



**CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**

**NEWSLETTER**

**International Education Week**

Each year since 2000, the Center for International Education has hosted special events for International Education Week. This year from October 6 to October 11, International Education Week featured presentations, films, discussion groups, a food festival, and the popular Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale.

Kicking off the week, the Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale gave visitors to the International House a chance to take a part of the world home with them. Featuring items such as jewelry, home décor, baskets, and toys, every item at the sale was hand made by artisans from around the globe, including locations in Latin America, Asia, and Africa. Every item is bought by the Ten Thousand Villages organization through fair trade, ensuring that the original artist is paid fairly for his or her work. This encourages the local artisans to continue their traditional arts, preserving them for future generations.

Dr. Mayya Soboleva, CSU's Fort Visiting Scholar in European Studies from Philips University, Marburg, Germany, spoke on the 7th, presenting the topic "Is Intercultural Dialogue Possible?" Her lecture focused on costs and rewards of



opening the lines of communication between people of different backgrounds and cultures. Later that day, the CIE bi-annual Global Dialogue session took place, encouraging American and international students to sit together and discuss world events and issues.

Friday, CSU students, faculty and staff gathered beside the clock tower to take part in the International Food Festival. Featuring traditionally prepared dishes from many international students, the Food Festival encouraged visitors to try something outside of their food "comfort zone." International students were on hand to answer questions about their dishes as well as their home cultures.

Closing the week was the performance on Saturday by members of the Kala-Anjali India Culture Center. The Culture Center spoke about Indian culture as well as performing traditional Indian dances to an excited audience. Founded in 2002, the Culture Center promotes the intercultural understanding of Indian dance, and has held several large events in the community. More information on their goals and events can be seen at [www.kala-anjali.com](http://www.kala-anjali.com).

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## Kiongozi Award Winner

Each year, one international student graduating from Columbus State University is awarded the Kiongozi Award for Outstanding International Leadership. For the 2008 year, the winner was Temidayo Yembra, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer science. Yembra came to CSU from Nigeria, and is a member of the One Cougar World, as well as several other campus organizations.

The word kiongozi means leader in Swahili. The recipient of the award must be nominated by peers or faculty, and must have proven themselves as someone who cares deeply for internationalizing the campus and the community, as well as serving the international student population. The winner receives a crystal globe with their name etched on it, a one-hundred dollar award, and the prestige of being among a small, select group of students to have received the award.

Yembra was nominated by Adetola Adeyeye, another CSU student. "I met Temi when I first arrived at CSU," said Adeyeye, "and she was a great inspiration to me. Even as a new student, I could see how much love and devotion Temi put into the international organizations at CSU." Yembra dedicated much of her time and energy towards promoting international causes at CSU, such as working with the African Students Organization and the One Cougar World. "I felt like someone who is doing such great things should be recognized and appreciated," continued Adeyeye, "That's why I nominated her, and was very happy to see her win."

"Temi is a great example of international leadership at CSU," says Amy Nyland, former International Student Coordinator at the CIE, "and I am very happy she was the 2008 recipient of the Kiongozi Award. She definitely distinguished herself as someone who cared about her international peers and about increasing international awareness on campus. Temi is exactly the kind of student the CIE was interested in recognizing when we created the Kiongozi Award last year."

Any international student can be nominated for the yearly Kiongozi award. Anyone interested in submitting a nomination can contact Adam Johnson at [johnson\\_adam9@colstate.edu](mailto:johnson_adam9@colstate.edu)



Amy Nyland presents Temidayo Yembra with the Kiongozi Award.

## About the Center for International Education

The Center for International Education leads the university's effort to internationalize CSU. The Center enriches and broadens students' and faculty members' understanding of world cultures by providing opportunities for international education.

Our mission is to coordinate and develop international programs, promote greater campus awareness of the international arena through activities and publications, cultivate an international curriculum and promote campus and community collaboration.

### Staff Includes

- **Dr. Neal R McCrillis**, Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Distinguished Chair of International Education, Director of the CIE and Associate Professor of History
- **Dr. Julie Ballenger**, Assistant Director of the CIE and Professor of Biology
- **Adam Johnson**, International Student Coordinator
- **Christine Murphey**, Administrative Coordinator
- **Zack Bolien**, Student Assistant (Publications)
- **Amanda Rodwell**, Student Assistant (Study Abroad)
- **Hayley McGee**, Work Study Student

## CIE Welcomes New Study Abroad Programs

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By Amanda Rodwell

*Student Assistant (Study Abroad)*

The Center for International Education is pleased to announce the addition of several new exciting programs to our study abroad offerings.

Joining the list of programs offered through the European Council is a 5-week program in Waterford, Ireland. Students will have the opportunity to spend their summer in Ireland's oldest city while enjoying the area's lively coastal and historic sites. Students will be accommodated at the Waterford Institute of Technology. Up to 7 credit hours can be earned upon completion of the program. Students will be required to take a one-hour Introduction to Irish Culture course offered by Professor Howard Keeley of Georgia Southern University. In accordance with other European Council programs offered in the summer, students can enroll in both a morning and afternoon class. Lower division courses being offered include: World Literature, Introduction to Sociology, America to 1890, and Drawing I. Upper division courses being offered include The History of Irish Nationalism, Drawing with Nature in Ireland, Irish Fiction of the 19th and 20th Centuries, and Sociology of Religion. CSU professor Mike McFalls will be teaching both Drawing I and Drawing with Nature in Ireland.

Other new programs being offered through CSU include Servant Leadership in Costa Rica, as well as Business in Costa Rica. Dr. Stuart Rayfield will be conducting the Servant Leadership program which is being offered during spring break. Students who are currently enrolled in Servant Leadership will be given priority during the application process; however, all students are encouraged to apply. Excursions to San Jose, national parks and rainforests are included on the itinerary. Students will be given the opportunity to volunteer their time to various agencies throughout the area as well as participate in traditional dance, cooking, and Spanish classes.

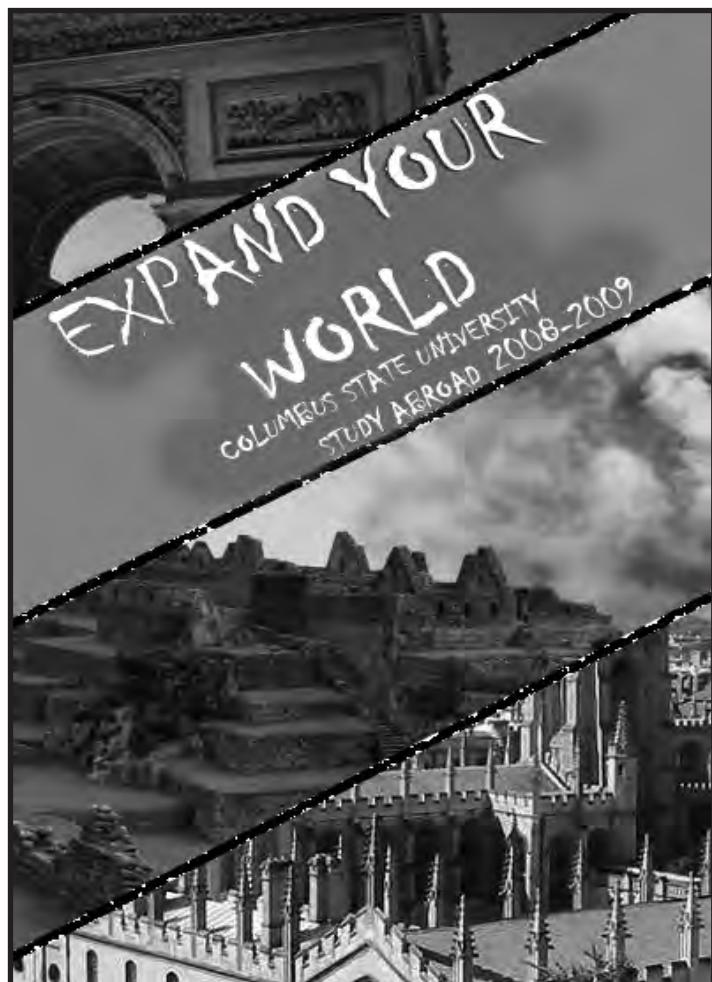
Dr. John Finley will be conducting a comparative business course in Costa Rica during Maymester. Junior and senior students are encouraged to participate in this 9-day program which will cover a range of topics including the globalization of markets, Costa Rican ecology and socioeconomics, business environments, the history of international trade, and the role of culture in international business. Excursions to San Jose, Arenal, Monteverde,

as well as Poas Volcano and La Marta Wildlife Refuge are scheduled. Students will be working in cooperation with the Latin American University of Science and Technology. This is an excellent opportunity for Business majors to gain insight into business conducted both locally and internationally.

In addition to these new programs being offered through the CIE, past summer and spring break programs will be returning as well. Some of the rotating programs, such as the 11-day program to Botswana, Africa during Maymester will be returning this year. Those interested in participating in both the Botswana and Andros Island programs are encouraged to contact Dr. Julie Ballenger before applying.

New brochures and pamphlets for all programs are available at the International House.

We hope the addition of these impressive programs will spark the interest of many of our students and encourage them to take part in this wonderful opportunity.



## CSU to Welcome Artist as Amos Eminent Scholar

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The Center for International Education is pleased to announce that the 2009 Elena Diaz-Verson Amos Eminent Scholar in Latin American Studies has been chosen for the Spring 2009 semester. Pepón Osorio, an internationally known artist, will join the CSU Art Department next semester. Osorio is best known for his large-scale installations, which are key in making viewers aware of their place within communities and class structures. He has also been featured on the PBS series Art21.

Osorio, who was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico in 1955, received his MA from Columbia University in 1985. His works have been shown at the Smithsonian Museum of American Art in Washington D.C., the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, and Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Puerto Rico.

Osorio currently lives in Philadelphia and will be traveling to CSU this spring. He will teach Art

and the Community to upper level art students, giving students a chance to experience traveling works of art hosted in Columbus. This course will focus on sculptures that will be hosted in local homes around the community for one week. Anyone interested in learning more about the project can contact Prof. Elizabeth McFalls at 507-8305 or [mcfalls\\_elizabeth@colstate.edu](mailto:mcfalls_elizabeth@colstate.edu).



Pepón Osorio

## Visiting Fort Scholar in European Studies

The Mildred Miller Fort Foundation Visiting Scholar in European Studies for fall 2008 is Dr. Maya Soboleva. Dr. Soboleva is presently a University Lecturer at the University of Marburg, Germany. Dr. Soboleva's areas of expertise include epistemology, philosophy of language, and Russian and German philosophy. She has published many articles including "Truth: Property, Operator or Event?" (in Russian) and "Transcendental Knowledge in Modern German Philosophy" (in German). While at CSU, she taught two classes during fall 2008: an Introduction to Philosophy (PHL 1105) and "The Western European Philosophy of Language" (PHIL 3575 / ENGL 5545U).

"Having Dr. Soboleva here is exciting because she's the first ever Fort Scholar in the Math and Philosophy department," said Dr. McCrillis, Director of the CIE. "She provides internationalization to students in those programs that haven't had this chance before. Besides her obvious



Dr. Maya Soboleva

academic assets, she also brings a unique cross-cultural perspective to CSU, coming from her native Russia, to Germany where she teaches, and finally to the United States."

## International Learning Community Expands

The International Learning Community (ILC) continues to grow at CSU, working with instructors across campus to internationalize learning. As part of the ILC, instructors integrate international themes and topics into their curriculum, allowing students a chance to study the world while in Columbus. These topics fall under a general theme that links all of the classes together. This year, the theme was 'Building Healthy Communities in a World Without Borders'.

"One of the most important aspects of the ILC for me is sharing the results of that academic interpretation amongst political science, theater, literature, and geology," says Dr Amanda Rees, who instructs a geography course in the ILC program. "[Geology] for example, helps all of us understand how to conceive of healthy communities in a much broader and richer way. It helps us to consider the health or well-being of communities around the world as well as the health of our own communities."

Besides offering a chance for international themes to be incorporated in classes, the ILC program also enables instructors to make their course unique, while still providing credits in courses required by most majors. In the discipline of geography we are exploring the relatively new concept of well being," continues Dr. Rees, "It's something new to me so I'm taking this opportunity to explore the concept with my students as a way of talking about healthy communities."

Dr. Daniel Ross, a professor of English, also has involved his class with the ILC program, and with the theme of healthy global communities. "Incorporating the theme helps give the class focus," Dr. Ross explains, "I also think students will respond well once they have been encouraged to see the value of attending lectures and films." Dr. Ross stresses that the ILC program helps make students more aware of their place and impact in the global community, a subject he says is usually ignored in a student's education. "Students don't read newspapers much, and hence, aren't deeply engaged with many of the global issues around us. In addition, it appears

that high schools do little to make students feel connected to the world. And yet, this is the world we all live in."

A total of thirteen courses were offered with ILC components during the fall of 2008, with eight more currently scheduled for the spring semester. Instructors have reported great success in involving students in ILC events, and their eagerness to continue with the program. "ILC classes open students' eyes to these issues," Dr. Ross summarizes. "Some classes have even helped students get involved by raising funds for international projects or making contact with international students. I plan to continue working with ILC semester after semester."

More information about ILC courses can be found on the Center for International Education's website.

### Courses Offered as Part of the ILC Program

#### Fall 2008

- GEOL 1121** - Physical Geology - Mr. Clint Barineau  
**THEA 1175** - Script Analysis - Dr. Becky Becker  
**THEA 1100** - Theatre Appreciation - Dr. Becky Becker  
**BUSA 3135** - International Business - Dr. John Finley  
**ENVS 1105** - Environmental Studies Dr. Troy Keller  
**ARTH 1101** - Art Appreciation - Prof. Michele McCrillis  
**ARTS 1020** - Two Dimensional Design - Elizabeth McFalls  
**GEOG 1101** - World Regional Geography - Dr. Amanda Rees  
**ENGL 2111** - World Literature I - Dr. Daniel Ross  
**ENGL 3175** - Readings in American Literature - Dr. Carmen Skaggs  
**ENGL 1101** - English Composition I - Prof. Beth Spencer  
**ANTH 1101** - Cultural Anthropology - Dr. John Studstill  
**POLS 1101** - Political Science - Dr. John Van Doorn

#### Spring 2008

- COUN 6175** - Cultural Perspectives in Counseling - Dr. Walter Breaux  
**BUSA 4115** - International Business - Dr. John Finley  
**BUSA 4115** - Entrepreneurship - Dr. Kirk Heriot  
**HIST 3130** - Modern Ireland - Dr. Neal McCrillis  
**ARTS 1020** - Two Dimensional Design - Elizabeth McFalls  
**GEOG 1101** - World Regional Geography - Dr. Amanda Rees  
**ENGL 2111** - World Literature I - Dr. Daniel Ross  
**BIOl 2221** - Human Anatomy & Physiology - Dr. Katey Sellers

## CSU Engages in Global Dialogues



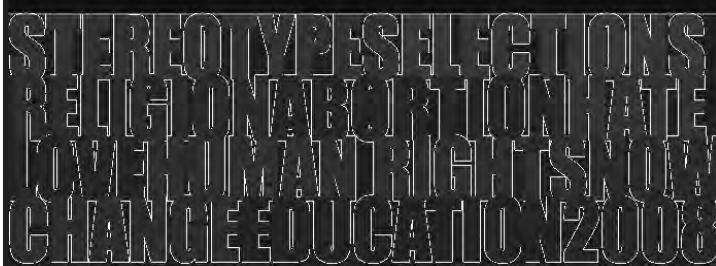
Global Dialogues is a forum for discussion of today's relevant topics. This forum is a chance for CSU students to get a different perspective from international students on global issues.

New topics include: **stereotypes, elections, religion, abortion, human rights and change.**

**November 13, 2008, 6:00-7:30 P.M.**

**International House Event Hall**

So come out, speak your mind and get global!



**Dr. Amanda Rees and Prof. Cathy Fussell join others in the Oxford-Berkeley Faculty Development Program, July 2008.**

Creating new ways for students to internationalize, CIE began the Global Dialogue Series this year. Occurring twice a semester, each session focuses on hot topics in the global community, including political systems, stereotypes, human rights, education, and religion. The goal of these events is to allow students to openly discuss issues with people from other countries, and with other points of view.

The first dialogue group met on October 7 in the Sarah Spencer Event Hall, during International Education Week. During that meeting, students traveled between different stations, each one with a selected topic. Each student brought their own personal opinions to the table, but open-mindedness was encouraged.

The second group met on November 13, and participants discussed centered around abortion, pop culture, human rights, and religion. The events drew about 50 people from around the campus.

"The global dialogues are a great success," says Adam Johnson, International Student Coordinator. "We're really looking to foster a strong climate of discussion between our local and international students."

More information about the Global Dialogue Series can be found at [www.cie.colstate.edu](http://www.cie.colstate.edu).



## Photography Contest Winners

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**1st Place, Sarah Vinson  
Paris, France**



**2nd Place, Bracha Williams  
Mexico**



**Honorable Mention, Brooke Cosby  
Oxford, England**

Each year, the CIE judges an international photo contest, awarding a prize to the top two photographs that convey the study abroad experience. This past year, fourteen students submitted an entry to the contest, representing eight different study abroad programs.



**Honorable Mention, Ethelind Calderon  
Switzerland / France / Germany**

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## COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

### Semester and Year Exchange Programs

#### CSU in Oxford, England

- spend a semester or year in the oldest English university

#### Edge Hill University

- study in the heart of Lancashire, near Liverpool and Manchester

#### Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, Ireland

- spend a semester in beautiful western Ireland

#### ISEP Programs

- 100 institutions around the world

#### Kansai Gaidai, Japan

- Range of courses in English plus Japanese language study

#### Laval University, Quebec

- French speaking university exchange for history majors

#### Northumbria University, Newcastle, England

- semester or year long study in one of 200 majors

#### Zeppelin University, Germany

- spend a semester by the Bodensee, near Lake Constance

### Spring Break Programs

#### Archaeology in Peru

- Dr. Warren Church 507-8093

#### Biology in Costa Rica

- Dr. Julie Ballenger 569-3015

#### Art in Japan Program

- Prof. Jeff Kaller 507-8304

#### Servant Leadership in Costa Rica

- Dr. Stuart Rayfield 565-3655

### Maymester

#### Biology in Botswana

- Dr. Julie Ballenger 569-3015

#### Business in Costa Rica

- Dr. John Finley 562-1668

### Summer Study Abroad Programs

#### CSU in Oxford, England

- classes in literature, history and theater, 3 weeks - \$3,250 plus tuition

#### Cuernavaca, Mexico (June)

- 8 credits in Spanish, Contact Dr. Alyce Cook 568-2054

#### London, England (June 18 - July 24)

- 6 credits in various subjects, 5 weeks - \$5,295

#### Paris, France (June - August)

- 6 credits in art and photography, French, history, music, business & management, geography, literature or political science

- 5 weeks, \$5,795 plus tuition

#### St. Petersburg, Russia (May 29 - June 29)

- 8 credits in art, literature, political science, history, accounting or Russian, 4 weeks - \$4,470 plus tuition

#### Bonn, Germany (June 22 - July 26)

- 6 credits in business, German, history, film, philosophy, literature, or political science, 5 weeks - \$4,650 plus tuition

#### Madrid, Spain (June 30 - August 5)

- 6 credits in art, drawing, Spanish, theatre, theatre history, geography, literature, or anthropology.

- 5 weeks - \$5,395 plus tuition

#### Waterford, Ireland (July 18 - July 25)

- 6 credits in art, music, history, literature and others.

- 5 weeks - \$4,875

#### Zhengzhou, China (May 12 - June 9)

- Study at Zhengzhou University in central China

#### La Serena, Chile (July 3 - July 29)

- Study history, geography, culture and art at the University of La Serena.



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