

Wallop Conversations on Democracy
Three Wallop events were held in Sheridan, Cheyenne, and Casper in February. At these events Ambassador Gary Grappo (former Ambassador to Oman), shared his expertise and experiences on “The Middle East and the Next US President”. Furthermore, student awardees of the Senator Malcolm Wallop Research Grant for ‘Conversations on Democracy’ also presented their research at each of these locales.

What in the World? Series
In March, three CGS-funded students presented at Northwest College in Powell, the Cody Theatre in Cody, and the Wildlife Museum in Jackson. The speaker series concluded with Mark Jenkins and three CGS-funded students traveling to Washington D.C. to present their research.

Upcoming Summer & Fall 2017 Events

In Summer 2017, the 6th annual Centennial ‘What in the World?’ series will highlight the excellent and varied international work conducted by CGS-affiliated faculty and students.

July 12 – “Riding the Range in Mongolian and Australia: Art, Insights, and Impressions” Mark Richie and Leah Hardy, Department of Art, University of Wyoming
August 30 – “Europe the US and the Transatlantic Relationship during Tumultuous Times,” Thomas Riise, Department of Political Science, Free University of Berlin

Fall 2017 World to Wyoming Fall Series with Mark Jenkins (Final Venues TBD)
Sept 20 at Casper College Wheeler Concert Hall (7 pm); Sept 21 at EWC in Douglas (6 pm), Sept. 22 at EWC in Torrington (7 pm), Sept 27 at the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne (6 pm), Oct 4 at Western Wyoming College Room 1302 in Rock Springs (7 pm), and Oct 5 at Lander Valley High School (6:30 pm).