

Global Citizenship Annual Report 2014/15

Professional Development

Three Santa Monica College faculty were selected to attend the annual Global Conflict and Peacebuilding Seminar in Washington, D.C. This year's conference was hosted by Northern Virginia Community College. The four day event consisted of visits to the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Organization of American States, and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Participants also attended keynotes, workshops, and film screenings and discussions related to Peace, war, conflict, humanitarian work, and more. The faculty will be presenting at a workshop for fellow faculty at flex day for the Spring 2015 semester.

Professional Development Abroad

For the third year in a row, Santa Monica College once again partnered with the Beijing Center for Chinese studies to send 17 SMC faculty and staff to the cities of Beijing and Xi'An in the Summer 2014. As of the Fall 2014 semester, China represented our largest F-1 population, accounting for almost one third of our 3,400+ international students. Time spent abroad included:

- Attending lectures provided by the Beijing Center with topics including history, politics, the spiritual world, and the education system in China
- Visits to sites of historic and cultural significance, including the Great Wall, Summer Palace, Shaanxi Provincial Museum, and the Stele Forest
- A day dedicated to individual professional development wherein faculty and staff meet with their work "equivalent" overseas. Visits include meetings with holistic medicinal practitioners, beauty salons, and filmmakers.

Once participants returned, they participate in projects to "give back" to the college community through working with the Global Council and IEC on projects such as International Education Week, the annual Student Research Symposium, and faculty develop a module in their courses based on the experience gained from their trip.

LA Cultural Tour

Nancy Grass Hemmert and Bill Selby (in his last academic year at SMC), led F-1 and domestic students, as well as SMC faculty and staff on a day long tour of the many areas of cultural diversity in Los Angeles in the Fall 2013 semester.

International Education Week

In November 2014, International Education Week was once again celebrated across the campus community, including the Global Citizenship Festival held in the Campus Quad. International Education Week and the festival featured:

- Fulbright Scholarship Workshop hosted by Athena Fulay, Senior Manager for Institutional Engagement at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). The workshop was held for faculty and administrators to learn more about Fulbright opportunities, and various other professional development opportunities.

- International Film Screening: “Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles” directed by Zhang Yimou. The screening of the film by the Chinese filmmaker was hosted by Professors Josh Kanin (Film Studies) and Xiaozhou Wu (Modern Languages) and was co-sponsored by the Communication & Media Studies Dept., Modern Language & Cultures Dept., and the International Education Center.
- The annual Global Citizenship Festival with booths representing the IEC, Global Citizenship, as well as other departments, free food for students, games, and the annual dance performance by Global Motion.

Global Film Initiative

During the Spring 2015 semester, SMC purchased the 2014 Global Lens series for use by Film Studies, and availability in the Library. The 2014 series includes ten films; directed by filmmakers from ten different countries.

National Geographic Live

Santa Monica College continued working alongside National Geographic Live to bring three more events to campus for 2014-15. Once again, the presentations were scheduled alongside the existing events at the Broad Stage, and allowed the SMC community to attend for free. A total of five speakers gave three presentations, encapsulating a wide variety of in-the-field experiences from Antarctica to tropical reefs. The events included:

- 10/2/14: Steve Winter: On The Trail of Big Cats: Tigers, Cougars, and Snow Leopards
- 12/4/14: Mike Libeck and Cory Richards: Untamed Antarctica
- 2/19/15: David Doubilet and Jennifer Hayes: Coral, Fire, and Ice

Research Symposium

The Global Council heavily revised the Research Symposium application and returned to the one day format for the 6th Annual Global Citizenship Research Symposium. # of entries, # of prizes, # of categories, amount of prizes TBD.

Global Citizenship Mini Grants

Due to a focus in the Fall on the Study Abroad to South Africa program for Winter 2015, Mini-Grants were only awarded for the Spring 2015 semester. The Global Council made recommendations, and Dr. Tsang selected two mini-grants. These events further supported the extended annual theme, engaging students, staff, faculty, and the community to think about Global Citizenship and “Peace and Security” in new ways. A brief overview of these events:

- **Professor Melanie Klein: 2nd Annual SMC Global EcoFeminism Conference**
SMC Professor Melanie Klein coordinated the 2nd Annual Global Feminism Conference, working interdisciplinary with Gillian Grebler, Sheila Laffey, etc.
- **Professor Marlea Welton: Nance Rosen Presentation**
On April 7, 2015, Marlea Welton scheduled a presentation with renowned businesswoman and professor, Nance Rosen.

Study Abroad

Through use of the interest list, flyers, the SMC website, and social media (Facebook, Twitter), Study Abroad information sessions, and announcements by faculty in their classes, interest in the Study Abroad programs of Santa Monica College continues to grow.

The International Education Center continues to work with a variety of departments at Santa Monica College to ensure a successful program. The Global Council and Academic Affairs work on the selection of leaders to ensure qualified faculty are selected. Once a program is ready to be announced, marketing creates flyers, posters, web banners, and closed-circuit television advertisements, Bob Myers reviews program materials and contracts to ensure compliance, and risk management provides counsel regarding safety. Auxiliary ensures deposits and vendor payments are processed in a timely fashion, and Financial Aid (Stacy Neal) works with students to get their programs funded and assists with financial need criteria for the Global Citizenship scholarship.

- **South Africa**

In the Winter 2015 session, two faculty, Nancy Grass Hemmert, Chair of Communications and Catherine Haradon, Professor of Anthropology led 25 students (see Appendix A) on a three week Study Abroad trip to South Africa. While the application and initial deposit due date were scheduled for October 17, 2014, the program filled with 25 students, with an additional 10 students put on a waiting list on September 18, 2014 – a month ahead of schedule.

The program consisted of three weeks of classes on the SMC campus, and three weeks abroad in Johannesburg, Kruger, and Cape Town. The courses offered were Communication Studies 37: Intercultural Communications taught by Dr. Grass Hemmert and Anthropology 1: Physical Anthropology taught by Dr. Haradon.

The program location was incorporated into the classes through field assignments, and excursions to sites relevant to the topics. Students attended classes abroad, volunteered their time at local orphanages and schools in Johannesburg and Cape Town, went on a game drive at Kruger National Park, took tours of areas of cultural and historical significance such as Soweto, the Apartheid Museum, the Sterkfontein Caves, Kruger National Park, Robben Island, and District Six.

Seven students were awarded the Global Citizenship mini-grant to help fund their trip, generously provided by the Global Council. Recipients were required to write a statement explaining their reasons for wanting to Study Abroad, demonstrate financial need, have a 2.5 GPA, be an ASB member, and be in good disciplinary standing. Awards totaled \$10,750 in various amounts.

Additional, the “Art Verge Scholarship” was awarded to 10 students with eligible GPAs from the generosity of Mark and Lani Verge through the SMC Foundation in the amount of

\$500/student. Art Verge was a professor at Santa Monica College who worked on Study Abroad programs through the college, and was a proponent of study abroad.

- **Latin America**

For the Summer 2015 session, Santa Monica College will send 18-25 students, and two faculty on a Study Abroad program to Belize and Guatemala. The program is being led by Professor Brandon Lewis, who will teach Anthropology 3: Introduction to World Archeology and Professor Alexandra Tower, who will teach Botany 1: General Botany.

Once again the program will consist of three weeks of classes on campus, and three weeks abroad. In Belize, students will visit La Milpa, climb the Mayan high temple, hike through the jungles while learning about flora and fauna, see a traditional Mayan dance performance, volunteer at a local Mayan school and elderly clinic, visit a Mayan shaman, tour through the Belize River Valley, volunteer at an elderly clinic, visit the Mayan caves, Cahal Pech, the Mayan mountains, and the barrier reef. While in Guatemala, students will visit the site of Tikal and its local museum and climb the great temple of the Warrior King.