Global Engagement

June 2022 Newsletter

Congrats!
Congratulations to our Spring 2022 International Student Graduates!

Undergraduate:
Lars Pontus Hallgren, Sweden, Economics
Milo Benn, New Zealand, Finance
Eiton Kogoya, Indonesia, Business Administration
Edward Pudney, United Kingdom, Business Administration
Claudia Reguant-Bicardi, Spain, Marketing
Oisin Shaffrey, Ireland, Management Information Systems
Seosong An, South Korea, Biochemistry

Graduate:
Christopher Burgoyne, Computer Science, South Africa
Xuhao Dong, Business Analytics, China
Yueyang Hu, Business Administration, China
Sahar Sanavi, Educational Leadership, Iran

Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry receives Fulbright International Administrator Award

Unkuri-Chaudhry, Associate Director of GEO and Director of Education Abroad & Partnerships, has received a Fulbright International Administrator Award that will send her to France in October 2022. This award provides international education professionals and senior higher education officials an opportunity to
engage in a two-week intensive seminar to learn about the host country’s education system and establish networks with U.S. and international colleagues.

Marja would like to utilize the seminar to expand and deepen University of Montana’s current partnerships in France for the purpose of meeting the following objectives that align with and impact the continued development of UM’s internationalization strategy:

1. Develop new partnership agreements with French universities that allow UM students with no or very little French language background to take French language and culture courses.

2. Explore new partners in France who may be interested in collaborating with UM to develop virtual programming and develop best practices in setting up virtual learning opportunities/COIL courses with UM’s current French partner universities.

3. Identify universities in France who would be interested in sending their faculty or a graduate teaching assistant to UM to teach elementary French language courses at UM.

4. Develop dual degrees with selected French universities in STEM fields.

**Fulbright Scholar Awards** are prestigious and competitive fellowships that provide unique opportunities for scholars to teach and conduct research abroad. Fulbright scholars also play a critical role in U.S. public diplomacy, establishing long-term relationships between people and nations. Alumni include 61 Nobel Laureates, 89 Pulitzer Prize winners, 76 MacArthur Fellows, and thousands of leaders and world-renowned experts in academia and many other fields across the private, public, and non-profit sectors.

Congratulations, Marja!

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**Dr. Phyllis Ngai: Distinguished Service to International Education Award Recipient**

Congratulations to Dr. Phyllis Ngai, Director of International Development Studies, for earning the 2022 Distinguished Service to International Education
Award!

Dr. Ngai has spearheaded multiple initiatives for global engagement at the university.

Newest Publication by Ruth Vanita

Just out from Oxford University Press, this book discusses debates between men and women of all varnas, around questions of gender, varna and animals. This book makes the radical argument that the dharma of kindness to animals is the most important dharma, which is available to all humans.

Available on Kindle but the hardcover should be released soon.
SRAS, Education First (EF), and now NexStep

The University of Montana now serves as School of Record (SOR) for NexStep Connections. Any student worldwide who successfully completes a NexStep virtual international internship program may obtain and present to their home institution a University of Montana transcript for credit. Donna Anderson, SIO & Executive Director, Global Engagement Office, explained, “Students can earn credit from the University of Montana while building essential 21st-century skills, knowledge, and experience sought by today’s employers around the globe. At UM, we talk about preparing students to be tomorrow-proof by developing skills needed to reinvent themselves over and over. NexStep prepares students to future-proof their career in an ever-changing world.”

JRPC community dialogue

The English Language Institute has been collaborating with the Jeanette Rankin Peace Center since 2013 to bring Humphrey Dialogues to the community. Each Humphrey Fellow will give a 15-minute presentation on their country, culture, and work. The presentations are followed by a panel discussion in which we
encourage community members to ask questions and engage in discussion with the Humphrey Fellows.

June 2: Agriculture, Rural Development & Sustainable Lands: Carlos Morais (Brazil), Tamia Quilumbaqui Cushcagua (Ecuador), Jesualdo Asuaga (Colombia)

June 9: Natural Resources, Environment, Climate change, & Urban Planning: Namory (Bouba) Keita (Mali), and Jean Marie Nizigiyimana (Burundi)

June 16: Health & Substance Abuse, Communication & Journalism: Sambo Guemgo (Chad), Jean Michel Iyamuremye (Rwanda), Anastasia Zhukova (Russia)

June 23: Finance, Public Policy & Urban Planning: Chrystelle Dohou (Benin), Margarita Musante (Argentina), Falume Dade (Mozambique)

July 7: Human Trafficking & Human Rights: Lema Birhane (Ethiopia), Diego Andres Cabrita Mora (Uruguay), Christine Nyiranshimiyanana (Rwanda)

For questions please email: global.engagement@umontana.edu
More on the Humphrey Fellowship Program is found here

Become a Conversation Partner

The English Language Institute is looking for virtual conversation partners for a Japanese exchange program this summer. The program is with Tamana High School in our sister state of Kumamoto, Japan.

We are looking for volunteers who would be available for one or more of the sessions below, all from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Montana Time) on Zoom:

- June 10 (Friday)
- June 17 (Friday)
- July 8 (Friday)
- July 15 (Friday)
July 28 (Thursday)

The English language institute will provide discussion questions to help get the conversation started.

If you would like to volunteer for one or more of the sessions above, send Sara Schroeder (sara.schroeder@mso.umt.edu) a message to provide your availability. You may also contact Sara with any questions you have. If you have any friends or family members who may be interested in volunteering, please feel free to share this message with them!

Now Hiring!

Global Engagement Office Manager and ELI Program Assistant

The **Global Engagement Office** invites applications for a **Global Engagement Office Manager and English Learning Institute Program Assistant** to join their team. The person assigned to this position is responsible for tasks in the Global Engagement Office and the English Language Institute, and will be responsible for interviewing, hiring, and supervision of student workers serving as front desk staff. Limited evening or weekend work may be required for special events.

**Priority Application Date:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022

See the Full Position Description and how to apply by clicking the button below.

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Apply Now!
Study Abroad

Deadlines can be found on our website HERE

Get started by searching the 200+ universities available to choose from or scheduling a ‘Getting Started’ appointment with the Education Abroad Coordinator.

Spring 2023 study abroad applications are now open! Get Started by visiting our website, or attend one of the group advising sessions!

Make an appointment

International Students and Scholars: A Month in Review

The month of May brought the end to the Spring semester and sadly, the end to many of our international students’ time at UM. To say farewell, the Global Engagement Office partnered with the Missoula International Friendship Program for our annual End-of-Year Party at the International House. Grilling, yard games, dancing, and raffle prizes were enjoyed by all culminating with awards to several exceptional student leaders:

**Outstanding Student Group Leader Award:** Roman Stix, Romania
Distinguished Service & Cultural Ambassador Award: Chisato Ozawa, Japan and Yueyang Hu, China

Outstanding International Student Award: Eiton Kogoya, Indonesia and Wiryu Bertrand Lemfon, Cameroon

Wish to join ISS for future events? Email iss@umontana.edu

Mansfield Center

Find more information about Mansfield Center events HERE.

Montana World Affairs Council

Find out about Montana World Affairs Council events HERE. Stay in the loop; sign up for the Montana World Affairs Council Newsletter. Don’t miss out on news or events!

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Peace Corps Strategic
Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Australia was established in 1889 and has since evolved into a multi-campus university with an international reputation for excellence. With three campuses, CSU offers a diverse array of courses, all within the vast state of New South Wales.

CSU offers classes in Health Sciences, Animal Science, Agriculture, Education, Business, Communication, Environmental Science, Exercise Science, Humanities, IT, Psychology, and many more.

New South Wales is Australia’s most populated state with vibrant cities, easy access to world-class vineyards, snowfields and highlands, swimming holes, and
Interested in studying at Charles Sturt University? For more information visit the University’s [website](#).

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**Schedule an Appointment**

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**Education Abroad**

Learn more about studying abroad, or set up an advising appointment for application assistance, exchange paperwork, or more!

Set up an appointment [HERE](#).

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**Int’l Students and Scholars**

Book an appointment with an ISS staff member if you have questions regarding your immigration status, OPT application, orientation, or general life at UM.

Set up an appointment [HERE](#).

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