

## Welcome!

*The Office of International Affairs collaborates with College Deans and their international coordinators, plus other campus units. Our leadership in international understanding starts at home—through hosting visitors from around the world to the integration of university-wide strategic policies and programs for students, international scholars, and faculty.*

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## Li Named Interim Vice Provost for International Affairs

Dr. Bailian Li has been named the Interim Vice Provost for International Affairs at North Carolina State University, announced Dr. Larry Nielsen, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Dr. Li is a professor in the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources and Co-Director of the North Carolina State University Industry Tree Improvement Program. Previously, Li worked at the University of Minnesota for six years and has been at NC State University since 1996. Dr. Li has extensive international experience in research and teaching collaboration with many foreign universities, research institutes and governmental agencies, including Australia, Canada, China, Chile, Finland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sweden, and Turkey.



Dr. Bailian Li

He has been an active leader in several international professional organizations and served as adjunct professor at several foreign universities. His international experience will certainly benefit international programs at NC State University.

“The Office of International Affairs should provide more leadership, innovation, and coordination to university-wide international programs, in addition to the excellent services that it provides for study abroad and international student/scholar exchanges,” said Li. “To strengthen NC State’s innovation and effectiveness as an engaged research university in an ever-changing global society, we need to integrate a global perspective into all of our programs and functions.”

In assuming his new duties, several new initiatives are being considered for enhancing and creating more international programs. He also aims to better leverage the strengths of individual colleges by providing effective leadership for a comprehensive integration of international dimensions into all functions at NC State. Development of international campuses have been proposed in selected countries including partnerships with local universities whose strengths closely match those of NCSU. Collaborations at these institutions include developing study abroad and research partnerships and potential dual or joint degree programs. A global proficiency certificate program will be developed for recognizing and encouraging students’ international experiences while pursuing their NCSU degrees. The global training initiative proposed initially will be expanded to include additional academic components and the possibility of establishing a global leadership training institute or center for short-term training and degree programs for foreign nationals. Other initiatives include strengthening our international services to increase international student enrollment and strengthening our study abroad program to increase study abroad enrollment. “In working closely with colleges, we would like to implement these initiatives to continue integration of international dimensions into all functions at NC State University,” said Dr. Li.

## NCSU Partners with Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

A memorandum of understanding has been signed between North Carolina State University and Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China. Dr. Jun Zhu, vice president of Zhejiang University and also a NCSU alumnus (PhD in Statistics) visited NC State and made a presentation to the International Operations Council on May 10, 2006 where he discussed collaborative opportunities with several colleges.



Provost Larry Nielsen and Dr. Jun Zhu



Zhejiang University

Zhejiang University is a top-ranked research-intensive university with over 42,000 students including 23 colleges, 110 specialties for undergraduate studies and confers masters degrees in 264 programs and doctoral degrees in 181 programs. Under its administration there are 12 National Key Laboratories, 2 National Engineering Research Centers and 3 National Engineering Technology Centers. Zhejiang University's strengths and mission closely fits that of NC State's. Our collaborative partnership will provide excellent opportunities for student/faculty ex-

changes and research collaborations.

Discussions are underway for establishing an international campus at Zhejiang University and possible joint degree programs between the institutions. NCSU's Colleges of Veterinary Medicine, Humanities and Social Science, CALS, Management, Textiles, and Engineering showed special interest in pursuing further collaborative opportunities with Zhejiang University.

## ACC Invests in "International"



In 2004, the Presidents of the ACC agreed to provide funds for international education programs to enhance cooperation and collaboration between the ACC institutions. As a result, the International Academic Collaboration (IAC) was formed to emphasize international and global affairs, especially study abroad and research in areas of the world where it is not feasible for a single university to sustain a full program. Other collaborative areas are PhD student exchanges, a roundtable of chief technology officers, an annual conference where undergraduate research projects are presented, and scholarship and grant opportunities for students and faculty. Please review the ACC/IAC's website for more grant information: <http://www.acciac.org/>. The next Request for Proposals will be in early 2007.

The 2006 Annual ACC/IAC Conference will take place at Duke University, November 19-21, 2006 at the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club. The conference is intended to delve into a broad range of internationalization issues for the ACC schools including such topics as increasing student enrollment in study abroad, faculty collaboration, global competency, and developing international branch campuses. Please visit their website for more information and consider attending: [http://www.international.duke.edu/intl\\_opportunities/acciac](http://www.international.duke.edu/intl_opportunities/acciac).

## NCSU Boasts ACC/IAC Winners:

### Overseas Faculty Collaborative Grant

A joint proposal between North Carolina State University and Wake Forest University has received an Overseas Faculty Collaborative Grant through the International Academic Collaboration of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Dr. Craig C. Brookins, Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of Africana Studies and the Africa Project at NC State and Dr. Sylvain Boko, the Zachary T. Smith Associate Professor of Economics at Wake Forest co-authored the proposal entitled "Post-conflict Reconciliation and Reconstruction in Africa." During the summer of 2007 Drs. Brookins and Boko will lead faculty representatives from several ACC institutions on a program designed to examine reconciliation and reconstruction issues in three African countries: Uganda, Rwanda, and South Africa. Through a multidisciplinary lens the three-week program will analyze the historical, political, economic, and socio-cultural dynamics that have influenced the internal conflicts and their aftermath in the selected countries. The program is expected to lead to significant research and study abroad opportunities on the part of participating faculty.

### Subsidized Study Abroad Opportunities for Undergraduates:

Tropical Ecology and Systematics in Dominica; June 28-August 10, 2006. Led by Clemson University and N.C. State University. For more information visit the program website: <http://people.clemson.edu/~kickers/>

### Study Abroad Scholarships awarded to NCSU undergraduates:

#### Bryanne Senior

Major: Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management  
Destination: Windhoek, Namibia  
website: <http://www.ncsu.edu/studyabroad/places/africa/namibia.html>

#### Ruby Oluronbi

Major: Biochemistry  
Destination: University of San Francisco de Quito (USFQ), in Ecuador  
website: <http://www.ncsu.edu/studyabroad/places/s-america/quito.html>

### OIA is Moving:

The Office of International Affairs (Administration Office) will be moving to 327 Daniels Hall. This will be effective mid-July, 2006. We will be just one floor above our present office. Please call our office to confirm exact date of new location: (919) 515-2230. We look forward to seeing you there!

## International Student Applications On the Rise

The number of both international student applications and admission offers have increased again this year and are expected to help boost enrollment numbers at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. This is a welcome sign at universities across the country after the post September 11 effects of stricter immigration regulations, closer scrutiny of visa applicants, and a vague perception that the US was no longer as welcoming or supportive of international students. By mid June, the Graduate School had received close to 5,000 international applications (more than a 25% increase over this time last year) and academic departments have taken advantage of the highly qualified and diverse applicant pool. The number of offers to international graduate applicants has increased overall by more than 40% with the majority of those in the College of Engineering. Computer Science and Electrical & Computer Engineering made twice the number of offers to international applicants they did last year, but actual enrollment numbers won't be known until the close of registration in August. African American and Hispanic admissions are also up (11% and 2% respectively) at the graduate level.

## Changes in OIS

OIS staff members have also been busy working on a number of improvements in our services including: a comprehensive review of immigration processes and ancillary forms; changes and updates to the OIS website; a new FAQ feature that will make much more immigration information available online when our office is closed; and better document tracking. Check out the changes online at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/oisss> and feel free to contact the OIS director or other staff members if you have ideas for improvement or new services and programs.

## Attention Faculty and Staff!

OIS' International Friendship Program (IFP) and Breaking Bread Programs are excellent ways for NC State faculty, staff and students to welcome new international students and scholars to NC State and to make them feel more 'at home' while in a new



An American family meets their new international friends for the first time.

country! IFP matches an international student/scholar with an American/community member for the sole purpose of cross-cultural friendship. The commitments are to get together monthly with your international friend and to maintain regular contact throughout an academic year. BREAK-

ING BREAD is a one-time dinner hosting program. It is not only an opportunity to provide "southern hospitality" to a visiting scholar and family or to a new international student, but also to learn about a new culture and to engage in stimulating conversation. Applications for both programs are available on the OIS website: <http://www.ncsu.edu/oisss> Questions can be directed to the Programs Coordinator, Elizabeth Behringer, 515-2961.



## 2006, The Year of Study Abroad

This year has been particularly exciting for the Study Abroad Office with the November 2005 U.S. Senate resolution designating 2006 as "The Year of Study Abroad." The increase in support for study abroad is evident in the over nine percent rise in study abroad enrollments for the 2005-2006 academic year. Specifically, 738 students enrolled in a program through the Study Abroad Office, of which 667 were NC State students.

In addition to encouraging a greater number of students to study abroad, the Study Abroad Office works to provide students with a wide-range of geographic locations from which to choose. An important part of this initiative involves collaboration between the Study Abroad Office and faculty from across NCSU. For the



View of Historic Florence

2005-2006 academic year, this collaboration resulted in the creation of eight new faculty-led group programs to locations such as Ghana, Queensland, Australia, and a semester-length program to Florence, Italy.

The Study Abroad Office has been preparing for the progressive increase in the number of students studying abroad with the upcoming launch of an on-line application database. Beginning this fall, students will be able to explore the various study abroad options



Florence, Italy

available to them and apply on-line to a program that both matches their interest and meets their academic needs. Additionally, faculty who direct study abroad programs will be able to review students' applications online. Through their participation in overseas study, NC State students are offered the

unique opportunity to discover the world and become acquainted with the customs and languages of other cultures while earning academic credit.

As "The Year of Study Abroad" continues, the Study Abroad Office looks forward, with great anticipation, to helping more students enhance their education and become more informed global citizens through study abroad.

Please contact our office at 515-2087 if you have any questions about our programs or would like to inquire about studying or initiating a faculty-led study abroad program. Also, visit our website at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/studyabroad/>

# College Highlights

## Engineering



The **Innovate 2006** Technology & Leadership Conference took place in China and Japan. The NC

State College of Engineering participated in a multi-university consortium that involved over 70 students and advisors from American, European, and Asian universities.

INNOVATE is a conference for undergraduate and graduate students that examines the relationship between technology, globalization, and leadership in the contemporary marketplace. Student delegates spent five days each in China and Japan participating in meetings with key business, academic, and government leaders and professional visits to companies.

Throughout the Innovate conference, students studied four major themes:

- Contract manufacturing and China as the world's factory;
- Ethical obligations and realities of technology (e.g. entrepreneurship, intellectual property, design and development of new technology considered within a cultural context);
- Japan's leading edge automotive technology and manufacturing;
- Consumer Electronics and the Digital Divide (e.g., Japan's cutting-edge new technology and the implications of ethics, contract manufacturing and the digital divide).

Asia is a logical focus for the study of globalization and engineering because of its increasing importance for the development of technology. China is the largest market in the world and is speculated to be the next world power. Although Japan's economy remains among one of the world's most technologically powerful, second only to that of the United States, both the US and Japan are feeling the pressure of technology migration to countries such as Singapore, Taiwan, Korea, India and China (Bala, 2004). Asia is at the center of both technology design and manufacturing, and is a microcosm for the global interconnectedness that defines the engineering market.

For more information about international programs in Engineering, contact Brian Koehler or visit their website: <http://www.chass.ncsu.edu/is/welcome.htm>

## CHASS

CHASS has begun a partnership with Alexander Global Village that involved initiating two new exciting and popular programs during the 2005-06 academic year. The first was the "CHASS @ AGV Speakers Series," which brought faculty members from many CHASS departments to the Village to speak on topics of international interest. The second was the **CHASS@AGV Global Gateways Excursion Program**. As part of this program, a CHASS faculty member leads Alexander Global Village residents on a national or international academic excursion.

The "Global Gateways Program" got off to a very successful start with an excursion to Washington DC. During the weekend of February 10 - 12, 2006, Political Science Professor Andy Taylor, together with AGV Resident Advisor Ce'era Horton, and TOTA Assistant Director Heather McKenzie, accompanied 24 AGV residents to Washington, where they learned about the U.S. political system. The trip increased participants' understanding of American patriotism, educated them about the US-style democratic process, and taught them about the US government's approach to interna-



Students at the Korean Memorial

tional affairs.

Visits included the National Archives and many important memorials. Professor Taylor lectured and led discussions on topics of interest prior to and during the trip. Concerning the professor's participation, students remarked "I thought Prof. Taylor was wonderful; he was a vital part of making our trip very informative and worthwhile." During the 2006-07 academic year, CHASS@AGV will go international, with an academic excursion during Spring Break to Florence, Italy. The theme of that excursion will be "Florentine Culture and Social Change."

For more information about the program, contact Anne Schiller at [anne\\_schiller@ncsu.edu](mailto:anne_schiller@ncsu.edu)

## School of Veterinary Medicine

According to Dr. Prema Arasu, Director of International Programs for the College of Veterinary Medicine, CVM has a strong track record of its students engaged in international externships (about 10%). Several of their faculty in environmental medicine, epidemiology, public health, parasitology, zoo and wildlife regularly lead trips to various countries. The CVM academic affairs/student services office provides annual awards that help 15-20 students with the cost of their trips abroad. The CVM International Veterinary Student Association is also active and has a number of graduates who enter veterinary fields in various countries.

In July, Drs. Arasu, Ronald Baynes, Jim Guy, and Mike Levy will be participating in a faculty delegation to China Agricultural University in Beijing and Zhejiang University in Hangzhou. They hope to establish a traditional medicine externship in acupuncture as well as graduate training opportunities in the form of workshops (avian pathology, food safety, public health, and diagnostics), service and research.

Two 4th-year CVM students have returned recently from Friedrich Loeffler Institute in Riems, Germany (Federal Research Institute for Animal Health) where they learned about German foreign animal disease facilities.

Drs. Maria Correa and Mike Levy were part of the UNC system delegation to Uruguay in April. Dr. Greg Lewbart took seven students to Japan/Thailand in December for marine studies.

## College of Design

The College of Design currently has 22 students enrolled in two studios at the Prague Institute: Graphic Design and Art/Sculpture. These courses are being taught by NCSU faculty; Martha Scotford, Will Temple (Graphic Design Dept.) and Dana Raymond (Art and Design Dept.).

The Prague Institute in the Czech Republic has facilities in the heart of the Old City where semester, summer and intersession courses and studios are offered. These activities are supported and directed by Director Dana Bartelt and taught by visiting NC State faculty and local designers and scholars. For more information, please visit their website at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/oia/design/design.html>

# Program and Center Updates

## Forestry and Environmental Resources in China Study Tour, May 14-26, 2006

By Sarah Warren, Associate Professor of Forestry and Environmental Resources

Imagine going to Asia never having used chopsticks! But by the end of a two-week study tour in China, NC State's 11 students, four faculty, and one faculty spouse were savoring regional cuisines and cultural experiences – and eating plenty.

The Forestry and Environmental Resources in China study tour (FOR 295/595G) was a two-credit course offered through the Study Abroad Program for the first time in May, 2006. Professors Bailian Li, Ted Shear, Sarah Warren and Barry Goldfarb led the trip. The trip included visits to sites of technical interest, famous cultural locations, and student and faculty exchanges in Beijing and Xi'an.

For one week the group stayed at the Beijing Forestry University, hosted by university professors and students. Following briefings on forest recovery and protection, problems of erosion and desertification, and breeding of species for widespread plantation, BFU students and faculty escorted the NC State group to the Badaling Forest Park (near the Great Wall) where once-barren mountains were now covered in natural and artificial regeneration of forest species. Students completed a cost-benefit analysis in a cooperative poplar plantation, examined urban parks and botanical gardens near the Summer Palace and Forbidden City (see photo), and were astounded by the sophisticated flower production center of BFU. They spent their



The NC State China Study Tour Group joined by primary school friends outside the Beijing Botanical Gardens.

evenings in the company of BFU students, eating, dancing, 'hanging out', and thoroughly enjoying new friends.

Sleeping in berths on the pleasant night train from Beijing to Xi'an was another new experience for the NC State tour group. In Xi'an, faculty and students of the Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University were our hosts and information sources. We observed four- and 10-year forest protection projects in the severely eroded loess plateaus of central China as well as an extensive breeding and nursery center for improved species of trees and shrubs. The highlight of the Xi'an trip, of course, was the recently excavated



Not tai chi! Rather a demonstration of planting poplar clones (*Populus* sp.) in a cooperative farm forest on the outskirts of Beijing.

archeological site where the terracotta warriors guarded the tomb of the emperor Qin Shi Huang.

Another night-train trip back to Beijing and a brief reunion with our BFU friends – and about half the group flew back to the U.S. Some students planned additional travel in China and Ted Shear flew south to continue research in Yunnan Province.

Oh, did I mention shopping? The NC State group took bargaining to heart, returning with pearls, jade, silk, and other presents for colleagues and family. Who would have guessed that our best shoppers were men, and that normally mild-mannered members of the study tour would evolve into fierce price negotiators.

## North Carolina Japan Center

The North Carolina Japan Center, formerly part of CHASS, will be relocated within the Office of International Affairs beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Japan Center works to promote closer relations between North Carolina and Japan in a wide range of areas including academic, business, and cultural, to the benefit of our state and its residents. Japan is North Carolina's second largest export market after Canada and third largest source of direct investment after the UK and Germany.

Director Tony Moyer, who has spent 14 years in Japan, does as much work in outreach off campus as he does at NC State University. Statewide activities during the first half of 2006 have included speaking at the NC World Trade Association at Ft. Bragg and at Campbell University. At Campbell University, Mr. Moyer directed workshops for pre-college teachers on teaching about East Asia, hosting visiting school groups, working with the Triangle Nippon Club, the Japanese Language School of Raleigh, and advising Japanese visitors to North Carolina and North Carolinians going to Japan on a host of issues. The Japan Center helped meet with visiting delegations from Okinawa, Shizuoka, and the Development Bank of Japan.

On campus, the Japan Center has co-hosted a lecture at the College of Management by Dr. Junichi Sakamoto, one of Japan's leading experts on social security policy in his country; the Japan Center has also brought to campus former U.S. Ambassador to South Korea Donald Gregg, and former head of Caterpillar's China operations, Richard Kahler. Moyer and other faculty also taught the PS 346 East Asian Political Systems course with Dr. Oliver Williams, who participated via a live internet link from his Fulbright research site in Hong Kong.

The Center offered summer language scholarships to six NC State Students, provided a travel grant for a student to do a summer internship in paper science with a company in Tokyo, and is providing assistance to six State students who will attend exchange programs in Japan during the 2006-2007 academic year. The Japan Center also assists in bringing students from Japan to study at NCSU's Summer Institute in English as a Second Language.

Please visit the NC Japan Center's website for more information: <http://www.ncsu.edu/ncjapancenter/>

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

**U.S. Fulbright Program Deadline:** August 1, 2006. The traditional Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad each year. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. The program operates in 140 countries. For more information, please visit their website at: <http://www.cies.org/cies.htm>

**Study Abroad Fair:** September 20, 2006—Brickyard. Learn more about our programs while you meet the SAO staff, summer program directors, and study abroad partners.

**World Food Day and Inaugural “Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Distinguished Lecture Series on Global Service to Society and Environment”:** October 16, 2006. This year’s speaker will be Dr. Pedro Sanchez who is professor Emeritus of Soil Science and Forestry at NCSU and is now Director of Tropical Agriculture and Senior Research Scholar at the Earth Institute of Columbia University. He received the World Food prize in 2002. Location to be determined.

**21<sup>st</sup> NC International Festival:** November 3-5, 2006. NC State Fairgrounds. This year’s theme is: “Visit Us: The World in Your Backyard”. Visit their website at: <http://www.internationalfestival.org/>

**International Education Week:** November 13-17, 2006. Learn and participate in international activities to be hosted throughout campus. Stay tuned for a detailed schedule. If you are interested in sponsoring an international event, please contact our office at 515-3201.

**Annual ACC/International Academic Collaborative Conference:** November 19-21, 2006, Duke University. Registration and hotel lodging information coming soon. Visit the website at: [http://www.international.duke.edu/intl\\_opportunities/acciac](http://www.international.duke.edu/intl_opportunities/acciac)

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual North Carolina and Japan: Trade and Investment Conference:** December 1, 2006, Sheraton Imperial Hotel in RTP. This annual event which reviews the current state of US-Japan relations and our state’s economic ties to Japan is a premier event for anyone interested in North Carolina’s links to the global economy. Those interested should contact NC Japan Center Director Tony Moyer at (919) 515-3450 or [tony\\_moyer@ncsu.edu](mailto:tony_moyer@ncsu.edu). Prior registration is required. Students interested in attending at reduced registration rates, contact Mr. Moyer.

## Committee on International Program’s 2006-2007 Seed Grant Winners

The Internationalization Seed Grant program funds NCSU faculty members to initiate research and other scholarly professional activities that address international topics and enhance internationalization of the university. Awards should serve as “seed money” leading to support from other granting agencies. OIA continues to reserve three awards towards the development of Faculty-led Study Abroad Programs. This year’s awardees are:

**Fred Cabbage**, Forestry & Env. Resources  
Project: Sustainable Development of Silvopastoral Systems for Small Producers in Latin America

**Scott Fitzpatrick**, Soc/Anthropology  
Project: Assessing the Cultural Impact of Tourism and Development on Small Islands, Panama

**David Patrick Green**, Food Science  
Project: American-Danish Collaboration for the Advancement of Trans-Atlantic Fisheries Research and Academic Exchanges

**Akram Khater**, History  
Project: Linking Migrant Lives

**Yu-Fai Leung**, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management  
Project: An International Comparative Study of Adaptive Designs for Visitor Impact Monitoring in Australian and U.S. Protected Areas

**Marian McCord**, BME/TECS  
Project: Biomedical Device Innovation

### Study Abroad Development Grants 2006-2007 Awardees:

**Fikret Isik, Bronson Bullock, and John Frampton**, Forestry & Environmental Resources, Study Abroad Program for Turkey

**Martha Scotford**, Graphic Design, Study Abroad Program for India

**Jenny Xiang**, Botany, Study Abroad Program for China

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