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

East Carolina University joins thousands of educational institutions around the world in our annual celebration of *International Education Week* from November 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of their effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States. More than 100 countries participate in the event which is officially proclaimed by the United Nations and most national governments and which provides the perfect opportunity for East Carolina University to showcase its 250-plus international students. East Carolina University has forged a very robust *International Education Week* schedule of events to acquaint our campus community with the exceptionally broad range of international opportunities that the university makes available to faculty, students and staff, as well as to the people of eastern North Carolina.

I encourage you to select from the *International Education Week* calendar an event or two of particular interest and then not only to attend yourself but also to urge colleagues and students to accompany you. The message of global thinking can be achieved by each of us working together. Please join us in this effort!

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**International Education Week 2008 Schedule of Events**

***Monday, November 17, 2008***

- **Study Abroad & Global Classroom Information Session – Mendenhall Student Center Great Rooms, 10am**

This program highlights study abroad opportunities for interested students and also how students may enroll in a unique course that features ECU's Global Classroom.

- **“A Taste of the World” Luncheon – International House, 12pm – 1pm**

This luncheon for the ECU community will kick-off this special week featuring faculty, administrators, international students and domestic students who have been involved in our programs. Come and meet us!

- **Summer Study Abroad Information Fair – Bate, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 5pm – 8pm**

This ECU campus-wide Study Abroad Information Fair will help students understand the ins and outs of studying overseas during the summer. Passport information will be also available.

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- **International Showcase & Book Fair – Joyner Library, 10am-4pm**

Joyner Library has an incredible amount of international resources available to the students and faculty. In addition to books, the library offers international research databases, foreign films, language training guides, travel books and foreign novels. Join us for a unique educational event and learn more about the international resources available right here on our campus!

***Wednesday, November 19, 2008***

- **Fulbright Alumni Reception – International House, 12pm – 1:30pm**

Come join us for an informal get-together and light lunch to share and learn about Fulbright opportunities and discuss world travel experiences! Please RSVP Dr. William Mallett at [mallettw@ecu.edu](mailto:mallettw@ecu.edu) or Dr. Beverly Harju at [harjub@ecu.edu](mailto:harjub@ecu.edu).

- **Study Abroad Experiences Student Panel – Rivers Building West 105, 4pm – 5:30pm**

The Child Life Student Association and CHE International Education Committee will be sponsoring a student panel regarding study abroad experiences.

- **“The World is Flat – Implications for our Students” – City Hotel & Bistro, 4:30pm – 8:30pm**

The Center for Economic Education, the Department of Elementary Education and the Office of International Affairs will host a program for K-6 teachers and guests. Please contact Beth Eckstein at [ecksteine@ecu.edu](mailto:ecksteine@ecu.edu) for workshop registration.

- **“Kebab Connection” by Anno Saul, German Film Series – Bate 2003, 6:30pm**

In this comedy, a budding filmmaker dreams of directing a German kung fu flick but first hones his talent with a commercial for his uncle's kebab stand. The ad – a martial arts parody – becomes a huge hit. But things go downhill when his girlfriend turns up pregnant, his family gives him the boot, he gets embroiled in a restaurant feud and... attracts unwanted attention from the mob.

- **“Repentance” by T. Abuladze, Russian Film Series – Bate 2011, 6:30pm**

The film won the Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 1987. Don't miss this cutting edge film and its avant-garde political satire that includes ingenious references to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's most outrageous dictators (Stalin, Mussolini, Tito, etc.). The film fueled much debate regarding authoritative governments, at the time of its release, within the Soviet Iron Curtain.

***Thursday, November 20, 2008***

- **Exploring Fulbright Grant Opportunities for Students – International House, 3pm – 5pm**

Undergraduate and graduate students learn more about U.S. Student Fulbright grants. These grants provide funds for qualified students to undertake post-undergraduate study, graduate research, and teaching English in schools abroad. The

ultimate purpose of these grants is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills.

- **International Faculty/Staff Pot Luck Dinner – Murphy Center, 6pm**

Come enjoy homemade cooking prepared by ECU's international faculty and staff in a welcoming, festive atmosphere.

*Friday, November 21, 2008*

- **International Student Social – A Taste of Asia – International House, 3pm – 5pm**

Come to our international student social where there will be samples of delicious Asian cuisine.

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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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### **6th Annual TALGS Conference**

Hosted by East Carolina University, English Department, Linguistics & TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

Conference website: <http://core.ecu.edu/engl/talgs/conference/conference.htm>

Date: **February 16, 2008, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

Location: **Bate Building, East Carolina University**

**TALGS (TESOL/Applied Linguistics Graduate Students)** is a small, student-run conference aimed at providing a serious yet relaxed environment for graduate students and professionals working in TESL/TEFL and a variety of applied linguistic fields to present their work, receive feedback, and network. TALGS conference offers graduate students and working professionals a forum to showcase their research and successful teaching practices. TALGS is committed to bettering the educational experience of language learners by providing a comfortable environment for interaction between theory, practice, teachers and researchers.

The event, a continuing education opportunity for North Carolina teachers, is co-sponsored by Carolina TESOL.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Dr. JoAnn (Jodi) Crandall, University of Maryland - Baltimore County**

## Sharing Our Expertise: Working with Mainstream Teachers

With the increasing numbers of English language learners (ELLs) at all levels of education and in expanding geographical areas, it becomes critically important for ESL teachers to work collaboratively with mainstream or content teachers to provide an effective instructional program for all students. In this talk, I'll share some ways in which we can collaborate with other teachers to the benefit of ELLs and ways in which our expertise can be shared to provide an effective integrated instructional program that addresses academic language and content area needs.

### Standards in TESOL: A Discussion Session

This discussion session will focus on the use of standards in TESOL-related education. As the former Chair of the Standards Committee for TESOL for the past two years, I will begin by briefly reviewing the four most recent standards projects that TESOL has undertaken: ESL Standards for Pre-K-12 Students, Standards for Teachers of Adult ESL/EFL Learners, TESOL/NCATE Standards for P-12 ESL Teacher Education Programs, and the newest, Technology Standards for Teachers and Learners. We can then discuss experiences and issues related to the implementation of standards-based instruction in ESL.

**Dr. JoAnn (Jodi) Crandall** is Professor of ESOL/Bilingual Education and Director of the interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Language, Literacy and Culture at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). She is the author of more than 100 books, articles, and monographs on issues of program design, curriculum and instruction, and teacher education as these impact academic language and literacy for secondary and adult English Language Learners. For more information, please visit the [TALGS](http://talgs.org) website and <http://userpages.umbc.edu/~crandall/index.htm>.

### PROPOSALS:

Research Meets Practice: We encourage submissions from graduate students and teachers whose research and practice fall broadly under the umbrella of applied linguistics and TESL/TEFL. We welcome cross-disciplinary proposals with relevance to language use, language learning and/or language teaching from a variety of fields, including, for example, sociolinguistics, discourse studies, sociology, education, foreign languages, anthropology, communications, and psychology. Presentations reporting on action research (inside and outside the classroom), works in progress, submissions based on successful term projects, pilot research, as well as proposals for discussion sessions and workshops are welcome. For more information, please visit the [TALGS](http://talgs.org) website.

Submit your proposal at <http://core.ecu.edu/eng/talgs/conference/conference.htm> by **December 7, 2008**.

### PRE-REGISTRATION:

Pre-register online at <http://core.ecu.edu/eng/talgs/conference/registration.htm> by **January 18, 2009**.

### CONTACT US:

Graduate student organizers: Zuzana Elliott, Yi Sun, and Lamont Cannon, [talgs@ecu.edu](mailto:talgs@ecu.edu)

Faculty sponsor: Lida Cope, [copel@ecu.edu](mailto:copel@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).