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***A Word From ... Associate Vice Chancellor for International Affairs James Gehlhar, PhD***

The year 2009 has begun both busily and well for the Office of International Affairs. The first week brought ECU 39 new international students representing 12 countries, the largest contingent coming from Mexico. We were pleased once again that ECU Provost & Vice Chancellor Marilyn Sheerer and Associate vice Provost for Latino Affairs David Conde could add their official welcome to the students. During the second week we welcomed 39 students of tourism & hospitality management from two universities in Ecuador for a six-month program co-sponsored by ECU's Hospitality Management Program and Walt Disney International. In addition, 40 ECU students are enrolled this semester as exchange students at universities outside the US.

We wish all of our readers a grand 2009!

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**Great Decisions Program**

Beginning on January 17, 2009, and running eight consecutive Saturday mornings, ECU will host the Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions Program. The program is sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Eastern North Carolina and consists of a series of lectures by academic and professional experts on topics of global significance. The 2009 topics are US and Rising Powers, Afghanistan/Pakistan, Energy and the Global Economy, The Arctic, Egypt in the 21st Century, Global Food Supply, Cuba after Castro, and Universal Human Rights.

For a complete schedule and additional information see the [Great Decisions](#) webpage.

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**New International Studies Concentration: International Higher Education Administration**

The MA in International Studies program, in cooperation with the Department of Counseling and Adult Education (ADED), is in the first year of offering its new concentration in International Higher Education Administration (IHEA). The IHEA concentration trains professionals to manage international program offices at colleges and universities. This spring, ADED 6690, Current Topics in International Higher Education Administration, explores problems in study abroad, international admissions, and international student advisement.

The IHEA concentration is one of only four such programs in the United States today. Over the last three years, the MAIS program has already placed nine people or about one-third of its graduates in international program offices at universities throughout the southeastern US and looks forward to further expansion. For additional information, visit the MAIS website ([www.ecu.edu/mais](http://www.ecu.edu/mais)), or contact Dr. Sylvie Henning at [hennings@ecu.edu](mailto:hennings@ecu.edu).

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## Study Abroad

### Study Abroad Information Session

- Wednesday, January 21, 2009
- Hendrix Theater 3-5pm
- Interested in studying abroad for academic credit? Please plan to attend this information session to learn about programs abroad available through ECU for a summer, semester, or academic year.

### Fall 2009 Student Exchange Application Deadline

- February 1, 2009
- Applications should be submitted to the Office of International Affairs

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## Sixth TALGS Conference

The 6th TALGS (TESOL/Applied Linguistics Graduate Students) Conference will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009, in the Bate Building at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. We have an exciting line-up of workshops, papers, and discussions on a variety of issues related to language use, language learning, and language teaching. All interested students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend!

For more information and to register, please visit

<http://core.ecu.edu/engl/talgs/conference/registration.htm>. The "early bird" preregistration deadline (the lowest rate) ends January 18, 2009. The second preregistration deadline is February 1, 2009.

Organized by the Linguistics and TESOL graduate students and faculty, TALGS is aimed at providing a serious yet relaxed environment for graduate students and professionals working in a variety of applied linguistics fields and TESL/TEFL to present their work, receive feedback, and network. The event, co-sponsored by Carolina TESOL, is a continuing education opportunity for North Carolina teachers. This year's plenary speaker will be a distinguished TESOL scholar and educator, Dr. Jodi Crandall, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, with a presentation entitled, *Sharing Our Expertise: Working with Mainstream Teachers*, and a discussion session on *TESOL Standards*.

For more information on the conference and the speaker, please view the attached [flyer](#) and [poster](#), and visit the [TALGS](#) website.

### Contact us:

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