

# International Initiatives



## The College of Arts and Sciences moves ahead on internationalization

Faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences have been busier than ever getting out of town. And many are taking their students with them. Some are even bringing students from other countries here.

From China to Albania via El Salvador and Brazil, CAS students are getting an eye-ful like never before. Thanks to forward-thinking faculty, students are not only

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Master's International is a Master's degree + Peace Corps experience. TESOL is the only program so far to be approved.

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## An Interdisciplinary Team from EMU Takes Students to Brazil

The missions of Margaret Crouch, HIST/PHIL, Uli Reinhardt, BIO, and Solange Simoes, SAC/WGST, is to have students explore the opportunities and challenges arising from the use of precious forest and water resources and the role that climate change plays from various angles. The truly interdisciplinary team from biology, sociology, philosophy and international studies will explore the ecological, socio-political and ethical aspects of the management of precious natural resources in the Amazon tropical rainforest and around our Great Lakes. One week on a university campus in the capital Brasilia and the plains of the Cerrado around the capital is

followed by one week in the rainforest that is capped by a multiple-day boat trip on the majestic Amazon and its tributaries. The second part of the course from late July to early August will analyze ecology and environmental issues in the region containing more than 20% of surface fresh water in the world: the Laurentian Great Lakes. One week with our Brazilian friends in Southeast Michigan is followed by one week of excursions into other parts of Michigan and on the lakes and waterways of our beautiful state.





## Wuhan University agreement grows, offers opportunities for faculty and students

Wuhan University, one of China's top "key" universities, has reached out to the College of Arts and Sciences at EMU because of the reputation and its connection with one faculty member: Yichun Xie in Geography and Geology. It's amazing what one faculty member's relationships can do.

It started out as a small graduate program, with Wuhan International School of Software sending students to our MS program in GIS. From there, it grew to Wuhan ISS building a laboratory at which our faculty and students in GIS can conduct research. This past Fall, undergraduate Wuhan students came to complete a joint degree between EMU's Applied Computer Science program and Wuhan ISS. They will spend two years here. When students graduate, they will have 2 Bachelor of Science degrees: one from Eastern and one from Wuhan University.

Wuhan is wooing CAS faculty to come and teach a short course. They are offering airfare, a stipend for a three-week course, an apartment or residence hall room, and a week of sightseeing. Too good to be true? It's not.

In fact, Wuhan is even offering EMU students a lower tuition rate for studying there. Wuhan University offers many programs that are similar to those here at EMU. Check out the CAS International Initiatives website for information on Wuhan University and its programs. Contact Betsy Morgan for more info: [emorgan@emich.edu](mailto:emorgan@emich.edu).

*Pictured above are Dean Tom Venner, center, and Professors Yichun Xie (GEO, two to Dean Venner's right) and Betsy Morgan (WL, two to Dean Venner's left), at the opening ceremony for the Joint International Center for Resource, Environment Management and Digital Technology between Eastern Michigan University and Wuhan University on May 9, 2011.*



## Ambassadorial and Consular Corps

The Ambassadorial and Consular Corps Liaison Office (ACCLO) was launched in September 2010 in hopes of building partnerships and connecting EMU to international consular offices and their communities in Michigan and abroad.

ACCLO is an innovative initiative of the Office of the Provost under the umbrella of the Department of World Languages. This program can improve lives and outcomes because it is a unique learning experience. This program builds cross-disciplinary international collaboration between EMU and the Consular Corps of Michigan. ACCLO provides a wonderful opportunity to bridge the gap between student learning and international experience.

Students are given the opportunity to work in a consular office, sometimes side-by-side a Consul and their governmental and business

representatives. This opportunity allows students to gain relevant hands-on international experience, participate in “real-life” scenarios and learn about additional career options.

ACCLO creates a large variety of internships for EMU students with the foreign consular offices, international chambers of commerce, and cultural organizations. It connects EMU to hundreds of thousands of foreign constituents living in the state. Among them are business owners, artists, professionals and entrepreneurs. ACCLO develops international partnerships in the private and public sectors, and it inspires by bringing interdisciplinary international experience to the university community.

For information contact the World Languages Department or email [wl\\_acclo@emich.edu](mailto:wl_acclo@emich.edu).

getting out of Michigan, but they are interacting with people in all of these countries outside the US, many of whom do not speak English. Several CAS projects are supported by the Provost's Internationalization Stimulus Grant program. Hopefully, those projects will be able to stand on their own in the near future.

Tom Venner, Dean of CAS, is pleased at the level to which the faculty in the 18 departments have taken internationalization. "In the last few years, I've seen a marked increase in the number of faculty and students going overseas. The wealth of experience brought back to campus and shared is encouraging others to find similar opportunities. We have come a long way in addressing the six goals developed by the International Strategic Planning Committee."

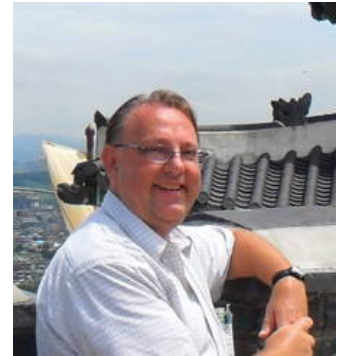


## Master's International Program: You Can Have One, Too!

The Master's program in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages has been approved to offer the Master's International at EMU.

The MI program allows graduate students who are U.S. citizens an opportunity to combine their academic pursuits with a two-year Peace Corps tour of service.

Typically, students complete all or nearly all academic work on campus, serve in the Peace Corps for twenty-seven months, then return to campus for final courses or to submit their thesis, professional project, or other culminating requirement for the master's degree. In the



*Jeff Popko, in Korea*

case for TESOL, Professor Jeff Popko wrote and submitted the proposal.

Graduate students in the TESOL program will go overseas to teach English with the Peace Corps for about two years, and then return to complete their degree requirements.

Faculty interested in establishing an MI program in their discipline can find information at the Peace Corps' website: [www.peacecorps.gov/masters](http://www.peacecorps.gov/masters). Selection of an additional program at an institution is based on criteria that may include the department or school's ability to offer an accredited academic program that corresponds to the targeted and programmatic needs of the Peace Corps, its ability to offer financial support to MI students, and its commitment to the MI program. If accepted, the official agreement will be implemented with an Addendum template to the existing Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with the university or institution.

Jeff Popko can also be reached at [apopko@emich.edu](mailto:apopko@emich.edu).

## Southern Albania gives up its secrets to Ensor and students

In coordination with the Albanian Institute of Archaeology, Dr. Bradley Ensor (Associate Professor of Anthropology) is conducting a regional archaeological survey in southern Albania with excavations at sites dating to the Neolithic, Bronze, Iron, Hellenic, Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman periods. This research is documenting how Illyrian (ancient Albanian) societies



changed over time in response to their incorporation into a succession of foreign empires, resulting in

the more recent ethnic landscape of southern Albania. This research illustrates how ethnicities/cultural identities today are not static; but rather, the result of a long process of political, economic, and cultural interactions. The 2011 season of the project is supported by an EMU Provost's Internationalization Stimulus Grant. Dr. Ensor also teaches an EMU study abroad program in Albania where students learn about the nation's rich culture history, participate in archaeological field work, and appreciate the challenges facing nations experiencing the dramatic transition from communist to neoliberal political economies (<http://ep.emich.edu/abroad/albania.aspx>)

## CAS Partners in People's Republic of China Offer Incentives for EMU Faculty

Wuhan University Wuhan University, International School of Software, China, in GIS and COSC. Offers a stipend, airfare, accommodations and 1 week of sightseeing for a 3-week intensive course.

Anshan Normal University, China, in Chinese and TESOL. Offers a stipend, airfare, and accommodations for a 3-4week intensive course, 8-12 hours/week.

Bohai University, China, in MATH and TESOL. Currently case-by-case.

## International Agreements Continue to Develop

An international agreement of cooperation is a document in which two universities agree on mutually beneficial programs, often involving the exchange of faculty and/or students to promote international awareness. These agreements usually begin because a faculty member from one institution knows or has worked with a faculty member from an institution in another country, and ideas for continued collaboration grow. If you are working with a faculty member in another country, and see opportunities for further collaboration, contact Betsy Morgan at [emorgan@emich.edu](mailto:emorgan@emich.edu).

## Five EMU biology students partner with biology students at Huazhong Agricultural University in May

Professor Uli Reinhardt did it again. With a Provost's International Stimulus Grant, he was able to send five biology students to HZAU in Wuhan, China to work side by side with their Chinese counterparts in a biology research lab. Later this summer, these Chinese students will visit the EMU students here on campus to work alongside their faculty mentors and lab mates in the ongoing research projects.

This project has the makings of another partnership. Do these students look like they're taking it all in?

