CGS and the Shifting World

What can you say about a year where travel plans changed minute to minute as COVID rules flipped, airports were swamped, and baggage made mountains?

We went, we studied, we did good work!

This year the Center for Global Studies sponsored 22 students and 19 faculty to research in locations from Barbados to South Africa, Belize, South Korea, Iceland, Nepal, Jordan, Ireland, Namibia, New Zealand, the Bahamas, Spain, Mozambique, Paraguay, Germany, Brazil, Canada, Mongolia, Mexico, China, Israel, Panama and Italy.

We established new international cohorts for community and research, we relaunched UW in Scotland, and we are planning UW in Jerusalem.

Not to mention we staged multiple events on multiple platforms—and thank you all for sticking with us through shifting schedules and streaming snafus!

This year, we proved that we are not just resilient, we are persistent. Across territories and airwaves, through daily testing, vaccination and vetting, UW got where it intended to go.

And we are delighted to add that under our new campus and Global Engagement leadership, we are going and appreciating a lot of places. With an updated Strategic Plan in the making, UW is looking at Wyoming and the world, and forging ahead in the knowledge that the best universities know where they're coming from, and have ambitions for where they are going.

The Center for Global Studies greatly values your input and your support for all these programs. To follow up on any story, please contact me at the address below.

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Our Year in Pictures

Members of the **UW in Jerusalem** cohort, and friends of Middle East and North Africa Studies at UW have a "business" meeting. The business includes hummus. Pictured: Brandon Geils (Art), Conor McCracken-Flescher, on his way to Jordan. Caroline McCracken-Flescher (CGS), Adam Blacker (History), Chelsea Escalante (Spanish), Carol Frost (Geology emerita), Sara Robinson (Education Abroad), Tom Fouke (Agriculture) and Penelope Shinar (Business).

Left: Matt Adams, director of the Albright Institute for Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, introduced us to the challenges of an institute at the meeting point of past and present, and contemporary regional cultures.

Middle: Richard Holliw, retired ambassador, and Sasha Skba (Economics), discussing Ukraine in front of a full and energetic house, in April.

Right: Students present their work at the International Scholarship Showcase. April 22.

**UW in Scotland** launched its second faculty cohort experience this summer. Through the kind sponsorship of Naoma J. Tate, and Helry Lyndell and the Laura Jane Musser Foundation, 14 faculty and staff visited museums and castles, houses and coal mines, businesses and universities. We learned across our disciplines, built classes that will engage all UW students, and enjoyed the hospitality of Walter Scott’s house at Abbotsford. We also met Robert Burns’s "Twa Dogs" in Aitaway.

Pictured: Robby Bishop (Global Engagement), Valerie Inelia Maier (Casper College), Jamie Snyder (Criminal Justice), Scott Tedmon-Jones (Theater), Brent Pickett (UW at Casper), Tracey Patton (Communications & English), Eric Kininmont (Management and Marketing), John Kasuba (Geology), Rae Rech (University of the West of Scotland), Caroline McCracken-Flescher (English & CGS), Reetiul Singh (Pharmacy), Taunya Plumb (Law Library), Alissa Schedlof (Health Sciences), Alan Rich (University of Glasgow), and Kenli Hadlenn (CGS).
Fall 2021: UW Alum Hamid Khan, with Law School Faculty Jerry Powell, Martha Jenkins, Noah Novgorodsky and Klint Alexander. Hamid, then at the Federal Judicial Center, the United States Judiciary’s research and education agency, and who is now a senior policy advisor at the Office of Refugee Resettlement within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has taught at the American University in Afghanistan. He spoke to Honors, the Law School, Wyoming Public Radio, and in Cody on the American withdrawal and the plight of Afghan people. His visit launched UW’s Afghan Scholars Rescue Fund.

Left: Naomi Tate thanks Hamid Khan for his presentation to the community in Cody.

Middle: Justin Victor, Gillette, telling spooky Scottish stories at the AHC at our first International Halloween event.

Right: Professor Joy Landeira (Chair of Modern and Classical Languages) introduces Adlynn Jalaludin (Communications) to discuss the COVID economics of K-Pop.

Celebrating Nawruz with Dilnoza Khasilova (middle), a force of nature from Uzbekistan, and more colleagues across GEO. International Students and Scholars, led by Jill Johnson, Abby Lozano and Maria Ahmenadarela stage the best (educational) parties! And it’s always a delight to see past colleagues (Lori Gonzales, left; Anne Alexander, center right).
It was that time in COVID ... but campus and Cody persevered to bring a program of talks on international women's suffrage, the idea of masculinity in Mexico, and human-elephant encounter in India to the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. Pictured: Kehli Hazlett (CGS), Colleen Denney (Gender and Women's Studies), Kent Drummond, director Saturday U, Nick Crane (Political Science), and Ramesh Sivanpilla (NYGISC) with BBCW director Rebecca Watson and museum staff.

Left: Mungo Campbell, Deputy Director of the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow, met the UW in Scotland cohort as he followed the trail of William Drummond Stewart through Wyoming. Pictured: Mungo Campbell with Keshni Singh and Patrick Ivers.

Middle: Another great thing about hosting guests who speak to museums and English departments, artists and archives ... is how mixed up the parties can get! A shout-out to our colleagues at the Wison Mansion and the American Heritage Center.

Right: The proud Wyoming and Scottish descendants of miners meet at Newtongrange National Coal Mining Museum— within sight of Edinburgh.

Having fun fundraising at the UW in Scotland after-hours, private event. Our thanks to kind hosts Jane and Ric Reverand, and NC Charlie Sherwood of Clan Scott Society. Thanks to this evening's donors, we raised the first $5000 to send first year students to Scotland. Once a student starts to travel ... they keep on traveling. (Paul Flesher sports the kilt, and Colleen Denney makes off with two rubber duckies from the silly, noisy auction!
Grant Success

The partnership between CGS’s grant writer, Shawn Bunning, and Eric Nigh of the School of Poetics, Public Affairs, and International Studies has boosted UW’s role in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies to a remarkable degree. This year:

- They won a $560,000 grant to take the STARtalk Arabic language program for high schoolers to a whole new level.
- They won a Project GO grant to launch ROTC students nationwide in language and experience in Jordan.
- They relaunched the Fulbright program for Iraq Engineers, after the COVID pause.

The Fulbright Iraq Visiting Scholar program produced extraordinary partnerships between UW’s faculty and colleagues from places most of us know only through the news.

At the celebration of our 5 engineers, the audience was stunned to learn of a colleague who turned to engineering to meet the challenge of their devastated city, and rebuid better; we learned of a teacher who found our facilities unimaginable. Even overwhelming, and who promises to return to pursue a UW Ph.D. (Pictured: The Fulbright Iraq cohort, with Shawn Bunning, Eric Nigh [behind] and Stephanie Anderson [Chair of SPPAS] fourth from the right).

Shawn also worked to deliver UW’s first IDEAS Grant for the development of new study abroad capacity in South America. This project, Indigenous in the Americas, Brazil launches a faculty-led study abroad that will bring undergraduate students together with members of the Pataxo Indigenous community in Brazil.

New Faces

Greg Renso joined CGS as a Graduate Assistant to implement the Discover Wyoming project, a national initiative that introduces Wyoming sites and experiences through the faculty who research them. The project aims to increase high-level recruitment and enduring relationships with international students and faculty. Greg also assists with a number of other media and website projects at CGS and WyoGlobal.

Greg recently completed an MFA in Nonfiction here at the University of Wyoming and is now pursuing an MA in English Literature. He has experience teaching both at the University and abroad in Japan; photography; communication and audio production at WyoGlobal Media. If you’ve enjoyed listening to or reading Greg’s work, you know he has a passion for sharing the world’s stories.

We are delighted that Greg is bringing his editorial skills to the materials so thoroughly sourced by Dinoza Kruchova last year. Watch our website—and you’ll be watching your favorite faculty talk about your favorite discipline, as well as in your favorite state.

Yuki Ayukawa is our Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI) coordinator and aims to promote awareness and understanding of Japan through workshops and events. This JOI program marked its 20th Anniversary last year, and she is the very first coordinator who has ever been assigned to an individual program. During this year’s JOI, JOI coordinators interact with their communities through Japanese-themed programming — from lectures to hands-on activities and events focusing on traditional Japanese art forms. The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership jointly administers JOI with the Laurasian Institute.

Yuki’s office is in the Cheney International Center at the University of Wyoming. She is teaching an informal Japanese beginner class via Zoom and supporting the re-establishment of the Japan Club which has been inactive during the pandemic at the university. Yuki plans to do outreach and to visit Wyoming schools, public libraries, and businesses. She will lead presentations and activities related to Japanese culture to promote an interest in and study in Japan.
Experience the World—but leave the Homework Behind!

NEW IN SPRING 2023: Explore and Learn with Cowboys Abroad

Two educational travel opportunities offer a chance to see the world with UW! Our tours have been organized by faculty and staff who have personal expertise in these locations, giving you unique insight into the history, culture, and contemporary life of every place we visit. Join us!

For information or to sign up for one of these trips, contact the Global Engagement Office global@uwyo.edu

Are you looking for a travel opportunity that is a real experience?

This year we launch UW Community Experience trips that allow you to travel with faculty experts and experience a country from an insider perspective.

In March, Dilnoza Khasiilova leads a trip to Uzbekistan. Set out on the Silk Road! Contact global@uwyo.edu for information.

Do you yearn for the highlands? In May, Caroline McCracken-Flesher and Isa Helfgott will guide you to the hidden spaces of Scotland. Contact global@uwyo.edu for information.

JOIN US at this Fall’s Events:

Sept 15—late October: the multi-media work of student Aubrey Edwards (2020-21 International Research Grant recipient for study in Belize), is on display at the Berry Center until late October. “Under the Shade I Flourish.” Opening reception Sept 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sept 22: “Putin’s Wars” (Europe/Germany cohort & SPPAIS) International conference celebrating the career of Thomas Risse. If you missed the moment, a recording is available: contact Kehli Hazlett.

Sept 30: “Costs of Conflict” mini-conference. Streaming at: https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/98782889585. Also, a recording will be available, contact Kehli Hazlett.

October 13: Fulbright & International UW celebration. All internationally minded friends of CGS are invited. (TBA)

October 13: English hosts Dr. Julie Morrisssy 4:10-5:00pm CR 219! Julie is the first Poet-in-Residence at the National Library of Ireland in Dublin and is also currently the National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar at the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

October 28-Nov 2: “Day of the Dead” at the AHC/Art Museum (organized by the Latin America & Caribbean cohort). (TBA)

Nov 15-18: Aziz Abu Sarah visit (organized by the UW in Jerusalem cohort). (TBA)

Nov 16: South East Asia tea time, in the Cheney Center (organized by the South East Asia cohort). (TBA)

Nov 17: Wyoming Goes Global Student Research Showcase. 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Place: TBA)

Nov 17: Aziz Abu Sarah headline talk. 4:10 p.m. followed by reception. (Place: TBA)

Did you miss our Centennial Speaker Series this summer? Don’t worry. We recorded it for you to enjoy! Watch here.
New Friends for Wyoming in the World

We are delighted to announce a visionary gift from Patrick and Nora Ivers that will help launch CGS's signature initiatives around the globe. Patrick and Nora are true friends to students and faculty. They recognize that the wide university needs to encounter a wide world.

Watch out for programs and events with the "ivers" designation.

Thank you Patrick and Nora!

Martha Harris

In August, we were delighted to introduce six students who have travelled on Harris awards to Martha Harris. The fund Martha established with her husband, Laramie native Scott, supports students working on environmental issues, and sustainability. Martha heard about elephant/human interaction in Southern Africa (Chris Banotai, Zoology), Aven Nelson's contributions to the collection at Kew Gardens (Aspen Brown, History), lab work on plants in South Korea (Ashley Park, Molecular Biology), carnivores in central Indian reserves (Kathan Bandyopadhyay, Zoology & Physiology), and education through orchard planting in Nepal (Hannah Rogers and Chandan Shilpaker). Jordan Von Eggers, Ecology (DNA in Swedish mountain lakes), also won a Harris award this year. Martha told us afterwards: "It's a pleasure to support international research at the University of Wyoming. What a wonderful way to open ourselves to the world and develop skills of analysis, empathy and resilience!"

Thank you Martha. You make a big difference for these students.

The Ellbogen Foundation & Mary Garland

The Ellbogen family are longtime friends of UW, and of all things international. Their support lifts programs from Education to the American Heritage Center. It also sends students and faculty around the world to research. Students winning Ellbogen support this year include Aubrey Edwards. See her exhibit, built from her time in Belize, at the Berry Center this month. Also funded: Adlynn Jamaladin studying K-Pop in the pandemic; Kelsey Black, looking at Muslim relations in New Zealand; Margaret Gormley researching orientalism in the exhibition of Tibetan art; Marissa Murr tracing geology and drainage in Spain; and Mischa Weiss investigating the Paraguayan prison system.

Thank you Mary, and the Ellbogen Foundation.
Naoma Tate, Hilery Lindmier & the Laura Jane Musser Family Foundation

Students need to study—and so do faculty. Visionary gifts from Naoma Tate, and Hilery Lindmier and the Laura Jane Musser Family Foundation initiated the UW in Scotland program that introduces faculty to that country. Faculty meet colleagues, experience Scotland from coastlines to cathedrals, build research programs and develop courses for UW Education Abroad. The Scotland experience was just repeated with a new cohort, five years after our first venture. UW in Jerusalem launches in January.

Thank you for supporting faculty development and UW’s partnership goals!

Christopher & Michelle Spear

This year, the Spear gift supported Elizabeth Stephani, Law, to research the Chilean Constitution in this crucial moment of its reconsideration.

Thank you to the Spear Family.

The Centennial Community

Who knew that a small town in Wyoming could adopt a cause and a community of students? Centennial has established a tradition of student support, this year sending students to Barbados, Ireland, Kenya, the Bahamas and Mozambique.

In the summer, we brought students and faculty to present at the town library (it’s fun; you should join us next year)! Then Thomas Risse and Tanja Bözel engaged the community in a lively discussion of “Putin’s Wars,” with a perfect evening of barbecue to follow.

Special thanks from our Centennial Scholars: Zachary Carmichael, History (Rhode Island as a Caribbean space); Chloe Mattile, Plant Sciences (Plant Community Differences in Iceland); McLeod Vitt, Chemical Engineering (developing Sars-CoV-2 assays in Ireland and Kenya); Kenzie McFre, Anthropology (response to Hurricane Dorian reset efforts); Samantha Stringer, International Studies (the Path to Peace in Mozambique).

Thank you Centennial, and thank you Thomas and Tanja! We’ll be back next year!

And thank you to everyone who contributes to the Excellence funds that sponsor many more student and faculty projects.

When you send support, we send students!
Where Our Students & Faculty Went, with Your Help!

Now, help us fill in this map...

WAYS TO GIVE:

UW GIVING DAY

Patrick and Nora Ivers have offered a matching gift to the Center for Global Studies that goes active on UW GIVING DAY!

To help meet their match, and to compete for UW’s internal match....

- October 19-20, noon to noon (Rocky Mountain Time). Donate Here.
- You can donate to ANY CGS fund through this portal.
- Early gifts will help meet the Ivers gift, and will compete for additional UW matching funds!

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- To support development of the UW in Jerusalem program: The UW in Jerusalem Discretionary Fund

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