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International Activities

Aida M. Alaka (School of Law)

I spent the spring 2018 semester on sabbatical in Eger, Hungary where my husband was a Fulbright scholar at Esterhazy Karoly University. My primary activity was working on my sabbatical project – a book and teachers’ manual – but I was able to participate in activities organized by the International Studies department. These included cultural activities both in and out of Eger. Additionally, I had informal discussions about interactive teaching methods with teaching faculty and co-presented Building Knowledge and Presentation of Self: Making Learning More Interactive during International Week to an audience comprised mainly of faculty from central Asia.

Dr. Bob Beatty (Political Science) led a group of five students on a two-week study abroad program in Ireland and Northern Ireland, UK. In Ireland they participated in the University of Maynooth’s special programme, “Crisis: The EU and Human Rights.” Dr. Beatty also delivered a lecture to program participants on Donald Trump and the European Union. In Northern Ireland, the students studied the current status of the Irish Peace Agreement by touring the divided Catholic/Protestant neighborhoods in Derry and Belfast and talking with former members of the IRA. On an off day of the program Dr. Beatty and the Washburn students walked the famous “Ulster Way” path, a fifteen-mile walk from Portstewart to the Giant’s Causeway.

Linda Elrod (School of Law)

Linda Elrod, Richard S. Righter Distinguished Professor of Law, was an invited speaker at a Conference "Changing Family Forms" sponsored by the University of Edinburgh, March 20-22, 2018. She spoke on "Trends in Relocation: Evaluating a Child's Best Interests." The keynote speaker was Sir James Munby, President of the Family Division of the High Court of England and Wales who noted five law

reforms he would like to see to help families. Speakers and attendees came from Ireland, Scotland and England.



Dr. Gillian Black, Senior Lecturer in Family Law at the University of Edinburgh School of Law, and Linda Elrod

Miguel Gonzalez-Abellas (Modern Languages)

traveled to Quito, Ecuador in March to attend the 21st International Congress on Hispanic Literatures, where he presented a paper, “Selling out the Paraguayan patria: The Impact of Neoliberalism in Contemporary Paraguayan Literature and Film.” While in Quito, he visited the Guayasamin Museum (former home of Oswaldo Guayasamin [1919-1999], arguably the best Ecuadorian painter), the Carlos Fuentes Foundation (in honor of the late great Mexican writer Carlos Fuentes), and the Ciudad Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World, about 10 miles outside of Quito) which contains the exact location of the Equator and the Ethnographic Museum Middle of the Earth, about the indigenous cultures of Ecuador, as well as other attractions.



Craig Martin (School of Law)

Prof. Martin led a group of students on the law school’s inaugural study abroad program at Osaka University in Japan. The new program on comparative U.S. and Japanese constitutional law brought Washburn and Osaka University students together in the classroom. The program came about as a result of Prof. Martin’s long relationship with Osaka University as a former international student.

Dr. Judith Lynne McConnell-Farmer (Education) and a colleague from Park University, Dr. Dong Choi, presented a paper, “Cross Cultural Adventures in Education: Revelations and Reflection in Belize, Central America”, at the International Conference on Education and E-Learning, in Rome, Italy, June 21. The paper was recognized as the “IERD Best Paper Award” for presentation and content at the conference. As lead author Dr. McConnell-Farmer received a certificate and trophy noting the distinction. In Prague, the Czech Republic, she attended the 70th OMEP (Organisation Mondiale pour L’Education Prescolaire) World Assembly and International Conference, from June 25-30. World OMEP is the oldest international early childhood professional organization. Prior to presenting 3 papers at the conference she attended the World OMEP President’s Assembly. As the President of OMEP-USA, she had a seat at the President’s Assembly’s Table representing the USA among 49 other OMEP Presidents representing their respective countries globally. In July in Oxford, England, she coordinated three, 4-day conferences titled, International Round Table Symposium, at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, on the following topics: educational issues and trends; literature, language, and the arts; and, women and education. During the symposia she presented six papers. Dr. McConnell-Farmer directed and lead the eighth annual Washburn University Student Study Abroad in Belize Program sponsored by the Department of Education. Ten students traveled in Belize for 14 days in December 2017 and January 2018 volunteering in a mainland orphanage and a school on two different islands. She gave a keynote address titled, “Young Children in the Caribbean Islands: Poverty in Paradise”, at the National Conference in Undergraduate Research, University of Central Oklahoma in Edmund on April 4. She serves on advisory boards in the countries of Belize, India, Nepal, and Nigeria. If you are interested in knowing more details about the papers and presentations mentioned above, please email judy.mcconnell-farmer@washburn.edu

Dr. Louella Moore (School of Business) presented papers at the Alternative Accounts conference in Montreal, Canada May 11-13 and the Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Accounting conference in Edinburgh, Scotland UK July 10-13, 2018. While in Edinburgh she visited the New Lanark Mills UNESCO World Heritage site. The New Lanark textile manufacturing site preserves the history of Robert Owen’s early experimentation with social engineering in the workplace. Owen attempted to offset the problems of mass manufacturing with innovations in childhood education, lobbied for the legislature to put limits on maximum working hours, and provided medical care for employees. [As an aside, some textiles for Harry Potter movie characters are still produced on site.] Owen is not that widely known in the U.S., perhaps due to his association with a failed Utopian effort at New Harmony, Indiana. Still, many of Owen’s efforts at socially responsible management presage modern trends in education, management, the development of alternative currencies like bitcoin, and even the incentives given to participate in Washburn’s own wellness programs. The Canadian, European, and UK scholars attending the conferences have research agendas that differ significantly from those of orthodox American accounting academics. Dr. Moore expresses appreciation for support from the International Travel Fund and the School of Business to participate in these activities. Attendance at the conferences and the New Lanark site definitely provided fresh ideas for teaching and scholarship.

Kara Kendall-Morwick (English) attended the fourth international Minding Animals Conference in Mexico City in January 2018, where she presented a paper entitled "Intersections of Race, Gender, and Animality in M. Nourbese Philip's *She Tries Her Tongue, Her Silence Softly Breaks*."

Dr. Martha Placeres (Music) was invited to conduct concerts in Italy and Germany in May and June of 2018. During her concert tour in Italy, she was the guest conductor of the Voghera String Orchestra where she had acclaimed reviews by the “Giornale di Voghera” and had the opportunity to perform with award winning international soloists.



During her stay in Germany, she was invited to guest conduct the “Binational Symphony Orchestra Germa-Mexico” with full house concerts in BadArolsen and Frankenberg, as well as performing several concerts in the area as a violinist with the “Camerata of the Puebla State Conservatory of Music”. During the International Youth Music Festival organized by the Christian Rauch Schule, she was also invited to clinic a music workshop for the German School of Jakarta Orchestra.

David Rubenstein (School of Law)

I presented my forthcoming article, Immigration Blame, at the following faculties of law:
Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand (May 2018)
Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand (May 2018)
Auckland University, Auckland, New Zealand (May 2018)

Tony Silvestri (History) traveled to Austria in June to participate in the third World Choral Fest, which culminated in a concert in the Salzburg Cathedral, singing just underneath the organ that Mozart played when he worked for the Prince-Archbishop there. Silvestri also attended the world premiere of his Hallstatt Summer Carol, performed in the town square of Hallstatt, an impossibly charming 7000-year-old community built around the oldest salt mine in Europe. His Carol (for which he composed the music and wrote lyrics in German and Latin) celebrates the summer solstice from the perspective of the pagan inhabitants of Hallstatt long ago. The whole town (and many tourists) turned out in the square to hear the premiere, and the Burgermeister (wearing his ceremonial lederhosen) gave Silvestri a commemorative bronze coin, a key to the city, as it were.



Area Reports

College of Arts & Sciences
Bruce Mactavish, Associate Dean

An inspiring part of the start of each Fall semester are the stories and experiences College of Arts and

Sciences faculty and students share from their Summer international travels. Journeys to new places transform the ways in which travelers perceive themselves and their place in the world. The multiple ways in which the Office of International Programs supports Faculty Led Travel courses changes lives each and every year. Support for faculty travel provides invaluable opportunities for engagement in the wider world of research and scholarship while also enriching and inspiring classroom teaching.

Our students benefit from international travel. Our faculty benefit from international travel. The College of Arts and Sciences finds inspiration and renewal through the following faculty-led programs:

Georgina Tenny, Modern Languages took students to Havana, Cuba in January. They were hosted by Don Quijote University. Linsey Modellmog, Political Science took students on a tour of the European Capitals in June. They visited London, Brussels, and The Hague. Ross Friesen, (Kinesiology) Judy McConnell-Farmer (Education) took students on the “Sports Traditions, Literary Histories and the Culture of London and Paris Program” in May. Sangyoub Park took students exploring Seoul, Korea in July.

School of Business

Dmitri Nizovtsev. International Coordinator

Following a perennial tradition, Michael Stoica led two groups of Washburn students abroad within the framework of his BU406 International Entrepreneurship and Business Experience course. The China version of the course involved Washburn business students traveling to China in May and working in international teams which also involved students from China and Belgium. The teams had to solve the challenges posed to them by businesses in the Hubei province of China. The course also had a cultural experience component that allowed the group to visit Shanghai, Beijing, The Great Wall of China, the Ming Tombs, Hong Kong, and Macao. While in Wuhan, Stoica also taught a course at Wuhan University of Science and Technology.

In June, a different group of Washburn students embarked on a journey to Europe where they teamed

up with Belgian students from University College Leuven Limburg to perform project work for a European client firm. The cultural experience component included historic sites in Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and France.

It is important to note that the travel portion was only the last phase of the course. It was preceded by a week-long visit of a team of Belgian students to Topeka in March, which involved intensive work for a Topeka-based multinational company and was followed by a large amount of work on the U.S. and Belgian clients' projects via social media by a team comprised of the U.S. and Belgian students.

In February, Dr. Stoica also traveled to Brazil and guest lectured at several universities, at the same time looking for potential partnerships. The most progress was achieved in negotiations with the Metodista University in Sao Paulo, where the agreement was reached to add Brazilian students to the international student teams for BU 406 (China option) starting in 2019. According to the plan, students from four continents will team up in winter, spring, and summer of 2019 to work together over social media and on site in China to solve business problems for Chinese client companies.

David Price and Dmitri Nizovtsev traveled to Cluj-Napoca, Romania in May 2018 to represent Washburn at the annual conference of the Network of International Business Schools (NIBS), of which the Washburn School of Business is a member. NIBS is a truly global network that incorporates universities from 24 countries, all of which share the commitment to international business education and to making their institutions a genuinely intercultural environment. In addition to panel discussions, workshops, and extensive networking opportunities, the conference was also the venue for the final phase of the NIBS World Business Plan Competition. The Washburn School of Business team, coached by David Price with the help of a few other business faculty, took second place in this prestigious competition, topped only by the team from the Dublin Institute of Technology, Ireland.

Also in May 2018, Dr. Norma Juma traveled to the 19th Conference of International Academy of African Business and Development (IAABD) in Durban, South Africa, where she presented a paper titled "Social Enterprise Capacity Building at the Base of the Pyramid (BOP): Using Social Bricolage Lens" co-authored with Dr. Jennifer M. Sequeira, University of Southern Mississippi and Dr. Joy Olabisi, Rochester Institute of Technology. At the same conference, she was elected the vice-president of IAABD for the 2019-2022 term. She will be sworn in at the next IAABD Conference, which will take place next May in Tanzania.

Washburn Alumni Association Susie Hoffman, Director

Forty-five Washburn alumni and friends traveled to Provence, Paris and Normandy earlier this summer. After landing in Paris, they took the high-speed train to Avignon. While in the area they toured Pont du Gard and Palais des Papes. Short day trips took them to Fontvielle for olive oil tasting at a local mill, Les Baux de Provence, Menerbes, Roussillon, Gordes and Nimes. One of the highlights of the trip was an overnight stay inside the medieval walled-city of Carcassonne and a tour of the castle. In route to



Toulouse, the group spent an afternoon tasting wine and having lunch at a nearby vineyard and winery. Day trips in the area included visits to Cahors, St. Cirq Lapopie and Albi. A morning train ride took everyone back to Paris where they saw spectacular views of the city from atop the Eiffel Tower. A day-trip to Normandy included stops at the Museum of the Battle of Normandy, Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery and Memorial. It was sobering to see white marble crosses marking the graves of



thousands of soldiers who lost their lives in WWII. A free day in Paris gave Ichabods and friends the chance to explore the city of lights on their own; many visited the Arch de Triumph, Louvre Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral, Sacre-Coeur and Montmartre.

From the Desk of ...

Kelly McClendon, Lecturer/Coordinator, Intensive English Program

During the spring semester, the IEP welcomed students from all over the world again: China, Japan, Colombia, Korea, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, and Brazil. We welcomed our annual groups from Fukuoka University and Chiba University of Commerce in Japan. They always enjoy their short-term course and special cultural activities. Thank you to any who were hosts for their homestay weekend! We continue to have collaborations between IE courses and others. This spring we piloted a collaboration between one of our Speaking & Understanding courses and an Education course called Creative Experiences in the Elementary/Middle School Classroom. Cultural sharing went both ways and students enjoyed this experience. During the summer, the Intensive English writing courses were full, mostly of visiting students from our summer institute. They took speaking and listening classes in the afternoon, had tutoring sessions in the evenings, and went on cultural excursions on the weekends.

Heidi Staerkel, Coordinator of International Student Services

Washburn is fortunate to enjoy a long tradition of welcoming exchange students for one or two semesters from partner universities around the world. After having a positive, impactful experience at WU, a number of these students decide to return to the U.S. or Canada in the future to pursue graduate or Ph.D. studies.

We wish the three following former Chinese exchange students much success as they continue their education in the U.S. and Canada!

Lidong Xiang was an exchange student from Zhejiang Normal University during the Fall 2013 semester. She has been accepted to the Ph.D. program in Childhood Studies at Rutgers University, receiving a generous graduate assistantship.

Kunkai “Kyle” Ye was an exchange student from Fudan University during the Fall 2016 semester and will be pursuing a master degree in Applied Behavioral Economics and Individual Choice at Cornell University starting in Fall 2018.

Yanian Liu was an exchange student from Shanghai Normal University during the 2015-2016 academic year and has been admitted to University of Victoria (Canada) to pursue a Master of Global Business degree.

Andy Vogel, International Student Recruitment and Retention Coordinator

Over the winter break, I had the profound privilege of representing WU in Nepal, India, England, and Bangladesh. We hope to increase our international student population in these regions.

I had the privilege to serve as the Kansas International Educators Chair and NAFSA Region II Kansas Representative and I presided over our annual meeting, this time at FHSU.

The International Culinary event brought world-renowned chef and author Anissa Helou to campus





to discuss her new book *Food of the Islamic World*. She provided a hands-on cooking demo and buffet prepared by the Washburn Tech Culinary Program students. This program is a campus-wide collaborative effort with the support of the Memorial Union, Washburn Tech Culinary Institute, Sociology/Anthropology, Modern Languages, History, the International Center of Topeka and the International Club.

Following, was our sixth consecutive year hosting the Japanese Fukuoka Nursing students for an intensive two-week program touring the local medical facilities around the state.

Later, I had the honor of co-hosting 16 US-China Youth Ambassadors Exchange students from Quzhou #2 High School around Topeka for two weeks.

Qiuju Huo (THS Chinese Teacher) and Amber Schmidt (THS Sr.) helped lead this outstanding experience in partnership with Hayden High school and Seaman High School.

Director Chuong from Broward college visited our campus in May and is working with the School of Business on a transfer program for their student from Ho Chi Minh City.



The International Summer Institute finished its sixth year with 23 international students from Japan and Taiwan participating in the six-week program, which emphasized a rigorous intensive English curriculum and a variety of educational and social activities. A special thanks to all those that hosted and participated in this year's ISI.



Tina Williams, Study Abroad Coordinator, Washburn Transformational Experience: International Education

Washburn Office of International Programs welcomes three new International Exchange Partners:



Cardiff Metropolitan University

Location: Cardiff, Wales

Population: 341,000

Language: English

Currency: GBP (£)

Web: www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/international/Pages/



Cardiff University has been named the most cost-effective student city in the UK, it has a significant number of students – around 80,000. As the Welsh capital, Cardiff boasts an excellent year-round calendar of events, hosting major sporting events like the Rugby World Cup and annual six nations championships, major theatre productions, and big-name touring comedy acts and musicians. In addition, there are a variety of quirkier events like street food festivals, pop-ups, and secret cinemas, not to mention the activities and events organized for students.

University of Belgrade - Faculty of Economics

Location: Belgrade, Serbia

Population: 1,700,000

Language: Serbian

Currency: dinar (RSD)

Web: bg.ac.rs/en/students/students.php

Located at the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers, Belgrade is a capital city rich in history and

rapidly moving toward a renewed future. Fittingly known as the "Gateway to the Balkans" and the "Door to Central Europe", Belgrade is the epicenter of Serbian culture, education, and science, and has the highest concentration of nationally important science and art institutions.



ESERP Business School

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Population: 1.6 million

Language: Spanish

Currency: Euro (€)

Web: en.eserp.com/student-services/

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia. Its excellent location on the shores of the Mediterranean, its



gentle climate and its open, cosmopolitan character make the Catalan capital an extraordinary place to live. It

is recognized as a global city due to its importance in the spheres of culture, finance, business and tourism. Its port is one of the foremost in the Mediterranean and the city is a transport hub between Spain and France. Design, music, fashion, art and cinema professionals are part and parcel of this dynamic city.

The International Programs Scholarship Committee awarded scholarships to students participating in Spring, Summer, Fall and Academic Year study abroad programs. Programs ranged in length from 2 weeks to an academic year. Included were the following Faculty-Led Washburn Transformational Experiences:

Belgium & China – International Business Experience – Dr. Michael Stoica

Costa Rica - Nursing Perspectives – Lori Edwards

Cuba - Live and Learn in Havana, Cuba – Georgina

Tenny

Haiti – International Medical Service – Professor Hillary Lolley

Belgium, England, The Netherlands - European Capitals – Lindsey Moddlemog

Japan Summer Law Program in Osaka – Craig Martin

Patricia Dahl, President of International Center of Topeka, Inc. (ICT)

The International Center of Topeka (ICT) proudly welcomes students from around the world who enroll at Washburn University. ICT became a landmark community organization in 1980 and is housed at the International House on Washburn campus. The overall mission of ICT is to cultivate interest and appreciation on the campus and in the surrounding Topeka community for international and intercultural issues through educational, cultural, and social programs. There are approximately 300 international students from 37 different countries at Washburn University each semester, and hundreds of U.S. students from Washburn visit these countries through study abroad and exchange programs.

At the start of 2018, ICT members greeted many of the incoming international students with a welcoming brunch that featured a wide variety of foods. Each year, ICT celebrates a different country through a community-wide cultural event. In spring 2018, ICT turned the spotlight on Korea. Washburn's Sociology professor Dr. Sangyoub Parks coordinated this community-wide event that was attended by close to 300 citizens. His wife, Sunyoung, prepared samplings of Korean food for the attendees. In spring, ICT members co-sponsored "A Taste of the Islamic World" where award-winning author and chef Anissa Helou provided guests with a workshop on Islamic cooking. During the summer, ICT helped support the arrival of 20 Japanese and 4 Taiwanese students who attended a six week educational session through the Office of International Programs at Washburn University.



A significant service that ICT provides is the free tutoring offered to English language learners at the International House on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 pm during the school calendar year.

Students utilizing these services are international students at Washburn and in the surrounding community. You will typically find ICT members and ESL tutors Anita Epps and Rachel O'Sullivan working hard to ensure that individuals and small groups get the help they need to master English as a second language.

ICT cordially invites you to become a member of our organization. Email: ICT@washburn.edu or call 785-670-1413 for more information.



Congratulations!

The International Club connects international and American students through campus activities in a fun, interactive, and culturally inclusive way in order to help build and enrich Washburn University's community. Spring 2018 members: Linhui Huang, Kaitlyn Rohr, Shuang Wang, Andrew Vogel, Miyuki Nishimura, Huang Linhui, Narumi Hishinuma, Alex Salomon

Pictured are the Presidential Ambassadors for International Students (PAIS) members for Spring 2018. PAIS are instrumental in the success of our students; they help instruct the new international student health and safety orientation, lead trips and activities, hold focus groups and volunteer at the ICT Cultural Event and Celebration of Cultures. The PAIS were welcomed to a spring reception and dinner at Susan and Dr. Farley's home.



Miku Motoi; Sayaka Kine; Shawn Oliver; Yoriko Kato; Hashim Alghafli; Paritosh Joshy; Ana Paula Lima; Alejandro Salomon Rivarola; Lugeine Alshurafa; Benis Munganga; Ling Huang; Rick Bihler; Camilo Navarro Aguayo; Mingzhu Zhu; Haojun Fu; Linhui Huang; Kye Carter; Yue Li; Narumi Hishinuma; Parth Desai; Tite Munganga; Katelyn Rollins

2018 Spring/Summer Graduates

Our office would like to recognize and congratulate our Spring/Summer 2018 graduates:

- Devraj Adhikari (Nepal) -
MBA in Business Administration
- Mohammed Al Madani (Saudi Arabia) -
BBA in Marketing and Int'l Business
- Alanoud Alanazi (Saudi Arabia) -MSW
in Social Work
- Salim Alkhalidi (Saudi Arabia) -
BSN in Nursing
- Mohammed Alotaibi (Saudi Arabia) -
BBA in Marketing and Management
- Mohammad Alqarni (Saudi Arabia) -
BSN in Nursing
- Abdullah Alsobaihi (Saudi Arabia) -
BA in Mass Media
- Axelle Bernard (Belgium) -
BA in English
- Ling Huang (China) -
BBA in Accounting
- Susumu Iwama (Japan) -
BA in Sociology
- Sho Kato (Japan) -
BS in Athletic Training



- Takamasa Natsume (Japan) -
BA in Theater
- Miyuki Nishimura (Japan) -
BA in Art History
- Lu Pan (China) -
BBA in Marketing and Management
- Sushil Panta (Nepal) -
MBA in Business Administration
- Lakpa Sherpa (Nepal) -
MSW in Social Work
- Raju Thapaliya (Nepal) -
BS in Computer Information Science
- Shuang Wang (China) -
BBA in Finance and Management
- Shaoyun Wang (China) -
Master of Accountancy
- Minxi Yao (China) -
BA in Mass Media
- Koichi Yoshisaki (Japan) -
BA in Anthropology

We would especially like to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the following graduates who received Latin and departmental honors:

Summa Cum Laude:

- Axelle Bernard
- Miyuki Nishimura
- Lu Pan —School of Business Scholar
- Shuang Wang—School of Business Scholar

Magna Cum Laude:

- Ling Huang—School of Business Scholar

Cum Laude:

- Salim Alkhaldi
- Sho Kato
- Raju Thapaliya

Feature — Sweet Sabbatical

The Mary B. Sweet Sabbatical was established in 1955 to provide the opportunity during the summer for Washburn faculty to advance their education in other states and countries.



The 2018 Sweet Recipients are: Seid Adem (Chemistry), James Barraclough (Mabee & Student Success), Melanie Burdick (English), Christopher Conner (Sociology & Anthropology), Ross Friesen (Kinesiology), Danielle Head (Art), Judy McConnell-Farmer (Education), Tom Prasch (History), and Sharon Sullivan (Theater). Two of the recipients share their experience below:

Tom Prasch, Ph.D. Professor & Chairman, History

I was honored to be awarded a Mary B. Sweet Summer Sabbatical this year. I can divide my Sweet experience into three basic chunks, defined by territory:

I spent the first two weeks in Sorrento, where I participated in the Mediterranean Studies Association's annual meeting, delivering a paper on Hester Piozzi's rendering of the Grand Tour. And then we used Sorrento as a base for a series of day trips: to the Roman ruins in Pompeii and Herculaneum, to the archaeological museum in Naples, to Paestum with its exquisite Greek temples, to Amalfi and Positano, by ferry to the island of Procida (where *Il Postino* had been filmed). Each night we would return to our hotel above Sorrento and dine looking over the Bay of Naples.

The following two weeks I spent in Rome, where I participated in the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Association conference in Rome, delivering a paper on Thomas Huxley's mapping of races in 1870. And then, for much of the time with classical scholar Cecil Wooten (who had lived in Rome for several years) as guide, we explored the city's ruins and museums: the Colosseum and the varied imperial Forums, Capitoline Museum, Ara





Pacis and Augustus's mausoleum, and Villa Borghese among the highlights.

The final two weeks I was in London. I spent my days at the National Library, working my way through Richard Burton's rare and brief-lived journal *Anthropologia* (1873-75), and my nights going to theatre. Among the nearly dozen plays I caught, highlights included an amazing pull-out-all-the-stops performance of Brandon Jacob-Jenkins *Octoroon* at the National Theatre; the Royal Shakespeare Company's seven-hour (two-night) *Imperium*, seeing the collapse of the Roman Republic through Cicero's eyes (with lots of interesting contemporary resonance), and Joe Robertson & Joe Murphy's *The Jungle*, which transformed a West End theatre into a simulacrum of Calais's immigrant Jungle to explore issues of immigration rights. I also, of course, found time for the museums: Tate and Tate Modern, British Museum, Sloane, etc...

Judith Lynne McConnell-Farmer, Ed.D. Professor, Department of Education

A Mary B. Sweet Summer Sabbatical Award supported my travel to eight European countries from May 27 to July 27, 2018. I was fortunate to present ten papers at five different conferences/symposium in three of the countries I visited. Furthermore, I observed in early childhood schools in Italy, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

While in Rome, my colleague Dr. Dong Choi and I presented a paper, "Cross Cultural Adventures in Education: Revelations and Reflection in Belize, Central America", which was recognized as the "IERD Best Paper Award" at the conference.

In Prague, the Czech Republic, I attended the 70th OMEP (Organisation Mondiale pour L'Education Prescolaire) World Assembly and International Conference, from June 25-30. World OMEP is the oldest international early childhood professional organization. I also attended the World OMEP President's Assembly as President of OMEP-USA, representing the USA among 49 other OMEP Presidents representing their respective countries globally.

In addition to attending the Assembly, I presented three papers at the conference on the topics of diversity in the education of young children, technology integration and research for teaching and

learning in Pre-K, and guiding young children and enhancing communities in Belize, Central America. As my final stop, I traveled to Oxford, England from July 15-25, where I facilitated/directed the three International Round Table Symposium on Educational Issues and Trends, Literature, Language and the Arts, Women and Education. Over eighty professionals presented and participated. Since 2003, I have facilitated 45 International Round Table Symposium (previously titled Oxford Round Tables) 4-day conferences held at Oxford University.

The Mary B. Sweet Summer Sabbatical Award gave me the time and monetary support to travel, research, and study in Europe. I participated in a variety of professional international events which provided forums for me to gain knowledge and an opportunity for global networking among others in the field of early childhood education. The process of traveling, presenting papers at international venues, and observing in schools have numerous benefits. I gleaned current information concerning legislation, national curricula, trends, and issues in the health and education of children. I will be presenting this information to my Washburn University students in the early childhood education courses which I teach in the Department of Education.

