



◀ John Prendergast speaks with USC Upstate faculty.



Studies Abroad trip to Italy ▶



◀ Holiday Party 2004



The Center for International Studies NEWSLETTER

🌐 USC Upstate Summer Studies Abroad 2005

The following summer studies abroad will take place during the summer of 2005. Academic credit is available and further information should be requested from the directors of the programs:

England - Culture and Communication

June 29-July 31, 2005

Contact Jimm Cox at 503-5697 or jcox@uscupstate.edu

Europe - Expatriate English Romantic Poets

May 12-May 27, 2005

Contact Catherine Canino at 503-5657 or ccanino@uscupstate.edu

Germany - Graphic Design Program

May 2005

Contact Lisa Anderson at 503-5829 or landerson@uscupstate.edu

Italy - Arts in Italy

May 6-30, 2005

Contact Jane Nodine at 503-5838 or jnodine@uscupstate.edu

Spain - Various programs

May 19-August 14, 2005

Contact June Carter at 503-5881 or jcarter@uscupstate.edu

🌐 Jonathon Keith Barna Receives the John C. Stockwell and Diane C. Vecchio International Award

The 2005 John C. Stockwell and Diane C. Vecchio International Award has been awarded to Jonathon Keith Barna. He will receive \$6,000 in order to conduct two months of international travel and study in the summer of 2005. Barna, a political science major, plans to travel to Germany, the Czech Republic and Hungary to observe and study local environment and waste management issues. Upon returning from his travels, Barna will provide a major research paper to the Political Science Department and give oral presentations to the campus, the Spartanburg community and the University of South Carolina Upstate International Advisory Board.

Faculty are strongly encouraged to nominate potential candidates for the award to Regis Robe, Director of International Studies, Administration 101. Students in their junior year during the fall of 2004 will be eligible to apply. Applicants must also be full-time, in-state students, with a GPA of 3.0.

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Plans for Academic Exchange between USC Upstate, Greenville Technical College and the Greenville Hospital System with Nursing Schools in Ukraine

The goal of this exchange will be to prepare Ukrainian nurses for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), The Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) and the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX). At this time the project would include a visit of Ukrainian Nursing Schools by faculty nurses from USC Upstate and Greenville Tech in March 2005 for a period of two weeks. They will assess the academic program of the Ukrainian nursing school. This will be followed by a visit of Ukrainian administrators to the Upstate to sign an academic agreement. Ten to 15 Ukrainian nurses will be selected to study English and take nursing classes on the USC Upstate and the Greenville Tech campuses in the fall and spring semesters of 2005-2006 . Short-term internships at Greenville Hospital would assess the success of this training. The project will be partially financed by the Greenville Hospital System.

Open Forum on Studies Abroad

In view of the increasing numbers of summer study abroad programs sponsored by USC Upstate, the Center for International Studies organized an open forum on Studies Abroad. The purpose of the forum was to inform the USC Upstate faculty and administration of issues related to studies abroad such as faculty salaries, credits, liability issues, financial aid and budget concerns. This open forum also provided an opportunity to get feedback on issues of importance to the faculty and administration regarding studies abroad.

International Advisory Board

The spring meeting of the International Advisory Board will be held Thursday, April 14, 2005 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in the University Conference Room in the Administration Building.

New Minor in International Studies

In collaboration with Dr. York Bradshaw, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Don Knight, Director of Interdisciplinary studies, the Center for International Studies initiated a Minor in International Studies that was approved by the faculty senate on January 21, 2005. The minor will require 18-21 hours of credit from various disciplines across the curriculum. The minor will be administered by the office of Interdisciplinary Studies but could be pursued in addition to any major on the USC Upstate campus. This new program will enhance the mission statement of the University which reads: "Consistent with the international character of the Upstate, the University promotes a global perspective across its programs... "

Lizabeth Zack, recipient of the 2005 International Faculty Development Seminar in Jordan

Lizabeth Zack has been selected as the 2005 recipient of the faculty scholarship for international study. She will receive a \$2,500 award from the Center for International Studies to attend a 10-day seminar at the University of Jordan in Amman in June 2005. She will study "Contemporary Arab Culture and Society". This program is organized by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE).

The following students have been selected to receive financial support for conducting studies abroad:

Richard Jones was awarded \$1,000 for studies at Kingston University in England.

Nicole Jamison was awarded \$1,000 for Summer Studies in England.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class for the Community

A new English as a Second Language continuing education course is being offered to the community this spring semester. This course is intended to help non-native speakers of English improve basic skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. The 12-week session runs from February 18 to May 13. The class meets every Thursday evening from 5:30-6:45 pm in Room 101 of the Administration Building. For more information or to register for the course, contact Kathryn McLaughlin at kmclaughlin@uscupstate.edu or (864) 503-5675.

Professor of Journalism Chioma Ugochukwu Organizes Second Annual Diversity Workshop Addressing Human Rights Issues in Africa



USC Upstate hosted John Prendergast, former special advisor in the Department of State in the Clinton Administration. He addressed issues of genocide and human rights abuses in Sudan and other parts of Africa. Over 100 people attended this highly successful event. The aim of this event was to educate the campus about international issues and to promote understanding, peace, human rights and diversity on campus and in the community.

USC Upstate International Community Connection: Sixth International Soccer Tournament



The sixth International Soccer Tournament will take place on Saturday, April 9 (rain date Sunday, April 10), starting at 12:00 p.m. at the Youth County Soccer Field on campus. In the past, participating teams included Germany, Mexico, Switzerland, France, El Salvador, Romania, Vietnam and Ukraine. The tournament is free to the public. Anyone interested in forming a team should contact Kathryn McLaughlin in the Center for International Studies at (864) 503-5675.

International Club Activities

The International Club successfully closed the fall semester with a holiday party at the Honors House. The event featured a grab bag as well as international food and drinks. After opening gifts from "Santa," students had even more fun doing a little salsa dancing and playing Twister. The Club started the spring semester with a very successful Valentine's Day Rose Sale. Not only did they raise funds for future Club activities, but they also enjoyed making Valentine's Day a special one for USC Upstate faculty, staff and students. The most recent event for the International Club was the Dance-a-thon, which they co-sponsored with the Hispanic Awareness Association. It took place on Friday, February 25 in the Campus Life Center Ballroom from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. The campus community danced for prizes to a variety of international music. All proceeds will apply to a scholarship for an incoming USC Upstate student with a major or minor in Spanish. The International Club will close the semester with a whitewater rafting trip in North Carolina.



INTERNATIONAL CLUB UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Contact Kathryn McLaughlin at kmclaughlin@uscupstate.edu or (864) 503-5675 for more specific information on these events.

March	International Restaurant Night
April	Whitewater Rafting Trip