

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWS

April Showers Bring...

This newsletter addresses the issues of international and domestic students alike!



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This is the last month of the semester and everyone is in the home stretch! Make this last month count and get out and get involved with CIE and OCW events



The Kiongozi award application deadline is on April 22nd so make sure you get your nominations submitted!

A Night Around the World



It is time for OPT/CPT and Graduation applications! If you are planning on graduating this semester or filing for OPT



The OCW is planning a formal dinner fundraiser and you are invited! Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for everyone else. Call CIE for more details.

"Welcome to Your Year!"

This newsletter is designed with you in mind. If there is anything missing from the newsletter, just let me know and I will fix it! It has been a long time since our last newsletter, so make sure that you ask questions and read this one thoroughly.

- Adam Johnson

Kiongozi Award For Outstanding International Leadership

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The word “kiongozi” means leader in Swahili. The Kiongozi Award for Outstanding International Leadership is awarded to one graduating international student (either undergraduate or graduate) each academic year based on demonstrated extra-curricular involvement and academic leadership. The Kiongozi Award recipient will have proven themselves to be a person who cares deeply about the international student population as well as advancing issues of internationalization on campus and off.

The Kiongozi Award winner receives:

- A beautiful crystal globe with their name etched on it
- \$100 in cash
- The prestige of being named an outstanding international student leader

If you would like to nominate someone for the Kiongozi award, please fill out all of the required documents and submit them to CIE by April 22, 2009. The documents can be found here:

<http://cie.colstate.edu/kiongozi.asp>



Get Global!

A Night Around the World Friday, April 24, 2009 at the CIE Event Hall

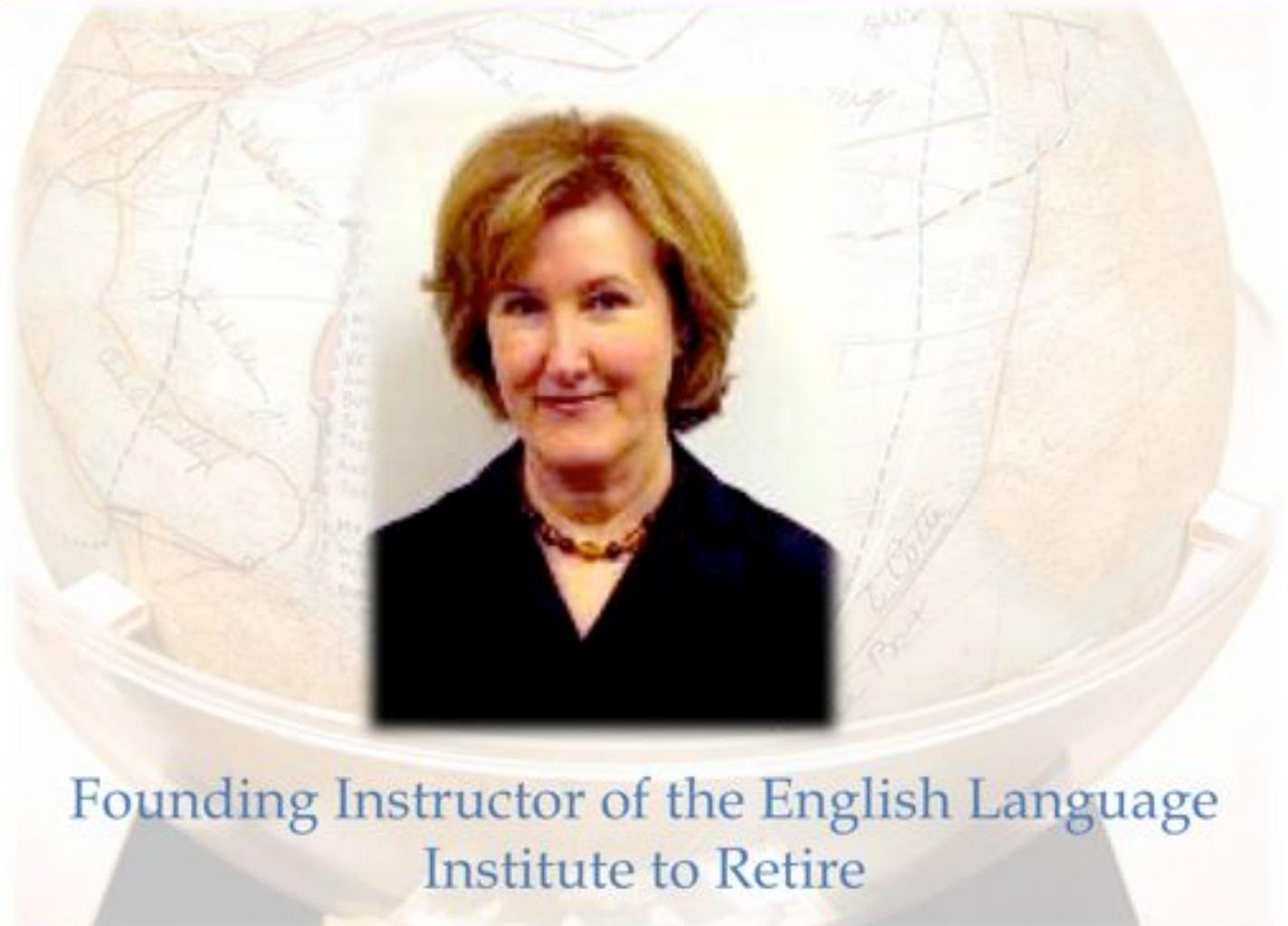


Get Formal

The One Cougar World, CSU’s internationally focused student organization, will be hosting a benefit dinner on April 24th in the Center for International Education. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the “Invisible Children” campaign.

This event is going to be a formal dinner with wonderful entertainment, a fashion show and a guest speaker to discuss the issue of child soldiers.

The tickets for this event are now on sale in the Center for International Education \$10 for students, \$20 for adults and \$30 for a couple. For more information, contact Adam Johnson at 706-565-4037



Founding Instructor of the English Language Institute to Retire

Michelle Midgette (B.A., Journalism, Univ. of Georgia; Master of Education, Secondary English, Boston University) has been an instructor in the English Language Institute since 2002 when the program was created. Before coming to the English Language Institute, she taught English at Harris County High in Hamilton, Georgia. Her interest in teaching international students began when she taught at an American International School in Singapore. Later she taught English as a Second Language at Osborne High School in Manassas, Virginia. From 1988 to 1990, she taught English at the Korean Language Institute in Seoul, Korea.

In addition to teaching, Midgette has worked for the U.S Army as an Education Specialist at the Army Engineering School, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and as a the managing editor of an Army newspaper at Ft.

Shafter, Hawaii. She enjoys studying foreign languages and traveling to learn about other cultures. She teaches advanced Grammar, Writing, and TOEFL Prep.

Midgette will wrap up her career as an English as a Second Language instructor at the completion of the Spring 2009 semester. She came to us in 2002 with a diverse background of experience and has added much to the lives and to the learning of her fortunate students ever since.

A potluck reception is planned in her honor at the home of Monica Cobis on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 3-5 pm. Contact Monica Cobis mcobis@hotmail.com for more details or to send a note or gift to be given to Michelle at the reception.

CPT: Curricular Practical Training

Curricular Practical Training is a work authorization granted to students on F-1 visas for paid internships on or off campus and directly related to their majors. CPT allows you to work 20 hours or less each week during the academic year and up to 40 hours during the holiday and summer breaks.

To be eligible for CPT:

* You must have been in lawful status as a full-time student for one full academic year (unless your program requires immediate experience).

* Your training must be directly related to your field of study and correspond with your educational level

* Your training must be a requirement of the program, and you must receive course credit

Applying for CPT:

If you want to apply for CPT, go to this website:

<http://cie.colstate.edu/curricula/practicaltraining.asp>

OPT :Optional Practical Training

Optional Practical Training is a benefit to students on F-1 visas that allows them to work up to 12 full months in their fields of study. You are eligible to participate in one year of OPT after each degree level completed.

To be eligible for OPT:

* You must be an F-1 student in lawful academic standing for one full academic year (nine months) before submitting an OPT application.

* You must not have participated in full-time Curricular Practical Training for more than 12 months. You must submit your application for OPT before your program completion date (the day of your last final)

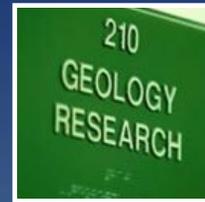
* You must maintain a valid: Passport, I-94 card and I-20.

Applying for OPT:

If you want to apply for OPT, go to this website:

<http://cie.colstate.edu/optionalpracticaltraining.asp>

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW



CPT / OPT

When applying for either CPT or OPT, you must first make sure that you have a completed check list found on the website for each prospectively and then make an appointment to file you necessary forms with

[Adam Johnson](#)



OPT Extension

If you are studying in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) fields then you could possibly qualify for and extension of 17 months for your OPT due to new regulations. Call Adam Johnson for info: 706-565-4037



April Calendar What's going on?

**"A Night Around the World"
in the CIE Event Hall**

April 24, 2009

Last Day of Classes May 4th

Reminders:

Make sure that you inform Adam Johnson if you are graduating earlier than your expected end date on your I-20.

File your taxes by April 15th!!

Our current Fort Visiting Scholar, Dr. Maya Soboleva, is selling the car she purchased when she arrived in August since she will be returning to Germany soon. If you are interested, or may know of anyone who is, please contact Christine Murphey, or Dr. Soboleva directly. Here is the flyer for more information: [flyer](#)