

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Director's Message



Happy Fall 2016!

I am very happy to report the creation and realization of the International Involvement Center also known as the IIC located in B.D. Owen's Library, Room 108! While we retained "IIC" as a name, the offices of International Affairs, Study Abroad, and ESL Administration Offices are now housed in the IIC thus necessitating a more defined international mission and mandate. Helping create interactions among people from different countries and cultures is our goal and in this newsletter you will find a summary of the programs and activities we offer this semester as we look to infuse international knowledge and an internationalized environment at Northwest.

Dr. Jeffrey Foot, Ed.D.
Director, Admissions & International Affairs

Where are International Bearcats Now?

Are you from another country and studied at Northwest as an ESL student, Exchange student, Bachelor or Master's student or an American student who lives abroad?

We want to hear from you!

[Tell us where you are now and what's happening!](#)

Check out where international Bearcat alumni are and their success stories at

[Where Are Bearcats Now?](#)



International Coffee Hour

- 2:30-4:00 PM in the International Involvement Center, B.D. Owens Library, 108
- November 2, 16, 30
- Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend

Northwest Missouri State University hosting Mexican students as part of Proyecta 100,000

The English as a Second Language Program (ESL) welcomes 22 students from Mexico as part of the Mexican government's plan to have 100,000 Mexican citizens study in the United States by 2018. The students will participate in English language courses and experience American culture from October 16-November 12, while visiting area attractions and living on campus.

Proyecta 100,000 is based on the U.S.-Mexico Bilateral Forum on Higher Education, Innovation, and Research launched by U.S. President Barack Obama and Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto in 2013. The forum is designed to enhance educational exchanges, scientific research partnerships, and cross-border innovation that help both countries develop a 21st-century workforce for mutual economic prosperity and sustainable social development. Proyecta 100,000 is complemented by the U.S. government's 100,000 Strong in the Americas project, which aims to increase educational exchanges in the Western hemisphere.



The new Proyecta students enjoyed a campus tour as part of their orientation to Northwest.

International Recruitment

Dr. Phil Hull

September was a busy month for recruiting new Bearcats! Four staff traveled to India in early September, and in late September Connie Murphy and I visited South Korea for fairs in Daegu and Seoul, and visits with partner universities. During October I will be traveling to local community colleges and preparing for trips later this fall to Curaçao, The Bahamas, and China. Tara Eckrich and I are excited to begin working with a new university partner, The Bahamas Institute of Business and Technology, helping students complete their Bachelor's degrees through Northwest's online and on-campus programs.

We've also continued developing our online presence with upgraded profiles on InternationalStudent.com and WhyStudyHere testimonials, as well as a new profile on ESLDirectory.com. We will again welcome CIEE International Exchange Students from several area high school students to the Northwest campus in November. Thanks to Macia Kemper, the CIEE Area Coordinator, for her help in organizing this event! And thanks to the support of ALL my colleagues, student workers, and GAs in helping recruit and welcome new students to Northwest.



Northwest Missouri State University
and the International Involvement Center host the
19th Annual International Flag-Raising Ceremony

2:00 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2016

Joyce & Harvey White International Flag Plaza

*Remarks by Dr. John Jasinski, Northwest President and
Dr. Jeffrey Foot, Director of Admissions & International Affairs*



Study Abroad

Jeaneth Puriel-Foot

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest U.S. exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide. The program currently awards approximately 1,900 grants annually in all fields of study, and operates in more than 140 countries worldwide. More than 360,000 Fulbrighters from the United States and other countries have participated in the Program since its inception in 1946.

Two students from Northwest Missouri State University have been interviewed by Dr. Brett Chloupek, Dr. Elyssa Ford, and Dr. Brian Hesse for a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship in 2017. Dr. Elyssa Ford and Jeaneth Puriel-Foot are the Fulbright Program Advisors for Northwest Missouri State University. In addition to preparing students to study abroad, Jeaneth Puriel-Foot also assists in the coordination of faculty-led study abroad programs. Currently there are five programs being planned for the Spring and Summer, 2017 trimesters.

Professor	Discipline	Location	Dates	Term
Merlene Gilb	Early Childhood	Italy	March 24-31	Spring Break, 2017
Elizabeth Dimmitt & Keely Cline	Psychology	London	May 7-15	Summer, 2017
Rebecca Dunnell	Music	London	May 2-19	Summer, 2017
Tiebing Shi	Business	China	May 6-19	Summer, 2017
Christopher Graves	Graphic Design/Art	London	May 20-29	Summer, 2017

International Education Week

International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the advantages of international education and study abroad. This initiative is supported by the U.S. Department of State, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education in effort to prepare global citizens. This week long event will take place November 14-18.

Who is involved?

The International Involvement Center has collaborated across campus to provide a variety of educational programs and opportunities for involvement.

- Lecture by Dr. Brian Hesse: "Bombs, Burkinis, & Refugees: Islamic State's Influence on Domestic Debates"
- Lecture by Dr. Devlin Scofield and Dr. Dawn Gilley on the European Union
- Art display organized by Dr. Stuart Robinson with internationally-inspired pieces from Northwest students and Rangoli Sand Painting, on the first floor of the Administration Building.
- Cat Chat to air interviews with international students and students who have studied abroad.
- Aramark to provide internationally themed meals in the Bearcat Commons.
- Passport campaign in the J.W. Jones Student Union.
- Henna tattoos by international student organizations.
- Study Abroad photo-essay contest exhibition, on display in B.D. Owens Library.
- Free movie in the Mary Linn Auditorium.

Locations and times for events will be released and posted to the University website.

Passport Photo Service

Monday-Thursday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

2 Passport-style photos for \$7.50

Located in the International Involvement Center

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First Friday Culture Talks

B.D. Owens Library, Room 108

Join a panel of international students as we discuss cultural differences around the world.

Friday, November 4, 3:00 p.m. Breaking down stereotypes

Friday, December 2, 3:00 p.m. Topic to be determined

The International Involvement Center comprises International Affairs, Study Abroad, and ESL Administration. We are located in the B.D. Owens Library, Room 108. International Affairs and ESL are a Academic Affairs unit and enjoy supervision by the Associate Provost for Enrollment and Retention Management, Bev Schenkel. Study Abroad is under the direction of Dr. Michael Steiner, Associate Provost for the College of Arts & Science.