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**A Word From... Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs Dr. Charles Lyons**

Colleagues!

As you may recall from the last newsletter, ECU is seeking a permanent Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs. (You can find a link to the advertisement at our office's website, [www.ecu.edu/intlaffairs](http://www.ecu.edu/intlaffairs).) The Search Committee for the position, ably chaired by Senior Associate Provost, David Condé, is now reviewing applications received to date. I anticipate that finalists for the position will be invited to campus in late March and early April. The Search Committee will keep you posted on whom, where, and when.

Whoever is hired will find a vibrant, internationally active campus. Just this past month our office awarded travel grants to 22 faculty members presenting at professional conferences overseas, supported events to celebrate Chinese New Year and African awareness, and hosted a luncheon for faculty members interested in applying for Fulbright awards. Our office is not alone in promoting global understanding! The campus wide Committee on International Curricular Initiatives, headed by the talented Sylvie Henning, met twice and launched a new website to describe its plans and projects. The Asian Studies Program hosted a Korean musician. A delegation of six ECU faculty members visited our oldest international partner, the University of Ferrara. This is just a sample of what is happening in internationalization. Read further for details about these and many other ECU international activities.

Cordially,

Charles H. Lyons  
Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs

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**Delegation to Mexico**

Provost Marilyn Sheerer, Greenville Mayor (and ECU Professor *Emerita*) Pat Dunn, and ECU Diversity Coordinator Catherine Adams were among a delegation of ten from Greenville and Pitt County that visited Mexico from February 25 to March 1. The trip was organized by the North Carolina Center for International Understanding and is part of a state wide initiative to inform educators and community leaders as to the culture and background of our state's growing Latino population.

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**Meet an International Faculty Member!**

Dr. Edvaldo Pereira Galhardo is a clinical instructor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Brody School of Medicine. Dr. Galhardo came to ECU in 2002 as a Fulbright fellow in an international cooperation program between Brazil and the United States to complete PhD research in the Department of Radiation Oncology. In 2006, Dr. Galhardo returned to ECU to join the Medical Physics Team and since then has been working directly with patient treatment and conducting research in radiation therapy. Dr. Galhardo describes cancer as a disease that knows

no bounds in terms of those who are victims and concludes that “the way to care about a person who is sick is the same all around the world.”

Dr. Galhardo sums up his experience in North Carolina by stating that, “My wife and I enjoy living in North Carolina...we have had the opportunity to meet people from different parts of the world and learn about their culture, religion, food, and so on. I can say that life in Greenville has been a great cultural enrichment for us...”

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### Meet an International Student!

Xueying Li, a native of Beijing, China, is a second-year doctoral student in the Department of Rehabilitation Studies at the ECU School of Allied Health Sciences. She is pursuing a doctoral degree with a concentration in rehabilitation studies and administration. Xueying found her way to ECU because of its prestigious rehabilitation program, which ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation by USNEWS. She just attended the 2008 National Rehabilitation Educators Conference in San Antonio, TX where she gave a poster presentation. Her research interest is “cross-cultural study of the stigma of disabilities”.

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### International Travel Fund Round of Awards, Spring Semester 2008

The Office of International Affairs is pleased to announce that the following twenty-two members of the ECU faculty have won awards from the International Travel Fund to help support their presentations to conferences overseas. A couple of additional applications are still pending. Congratulations to all!

Applicant Name	ECU Department/School	Destination
Avenarius, Christine	Anthropology	China
Babits, Lawrence E.	History	Ireland
Christian, Robert R.	Biology	Spain
Daniel, I. Randolph, Jr	Anthropology	Canada
Dickerson, Jeremy	Business and Information Technologies Education	Austria
Fraley, Todd	School of Communication	Canada
Gueye, Marame	English	Italy
Harer, John B.	Library Science and Instructional Technology	UK
Hortobagyi, Tibor	Exercise and Sport Science	Portugal
Irizarry, Ylce	English	Netherlands
Katsoulis, Elias	Mathematics/Arts Science	Romania
Kim, BJ	Engineering	Canada
McCubrey, James A.	Microbiology & Immunology	Poland
Nasseh, M	Computer Science	China
Reichelt, Susan A.	Child Development and Family Relations	Switzerland
Sartore, Melanie L.	Exercise and Sport Science	Canada
Shearman, Sachiyo M	School of Communication	Canada
Tawake, Sandra	English	Italy
Zhu, Young	Biology	Canada

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### Study Abroad Delegate Visits Mexico

The OIA’s talented director of study abroad, Brandi Dudley, went to Mexico from February 26 to March 5 on a system-wide delegation of study abroad participants organized by the University of North Carolina Exchange Program. Chief on their itinerary were several campuses of Monterrey

Tec (also called ITESM), the UNC-EP's long-standing partner in one-for-one student swap programs. Brandi also visited Puebla, a site that our College of Nursing would like to explore for possible student and staff exchanges.

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### **Delegation to Ferrara**

Six faculty members and administrators visited the University of Ferrara in Italy from February 29 to March 5. The purpose of the visit was to revive faculty and student exchange programs with Ferrara, ECU's oldest international partner (the first agreement of cooperation with Ferrara was signed in 1986). The delegation included Tom Allen (Communication), Bob Christian (Biology), Steve Culver (Geology), Bob Edwards (Sociology), Charles Fantazzi (Foreign Languages), and Deirdre Mageean (Research and Graduate Studies).

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### **Great Decisions Program**

Beginning on January 19, 2008 and for the following eight consecutive Saturday mornings, ECU has been hosting the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Program. The program is sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina. On February 2, 2008, TSgt Paralyn McClain, US Air Force, *Why We Serve Program*, and Dr. Alethia Cook, ECU Department of Political Science, spoke on US Defense and Security Policy. The following Saturday Dr. Richard Ericson, ECU Department of Economics, made a presentation on Russia. He was followed on February 16 by Dr. Jeff Popke, ECU Department of Geography, who dealt with the question, Latin America: Shift to the Left? On February 23 Dr. Runying Chen, ECU Department of Interior Design and Merchandising, addressed US-China Trade Policy. Minister-Counselor Renee Earle, diplomat in residence at Duke University's Franklin Center for International Studies will begin the month of March with a presentation on "Talking to Our Enemies." The last speaker in the series will be Mr. Kenneth Morgan, Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, and past member of the board of directors of Rotary International and the Triangle United Way, who will speak on the role of private philanthropy. All sessions are held Saturday morning from 10am to noon in Rivers West auditorium on the ECU campus. They are free to ECU students, faculty and staff.

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### **Asian Studies Lecture/Performance**

Ms. Grace Jong Eun Lee, composer and soloist, from Vancouver Community College, gave a presentation about the *kayagum*, a traditional zither-like Korean instrument, entitled, "Enchanted Sounds of Traditional Korean Music," on February 23. She performed some traditional Korean music as well as a section of one of her own compositions. The event was attended by over fifty people from ECU and the Greenville community. Ms. Lee's presentation was arranged through the Korea Society, with the assistance of the Korean Association of Greenville, the Harriot College of Arts and Sciences as well as its Asian Studies and International Studies Programs. [Photos: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/asianstudies/Grace-Lee.cfm>]

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### **Committee on International Curricular Initiatives**

The Committee on International Curricular Initiatives (CICI), created in response to Goal Five of the ECU Internationalization Strategic Plan, met for the first time in mid-February and elected Dr.

Sylvie Debevec Henning its chair. Its ten members are appointed as international education coordinators by the dean of each ECU college or school. CICI is charged with working on "curriculum development in international education, particularly as it cuts across departmental, school and college lines," "seeking external funding for international education initiatives," and "coordinat[ing] the efforts of [the] Colleges to internationalize [their] curriculum with the overall, University-wide effort." Its webpage contains links to the international initiatives activities of its member units: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/international/Committee-on-International-Curricular-Initiatives.cfm>.

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### **International Faculty Research Symposium**

As part of the ECU Research and Creative Achievement Week, there will be a special Symposium of research presentations by ECU's international faculty members. It will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 4 pm to 6 pm in the Mendenhall Student Center Room 244. Presenters will include Eugene Cymbalyuk from Ukraine in the Center for Security Studies and Research; Marina Alexander from India in the Department of Interior Design and Merchandising; Slobodanka Dimova from Macedonia in the Department of English; Yaprak Savut from Turkey in the Department of Interior Design and Merchandising and Sherief Sheta from Egypt in the Department of Technology Systems.

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### **Appointment**

Rhonda P. Brown, Immigration Specialist, has been appointed to serve NAFSA: Association of International Educators as one of the Region VII members on the Regulatory Ombudsperson Subcommittee. She will serve for a two year term beginning March 1, 2008.

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### **University of Leeds Nurse Educator Presents at ECU-College of Nursing**

Dr. Philip Esterhuizen, nurse educator and lecturer at the University of Leeds in the city of Leeds in the United Kingdom, spoke on "Reflective Education and Practice" at the College of Nursing on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Leeds is one of the top ten universities for research in the UK and is known as a centre of excellence in academic and professional disciplines. Dr. Esterhuizen is a Sigma Theta Tau Beta Nu sponsor and serves on the Education Committee of the honorary society, Sigma Theta Tau International. He is also on the planning Committee for the International Association for Human Caring.

Dr. Esterhuizen presented on various models of "Reflective Practice" as well as his own model of reflective thinking which he developed as part of his own doctoral studies at the University of Bournemouth, UK. Australia, Canada, and Europe use the practice of "Reflective Thinking" in education, research, and clinically for healing and recruitment/retention of nurses. He has published extensively and spoken on the topic at various nursing conferences through out the United States.

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### **Thomas Herron Launches New Book**

Thomas Herron is launching a book, [Ireland in the Renaissance, 1540-1660](#) (Dublin 2007), on March 11, 2008 at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) of which he is a co-editor and contributor. The same day he will present a lecture at TCD based on his introduction to the book. The lecture is entitled "Where is the Renaissance in Ireland?" During his visit he is looking forward to catching

up with recent ECU graduate Carrie Kearney, who is currently completing her MA in English and Irish studies at TCD.

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### **Event Re-Caps!**

- On Saturday, February 23, 2008 the ECU Chinese community and the Office of International Affairs sponsored a Chinese New Year celebration in the Mendenhall Student Center. Over 350 people welcomed the Year of the Rat and enjoyed traditional Chinese cuisine. There were also performances that included a presentation ballet, time-honored and modern music recitals and a children's concert.
- On Friday, February 29, 2008 the African Student Organization celebrated the closing of Diversity Week in Mendenhall Student Center. The event highlighted African food and culture. Over 50 people from the ECU community participated in activities that included a special African trivia contest. All attendees also received a unique African music CD.

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### **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

- **Thursday, March 20, 2008**

Applications for the Rivers Chair must be submitted to the Office of International Affairs by Thursday, March 20, 2008. For information about the program and application procedures please see

<http://www.ecu.edu/intlaffairs/upload/RiversChairApplication.doc>

- **Friday, March 28, 2008**

ECU students and faculty from India will sponsor its annual Holi Celebration at International House from 3 pm to 5 pm. Holi is a popular, Hindu spring festival and is also called the Festival of Colors. Food and fun will be provided and all are welcome to come to this special event.

- **Tuesday, April 29, 2008**

You are cordially invited to the Annual Faculty and Staff International Potluck Dinner sponsored by the International Faculty and Staff Committee. The potluck dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Murphy Center. For more information contact Dr. Charmaine Glegg ([gleggc@ecu.edu](mailto:gleggc@ecu.edu)) or Dr. Kaysia Campbell ([campbellk@ecu.edu](mailto:campbellk@ecu.edu)).

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We want to hear from you and encourage you to submit accounts of your international activities in teaching, research, service, or other areas. Please send your comments and suggestions to our editor Julie Williams at [williamsjul@ecu.edu](mailto:williamsjul@ecu.edu).