A faculty task group has released a set of recommendations for “internationalizing” UB, calling for new investments in student experiences, faculty scholarship, and institutional mission. The report by the International Strategy Task Group recommends that UB build upon its leadership in international student recruitment, overseas education and study abroad to create a comprehensive international strategy and identity for UB. Satish K. Tripathi, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, commissioned the report as part of the UB 2020 strategic planning process.

“It is imperative that a leading public research university make international education and global citizenship an essential part of its mission,” Tripathi said. “This report clearly indicates that international education and scholarship are a strategic strength of UB.”

The task group’s chief recommendation is that UB leverage its current strengths in the international area to internationalize the institution as a whole, said group member David M. Engel, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and director of international programs in the UB Law School.

“UB’s impressively large international student population and innovative overseas programs illustrate UB’s success in going out into the world, but we must do a better job of conferring the benefit of UB’s international engagement on the entire university community,” said Engel, who also serves as chair of the UB Council on International Studies and Programs.

With more than 4,100 international students, UB is ranked 13th in international student enrollment among U.S. colleges and universities. UB is known for pioneering overseas programs, particularly in Asia, and for having one of the most entrepreneurial international education offices in the country, the report stated. This experience and expertise should be integrated throughout the university, the task group recommended.

Making UB into an international university would enable UB to better train students for “the challenges and promises of the global community, facilitate globalized research and enhance understanding among the world’s peoples,” according to the report. An institutional emphasis on international education and global citizenship, complemented by UB’s proximity to an international border, would set UB apart from other public research universities, the report stated.

“This is an excellent report with far-reaching recommendations which, if implemented, will ensure that UB’s commitment to internationalization is reflected in its curriculum, faculty and research,” said Stephen C. Dunnett, vice provost for international education. “I look forward to working with my colleagues across the campus on the implementation of these timely recommendations.”

The task group proposed recommendations in three categories: the student experience, faculty scholarship and research, and institutional mission. The recommendations include the following:

- Integrate global perspectives across the university’s curriculum and require student competence in a second language.
- Strengthen and enhance opportunities for research and scholarly exchange with Canada and Canadian colleges.
- Internationalize student experiences starting in the first year of study by requiring incoming students to have a passport,

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incorporating travel to Canada in freshman courses and developing introductory study-abroad programs for freshmen.

■ Better integrate international students into campus life by expanding programs that bring together international and domestic students.
■ Inventory and raise awareness of UB’s international activities.
■ Integrate the work of faculty with institutional internationalization efforts.
■ Identify international experience and research as an asset for faculty hiring and promotion.
■ Create incentives and eliminate barriers for faculty to incorporate international activities in teaching, scholarship and service.
■ Promote faculty participation in study-abroad and exchange programs.
■ Look for opportunities for UB to be a positive presence on every continent.
■ Become a more significant international resource for the local community.
■ Develop policies and procedures for international technology transfer, patents and licensing for expanded international research collaborations.

Other members of the faculty task group include Sharmistha Bagchi-Sen, professor of geography; Austin Booth, University Libraries; José Buscaglia, associate professor of Spanish and director of the Caribbean Studies Program; Andreas Daum, professor of history and associate dean for undergraduate education; Mehrdad Hadighi, associate professor and chair of the Department of Architecture; John Ho, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Physics and interim vice provost for graduate education and dean of the Graduate School.

Also: Maureen Jameson, associate professor of French and chair of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures; D. Joseph Mook, professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering; Donald Pollock, associate professor and chair of the Department of Anthropology; Raghav Rao, professor of management science and systems; Natalie Simpson, associate professor of management science and systems; and John Yeh, professor and chair of the Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics.

Ex officio members of the task group are Stephen Dunnett; Beth DelGenio, chief of staff, Office of the Provost; Scott Nostaja, interim vice president for human resources; and John J. Wood, associate vice provost for international education. ☏

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COURSES IN TIBETAN LANGUAGE OFFERED

As a follow up to the 2006 visit to the University at Buffalo by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, the Asian Studies Program is offering introductory courses in the classical Tibetan language during the 2007-08 academic year taught by noted Tibetan scholar Craig Preston.

The courses serve as an introduction to the written language, which was created to translate the large corpus of Indian Buddhist sutras, tantras and commentaries from the original Sanskrit. It is the language of the sacred texts of Tibetan Buddhism, most of which have not been translated into modern Tibetan, Chinese or Western languages.

The courses will introduce students to the basics of the language and enable them to read short textual passages by the second semester. The courses are open to UB students and members of the community, and may be audited or taken for three undergraduate credits each.

The fall’s course is “Topics in Asian Studies First Semester Classical Tibetan” (AS 394). The course to be offered in the spring 2008 semester is “Topics in Asian Studies: Second Semester Classical Tibetan” (AS 395).

Craig Preston is author of Classical Buddhism (with Daniel Cozort), How to Read Classical Tibetan, Volume 1: Summary of the General Path and How to Read Classical Tibetan, Volume 2: Introduction to Buddhist Tenets.

Preston majored in religious studies at the University of Virginia, where he studied under the distinguished American Tibetologist Jeffery Hopkins and other noted Tibetan scholars. He also studied in India. Preston holds a law degree and is an adjunct faculty member of the Namgyal Monastery in Ithaca.

UB students who complete both Tibetan language courses for credit may use it to meet the College of Arts and Sciences language requirement. Courses in intermediate and advanced classical Tibetan and in Tibetan Buddhist philosophy also are available by arrangement with the instructor.

For more information, including how to register for the spring semester course, contact Elizabeth Felmet of the UB Asian Studies Program at 645-3474, ext. 2, or at: efelmet@buffalo.edu. ☏
NEW PARTNERSHIP ESTABLISHED WITH BROCK UNIVERSITY, ONTARIO

The University at Buffalo has established a major new exchange partnership with Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, that calls for a variety of cooperative research and educational initiatives, with a particular focus on the shared border region of Western New York and Southern Ontario.

A major feature of the new agreement is a commitment to jointly establish a bi-national Institute on Border Studies that would be the first joint institute of its kind established by U.S. and Canadian universities.

The affiliation will enhance already extensive Canada-related endeavors at UB, including the university’s new Graduate Certificate Program in Canadian studies.

The agreement calls for Brock and UB to offer cross-listed and team-taught courses, and for faculty from each campus to develop jointly new courses and curricula that will strengthen not only Canadian Studies, but other programs of shared interest.

The agreement also makes provision for student and faculty exchange between the two universities and commits the partners to providing significant seed funding to support joint research activities by UB and Brock faculty across a range of disciplines.

The partnership will build on and formalize UB’s longstanding ties to Brock. These include a continuing collaboration between Brock and the Urban Design Project of the UB School of Architecture and Planning on regional and public policy planning for the bi-national region.

Brock currently is developing its own regional policy institute and is drawing on the example and expertise of the UB Regional Institute. Brock’s institute, provisionally named the Niagara Observatory, will gather, analyze and interpret data about the Niagara Region of Ontario for the benefit of scholars and policymakers.

The agreement was signed on Oct. 1 by UB President John B. Simpson, who hosted a delegation of 10 senior administrators and faculty from Brock, and Brock President Jack N. Lightstone.

Brock has undergone rapid growth in recent years, and Lightstone has plans for increased expansion in coming years. It enrolls some 17,000 students in seven faculties — Applied Health Sciences, Business, Education, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, Social Sciences, and Graduate Studies.

UB and Brock share the distinction of being major universities in close proximity to their respective sides of the American-Canadian border. Border issues, including border security, trade and investment, regional economic development, and tourism, will continue to be among the key areas of shared interest between the two institutions.

In his remarks at the signing ceremony, Simpson recalled a recent visit to Brock. “I was most impressed by the Brock campus and by the ambitious plans that President Lightstone has already begun implementing to grow and enhance his institution while working in close concert with the local community of St. Catharines, Ontario, and the larger bi-national region we share,” he said.

“At UB, we have similar aspirations not only to increase the size and to enhance the quality of our university, but to do so in ways that benefit the larger Western New York community,” he added. “In many respects, President Lightstone and I have similar agendas and both of us see our universities playing a key role in the future development and success of the bi-national region.

Lightstone noted, “Brock University and the University at Buffalo share a common commitment to partner with their respective communities in order to spur economic, social and cultural development.

“We have many complementary strengths and our communities face similar challenges in an age of globaliztion and similar opportunities as gateways of trade between our nations.

Therefore, both the universities and our host regions have much to gain by deepening cooperation between Brock University and the University at Buffalo,” Lightstone added.

Accompanying Lightstone in the delegation from Brock were Terry Boak, provost and vice president, academic;
UB has established a comprehensive exchange program with Banaras Hindu University, one of India’s leading comprehensive universities.

President John B. Simpson hosted a formal signing ceremony and luncheon on August 8. Signing the new agreement with UB on behalf of Banaras Hindu University was Professor Panjab Singh, vice chancellor (president) of Banaras Hindu University, who was making a two-day visit to UB.

“The UB community is delighted to celebrate the establishment of a formal exchange program with Banaras Hindu University, a partnership that will enhance our university’s ongoing internationalization and provide an outstanding partner in a critically important region of India,” Simpson said at the signing.

“India’s importance on the world stage—both as an economic and as a strategic power—is growing very rapidly, and its global influence will only continue to increase in the years ahead,” he added.

Simpson noted that UB is increasingly active in India, and recently launched a dual master’s degree program with Amrita University in Bangalore. Moreover, India sends more international students to UB than any other country. Some 1,000 Indian nationals currently are enrolled at UB and contribute in many ways to the university.

“I welcome this partnership between our two institutions, as it will be mutually beneficial in terms of joint research, education and other collaborative activities,” said Singh. “We look forward to promoting and supporting our exchange program and to receiving visiting faculty and students from UB.”

Like UB, BHU is a large comprehensive research university, with more than 20,000 students in 14 faculties and 124 departments. The largest residential university in Asia, BHU has more than 12,000 students living on its campus. BHU is located in Varanasi (Banaras), the most revered cultural and religious center in India, a city whose origins date back many thousands of years, a holy pilgrimage site for millions of Hindus and members of other faiths.

It is anticipated that BHU and UB will exchange both faculty and students, and develop joint research activities in a number of fields of mutual interest. UB expects to develop a study abroad program at BHU, which has many outstanding programs and will be particularly attractive to UB students interested in studying Indian languages, history, culture and religion.

“We are delighted to formalize our relationship with Banaras Hindu University, a truly world-class institution,” noted Stephen C. Dunnett, vice provost for international education. “We look forward to working with Vice Chancellor Singh and his colleagues to develop a range of collaborative activities of mutual benefit to our universities.” During his visit, Singh toured UB’s three campuses and met with senior administrators and faculty about potential cooperative activities between UB and BHU in a variety of areas.

In addition, he had the opportunity to meet with a number of BHU alumni who are affiliated with UB, including Satish K. Tripathi, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, who earned baccalaureate and master’s degrees at BHU and who invited Singh to visit UB.

The affiliation with Banaras Hindu University grew out of initial contacts made by Tripathi and Dunnett during their visit to the BHU campus in January 2006. Following this visit, a formal invitation was extended to Singh to visit the University at Buffalo. 🌐
UB MAINTAINS LEADERSHIP POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT

By Arthur Page

UB continues to maintain its leadership position among America’s major public research universities in terms of percentage of enrollment represented by international students, according to the latest annual “Open Doors” report of the Institute of International Education (IIE), published in November.

UB is first among America’s major public research universities in terms of percentage of enrollment represented by international students. Its international enrollment of 4,103 students from more than 110 countries constituted 15.4 percent of its enrollment during the 2006-07 academic year, compared with 14.9 percent the previous year.

UB is 13th among the IIE’s top 25 leading host institutions in terms of total number of students, compared with 10th last year. In the past academic year, UB had an enrollment of 4,103 international students, compared with 4,072 the previous year.

The Top 25 in the IIE report is led by the University of Southern California (USC), with 7,115 international students constituting 21.3 percent of its total enrollment. Columbia University is ranked second, followed by New York University.

In terms of percentage of international students, UB is ranked with, and only surpassed by, six premiere private universities: Columbia, Stanford, Harvard, USC, Cornell and Pennsylvania.

President John B. Simpson said UB enjoys an excellent reputation overseas and is one of the most globalized public research universities in the U.S.

“As we seek to build further on our leadership in higher education, we take great pride in our continued recognition as one of the nation’s leading universities in terms of international enrollment,” Simpson added.

“Preparing students to contribute meaningfully to, and succeed within, the global knowledge economy of the 21st century is a vital element of UB’s mission as a public university,” he noted. “Our success in attracting a large and diverse international student population is a central part of that effort.”

UB’s Office of International Education, under the direction of Professor and Vice Provost Stephen C. Dunnett, was among the first U.S. institutions to create an international enrollment management office and to develop an international enrollment recruitment strategy.

“We are pleased that we have increased our international enrollment this year despite the growing competition for high-quality international students among leading universities both in the U.S. and around the world,” noted Dunnett, past president of the Association of International Education Administrators.

“The presence of more than 4,100 international students from 110 countries greatly enhances the diversity of our campus community and contributes in countless ways to the intellectual and cultural life of the university. Our international students are a source of cultural and economic enrichment for the Buffalo Niagara community.”

International students, who pay double the tuition of New York State students, also make a major financial contribution to the university and community. The overall economic impact of UB’s international students and their families is estimated to be nearly $70 million annually.

Satish K. Tripathi, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, said UB plans to increase enrollment of international students by 1,000 between now and the year 2020 in conjunction with its goal to rise among the ranks of the nation’s public research universities by growing by 40 percent, increasing enrollment by 10,000 and faculty and staff by more than 2,300.

Stressing that enrollment of students from other countries is only one measure of an international university, Tripathi noted that a faculty task group last month issued a report commissioned by him recommending strategies for further internationalizing UB through new investments in student experiences, faculty scholarship and institutional mission.

The task group also recommended the integration of global perspectives across the university’s curriculum and to require student competence in a second language.

“A strong international student presence on our campus is a very important part of UB’s history, tradition and future,” Tripathi said.

“We continue to build upon this tradition through, for example, encouraging our students to participate in study abroad and bring their wonderfully enriching experiences back to our campus; through forging international research and academic partnerships with other prestigious international universities; and through ensuring our curricula capture global perspectives,” he added. ©

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JOHN THOMAS STEPPING DOWN AS DEAN OF SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

By John Dellacontrada

John M. Thomas announced in November that he is stepping down as dean of the School of Management, after five years in the post, to devote more time to the school’s global business programs as a member of the faculty.

Thomas was named dean of the School of Management in 2002 after helping to establish the school as a leader in international business education. During his tenure, the School of Management rose steadily in The Wall Street Journal’s ranking of the best business schools, recently achieving a No. 9 ranking among business schools with a strong regional recruiting base. The school also was named by BusinessWeek as one of the country’s top five business schools for the fastest return on MBA investment.

Thomas led the School of Management through a strategic planning process in conjunction with UB 2020, UB’s comprehensive strategic plan, and guided the school to reaccreditation by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

He also created an office of corporate and community relations to strengthen the school’s many corporate relationships and to focus the public-service and community-outreach efforts of the faculty, staff and students as they share their expertise throughout the region.

“It has been a great pleasure to serve as dean of one of the nation’s best business schools,” Thomas said. “My objective was to serve five years as dean and help guide the school into the 21st century. I am very grateful to the school’s faculty, staff, students and alumni with whom I’ve worked so closely. Together, we’ve accomplished many great things.

“I’ve enjoyed working with President John Simpson and Provost Satish Tripathi on major university initiatives, particularly UB 2020,” Thomas added. “UB is poised for great things and I hope to continue to lend my support to the president and provost as they implement UB’s ambitious plan for the future.”

Simpson praised Thomas’ leadership of the School of Management and said he was pleased Thomas will continue to work with the school’s global business programs.

“Under John Thomas, the School of Management grew in prestige, while remaining true to the vision of academic excellence and responsive to the needs of students and businesspeople,” Simpson said. “John skillfully blended a focus on global business, while emphasizing bringing value to employers across our region. Though we will miss him as dean, and I will miss him personally as a valuable counselor and supporter of UB 2020, John is, and will continue to be, a most able and valued global ambassador for UB and for the School of Management.”

Tripathi said the School of Management’s rise in reputation regionally and nationally was a testament to Thomas’ leadership and “belief in recruiting and retaining excellent faculty and ensuring that students benefit from a rigorous and relevant education.”

Thomas will continue to serve as dean of the School of Management until a successor is hired, Tripathi said. A national search for a new dean will begin this fall.

When he returns to the school’s faculty as a professor of operations management and strategy, Thomas said he intends to develop new ways to bring into the classroom the school’s extensive international expertise and connections.

“I look forward to again concentrating my attention on enhancing the school’s global business focus,” he said.

“The global economic landscape has changed enormously in the five years I’ve served as dean. I am excited about bringing to our students and area firms new insights from the international business community.”

Thomas has championed the continued growth of School of Management programs abroad, particularly in Asia. Most recently, in June, he created a new master’s degree program in IT-enabled services, in partnership with Amrita University and Hewlett Packard in Bangalore, India.

Prior to becoming dean, Thomas served several years as the school’s associate dean for international programs and significantly expanded the school’s international programming. In 1996, he established the school’s first Asian Executive MBA in Singapore, followed by similar programs in China with Renmin University and Motorola. In the early 1990s, he also was instrumental in the development of the school’s U.S. government-sponsored business programs in Latvia and Hungary. Thomas has been a member of the UB faculty since 1968. @

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PRESIDENT ATTENDS UB GRADUATION AND SIGNING CEREMONY IN CUBA

By Patricia Donovan

President John B. Simpson led a UB delegation that traveled to Havana, Cuba, in June to attend ceremonies marking the fourth graduation of the Master of Humanities (MAH) Program in Caribbean Cultural Studies jointly operated by UB and the University of Havana.

The program in Caribbean cultural studies is the only joint graduate program ever established between a university in the United States and a Cuban university. Of the seven academic programs offered by American universities in Cuba today by such schools as Harvard University and American University, two are operated by UB—the MAH program and a semester-abroad program for undergraduate students.

During the visit, Simpson and UH Rector Rubén Zardoya Loureda signed a new agreement for scholarly exchange and collaboration between the two universities. Faculty from both universities presented the second Caribbean Cultural Studies Symposium at which papers on Caribbean culture will be presented in French, Spanish and English—the languages of the Caribbean.

Simpson delivered opening remarks at the symposium. He also attended a thesis presentation by the graduating students and a presentation by leading UH scientists on their current research in the natural sciences and biotechnology.

The graduation ceremony on June 6 also marked the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the MAH program, which is designed for American and Cuban students who are fully bilingual in Spanish and English. This year also is the 10th anniversary of UB’s academic programs in Cuba, in which 268 students have participated since the university launched its first summer abroad program there in 1997.

Stephen C. Dunnett, professor and vice provost for international education, noted, “In the recent period, no other U.S. university has had such an extensive and enduring presence in Cuba as UB. In light of the transition now underway in Cuba, it is a particularly propitious time for our president to visit the country in order to reaffirm our longstanding relationship to the University of Havana and our joint program in Caribbean studies,” Dunnett added.

In addition to Dunnett, Simpson was accompanied on the trip by his wife, Katherine G. Simpson; José Buscaglia, founder and director of the collaborative programs; and members of the MAH Program faculty from UB. They are Jorge Guitart, professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, Shaun Irlam, professor and chair of the Department of Comparative Literature, and David E. Johnson, associate professor, Department of Comparative Literature.

Buscaglia describes the Masters of Humanities (MAH) Program in Caribbean Cultural Studies as one in which participants have the opportunity to study the Caribbean on its own terms.

“They gain first-hand knowledge of the complex cultures and traditions of the region through on-site investigations and direct participation in the processes that shape everyday life,” he explains. “The program offers them the opportunity to spend up to three semesters studying and living in the Caribbean, starting with an initial first semester of studies in Cuba.”

One of this year’s MAH graduates is Reynier Perez-Hernández, a Cuban national, and five are Americans: Kyle James Mittlefehldt, Sugey C. Palomares, Amanda M. Phelps, Meghan Dorothea Hern-Steed and Melissa Ventura.

Upon their arrival in Havana, the UB delegation attended a dinner hosted by UH Vice Rector Cristina Díaz, Dean José Antonio Baujín and Rogelio Rodríguez Coronel, Margarita Mateo Palmer and Yolanda Woods Pujols, UH professors who teach in the MAH program and are adjunct professors at UB.

The UB-UH MAH Program in Caribbean Cultural Studies is the only joint graduate program ever established between a U.S. and a Cuban university. It so far has graduated 28 students, and 13 more have been accepted for the Fall 2007 semester. Another 223 students participated in UB’s Summer Abroad Program in Cuba from 1997 until it was shut down in 2004 by a White House prohibition against academic travel to Cuba for periods of less than 10 weeks, which eliminated more than 300 programs offered there by U.S. universities.

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IRENE ZUBAIDA KHAN, HEAD OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, SPEAKS AT UB

By Kevin Fryling


Khan is the first woman, Asian and Muslim to achieve leadership of Amnesty International. A prominent voice in the fight for international human rights, Khan told her UB audience that human rights and the rule of law are among the greatest casualties of the war on terror in the U.S. and abroad.

“I think today the biggest threat to human rights and the rule of law is fear,” said Khan. “Fear of being swamped by immigrants, fear of the ‘other,’ fear of being blown up by terrorists, fear of rogue states, fear of weapons of mass destruction. Fear is the antithesis of empathy. It destroys our shared understanding and our shared humanity because it converts the other into a threat.”

She pointed out that the rising role of “fear-mongering” in international politics has brought about increases in racism and xenophobia—including “Islamophobia” in the West and anti-Western sentiment in the East—as well as anti-Semitism, backlash against women’s rights and attacks on human rights proponents in various parts of the world.

“For most people, fear severely restricts the ability to reason, to challenge,” Khan added. “Playing on people’s fears allows political leaders to consolidate their own power, create false certainties and escape accountability.”

“The worst and most specific manifestations of fear and what fear can do to human rights,” however, come from “fear of terrorism and counterterrorism,” according to Khan, who took the reins of Amnesty International in August 2001, only one month before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and remains critical of the Bush Administration’s decision to respond to the event not as an international crime, but by pursuing regime change in Afghanistan and Iraq as part of a larger war on terror.

“By speaking of war, the administration seeks to deny the applicability of human rights,” she said. “By speaking of terror, it’s choosing to apply international humanitarian law rather selectively. And by combining the two—‘war on terror’—it has created a concept through which it believes it can put its actions outside the realm of international law, as well as domestic judicial scrutiny.”

The passage of the Military Commissions Act in September of 2006 represented the height of the administration’s violation of international humanitarian law, Khan added, noting that the legislation amends the U.S. War Crimes Act in order to place restrictions on Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, including denying prisoners the right of habeas corpus, as well as status as POWs.

“The provisions of this act are fundamentally incompatible with international law,” said Khan, noting that actions once considered war crimes under U.S. law are no longer viewed as such and pointing out the act sets a “terrible precedent” as the Geneva Conventions are the first set of treaties which have been ratified by all 194 countries in the world.

“If rule of law has been the casualty of the war on terror,” she added, “collateral damage has been the moral authority of the United States.” Khan pointed out this erosion of moral authority has been a significant factor in the trouble the United States has had pushing for human-rights reform in such countries as China, Uzbekistan, Iran and Sudan, since lack of access to prisoners, arbitrary detentions, secret detainments and unfair trials are all also accusations that America itself is facing.

Several “benchmarks” for which she proposed the U.S. strive in order to reverse this trend include the closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the release or trial of its prisoners in proper courts and under fair trial rules—as well as putting an end to secret detentions and “impunity for torture and ill treatment.”

During her two-day visit to UB, Khan also met with Provost Satish K. Tripathi, Professor Stephen Dunnett, professor and vice provost for international education, and members of the UB Council on International Studies and Programs in an informal conversation about international human rights moderated by Claude E. Welch, Jr., SUNY Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Political Science.

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SEVEN UB STUDENTS RECEIVE FULBRIGHT GRANTS FOR 2007-2008

By Sue Wuetcher

Our doctoral students, a graduating law student and two graduating seniors have received Fulbright grants for 2007-08 to study and conduct research abroad.

The seven winners are among eight UB students named finalists in this year’s competition for fellowships through the Fulbright Student Program. One student has been named an alternate, and may be awarded a fellowship if one of the original “winners” can’t accept his or her fellowship.

“I think this year’s result is just the tip of the iceberg,” said Patrick McDevitt, associate professor in the Department of History and Fulbright adviser. “We have phenomenal talent on this campus, and the more we can encourage students to strive for these types of grants, the more success we’ll have.

“I am thrilled with this result and hope to continue to build on it,” McDevitt added. “The only thing standing between us and doubling our number of winners is recruiting more applicants. We’re making great progress, but the fact is we can certainly do better.

“Sometimes, students are reluctant to apply for prestigious grants like the Fulbright, Rhodes, DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst—German Academic Exchange Service), Marshall and Goldwater because they sell themselves short,” he noted. “However, they’ll never know unless they apply. Equally important, the application process is a learning experience itself, even if it’s not successful.”

The highly competitive Fulbright program is considered the flagship of international student and scholar exchange programs. It aims to increase mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills.

The student program is designed to give recent B.S./B.A. graduates and master’s and doctoral candidates opportunities for personal development and international experience. Most grantees plan their own programs, which may include university coursework, independent library or field research, classes in a music conservatory or art school, special projects in the social or life sciences, or a combination.

McDevitt explained that Fulbright candidates must submit their applications at the end of September for grants beginning the following September. Doctoral students, M.A. students and students who will be seniors in fall 2007 who are interested in applying for Fulbright grants can go to www.fulbright. buffalo.edu for more information.

The student Fulbright awardees and their projects are:

Benjamin Costello, a doctoral candidate in classics who is visiting Cyprus for the 2007-08 academic year to undertake an analysis of the Kourion Earthquake House, a late-Roman structure located atop the acropolis of ancient Kourion on the southwest coast of Cyprus. It was destroyed suddenly in an earthquake in 365 A.D., which allows archaeologists to analyze artifact assemblages in the context of their daily use, rather than after they have been discarded. Although first excavated in 1984-87, there has been relatively little scholarly work on the site and the assemblages are not generally available for examination by scholars. Costello has been given exclusive access to the material by the site’s original excavator, David Soren of the University of Arizona. J. Theodore Peña, associate professor and chair of the Department of Classics who has been directing Costello’s work, describes his Fulbright project as a “piece of genuinely important scholarly research.”

N. Andrew Walsh, a doctoral candidate in music, who is conducting research on intonation and acoustics, particularly the intonation of harmonics, at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Stuttgart, Germany. A contrabassoonist of professional accomplishment, Walsh’s music has been performed by internationally recognized musicians. Jeffrey Stadelman, associate professor in the Department of Music, calls Walsh “imaginative, determined, disciplined and highly productive,” and describes his Fulbright project as “highly original” and “inspired.”

Melinda Wright, a graduating senior, who will study acting in Burkina Faso. Her project is centered on the concept of community-based theater as social education. She will take courses in oral literature and sociology of theater. Jeannette Ludwig, associate professor in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, describes Wright as “one of the brightest, most self-initiating and multifaceted students I have worked with in 30 years of university teaching.”

Graduating senior Karen Corey, who is serving a 10-month teaching assistantship in Germany through the Pedagogischer Austauschdienst grant as an assistant teacher in English classes at German schools. Courey studied for four weeks last summer at the Freie Universität Berlin under a DAAD grant. A member of the UB crew for four years before joining the cross-country squad in her fifth year, she is the first UB student-athlete to receive a Fulbright Fellowship.

Jason Almonte, who received a J.D. from the UB Law School May 19, is in Canada to pursue an LL.M. in international and health law at the University of Toronto. He is interested specifically in the legal issues surrounding antiviral stockpiling regulations and mutual aid between the United States and Canada. Almonte’s interest in pandemic flu grew out of an internship last summer at the

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By Mary E. Cochrane

The six weeks that graduate student Tinashe Mudzviti spent at the University at Buffalo this summer could help more than 100,000 people with HIV receive life-saving treatments back in his home country of Zimbabwe.

Mudzviti, a first-year master’s student at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ), was the first UZ graduate student to visit UB as part of a collaborative program between the two universities to improve the quality and distribution of treatments for HIV patients in developing nations.

Now in its sixth year, the International Center for HIV/AIDS Pharmacotherapy Research and Training (ICHAPRT) was founded by Chiedza Maponga, a 1988 UB graduate and the first clinical pharmacist in his native Zimbabwe, and his UB mentor, Gene D. Morse, associate dean for clinical and translational research in the UB School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

ICHAPRT has been an important component in recent years in turning the destructive tide of HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe, where the incidence rate of HIV has dropped to 18 percent from 25 percent, according to Maponga.

“Of all of the southern African countries, Zimbabwe is the only one that is showing a downward trend,” he said. The Zimbabwean government has launched a campaign to distribute free antiretroviral drugs to 120,000 people with HIV by the end of 2007. However, Maponga said there are more than 600,000 who are in need of these life-saving medicines in his home country.

As part of his work at UB, 24-year-old Mudzviti learned laboratory research protocols and technology, and discovered many similarities and a few differences, between research in the two countries.

Maponga remains committed to reaching the thousands of ailing patients in his homeland and those in nearby nations. His mantra of late is that he works to “build bridges” between Zimbabwe and developed countries like the United States by adopting the methods that have managed to ebb their AIDS epidemics, including drug monitoring, distribution and adherence plans, pharmacological research, education and training.

“Zimbabwe also is one of only three countries in southern Africa that is producing and using its own drugs to fight HIV. The work is progressing and the scientists there want to work to make it different,” he said.

The two universities rely heavily on technology transfer to carry on their collaborative work, according to Maponga, who holds academic appointments at both institutions. “This means that on a given research project, a student in Zimbabwe can be collecting samples while a student here at UB is assigned to do the reading part of the project,” Maponga said.

ICHAPRT early on established a pharmacology support laboratory in Harare, capital of Zimbabwe and home of its university, in order to work together on projects with the UB Pharmacotherapy Research Center (PRC), where Morse serves as director and leads a team of several scientists and lab staff members.

At the University of Zimbabwe — home to the nation’s only medical school — Maponga collaborates with the institution’s lead medical investigator for HIV research programs, and directs a support staff that includes nurses and community workers from Harare.

The National Institutes of Health Fogarty International Center in collaboration with the University of California Berkeley AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP) paid for Mudzviti’s travel to and from Zimbabwe this summer.

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Let’s do the math: 100 days; 1,000 hills; 100,000 killers; 1,000,000 corpses. It was all over in just 144,000 minutes. Over 6 people fractioned and quartered by machete each minute of the slaughter. The accuracy of the numbers ceases to matter; there is no arithmetic for genocide. As Bertolt Brech wrote, “when crimes begin to pile up they become invisible.”

On April 6, 1994, a plane crashed into the grounds of the presidential palace in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, as it approached the airport. The plane had been shot from the sky with SAM-7 missiles by assailants whose identity still remains unknown.

On board was the President of Rwanda, Juvénal Habyarimana; he died in his own garden. The smoldering embers of the fuselage lit the fuse on the swiftest genocide in human history.

Do the geography. Mogadishu is nowhere near Kigali; it lies far to the east and north in Somalia on the Indian Ocean, yet, when the implacable sun of destiny rose above the Great Lakes of central Africa in April 1994 and called humanity to act, Somalia suddenly lay directly east on the moral compass and cast its dark shadow across Rwanda, giving shelter and sanctuary to swarms of killers.

In January 1994, the United States had watched horrified as missiles blasted a Black Hawk helicopter out of the skies over Mogadishu and jubilant mobs hauled the bodies of dead American pilots through the streets.

When ten U.N. peacekeepers from Belgium were butchered in Kigali along with the Rwandan Prime Minister whom they were protecting on April 7, the international community howled in anguish but took to its heels, abandoning Rwanda to its grisly fate.

Mogadishu was still seared in everybody’s mind. Fate played into the hands of the Hutu Power Interahamwe extremists and the gentle, green hills of Rwanda streamed with blood as the tiny nation became a crimson-stained dungeon of horrors.

And the history. Rwanda has often been compared to Eden – with good reason. It is a land of serene, breathtaking beauty. Endless, rolling hills of lush banana groves, misty tea plantations, eucalyptus tracts and sugar cane are sprinkled with sparkling lakes, waterfalls and rivers. Its rich soils and abundant fertility still manage to sustain over 500 people per square mile, though such a burden is too much even for the rich loams of Rwanda.

But as in Eden, Rwanda’s troubles began in Genesis. The genesis of this genocide lies quite literally in the Book of Genesis. And not only because, like the deadly clash of Cain and Abel, Hutu cultivators slew Tutsi pastoralists. The genocide’s origins spring precisely from conflicting myths of origins, in a bitter struggle over pre-colonial history that first turned fatal in the late 1950s.

Over the course of a century, after the English explorer, John Hanning Speke had absurdly identified the Tutsi as the lost tribe of Noah’s banished son, Ham, colonial explorers, missionaries, anthropologists and administrators had collectively forged a mythic Rwanda of two races – one superior: the Nilotic descendants of Ham, and one inferior: a servile, serf-like race of peasants – that was all forgery. It bore no resemblance to any reality.

The Belgian colonizers, who had held Rwanda since 1916, after seizing it from the Germans, together with the connivance of the Tutsi monarchy, exploited this myth until 1959 when, during the preliminaries to independence, the Hutu majority abruptly and diametrically inverted this inequality with their own, equally toxic nationalist myth of the rubanda nyamwinshi (the majority people).

After 1959, the spoils of the nation were distributed among a Hutu elite and the Tutsi became the persecuted. In 1962, when Rwanda became independent, the nation’s first Hutu President Grégoire Kayibanda consolidated the “Hutu revolution” through the scapegoating of the Tutsi minority.

Although he was overthrown by General Juvénal Habyarimana in a 1973 coup d’état, the persecution of...
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the Tutsi continued. The governing Hutu elite stoked the fears of the peasant masses and cycles of pogroms begun in 1959 and 1961 reached their climax with the genocide of 1994.

Do the economics. The Chillington Tool Company in Kenya sold 50,000 machetes to a Rwandan businessman in March 1994. According to Paul Rusesabagina, manager of the Hotel Mille Collines whose story was featured in the film Hotel Rwanda, a half million machetes were also imported from China in the early months of 1994. Historian, Alison des Forges corroborates these claims, “from January 1993 through March 1994 … 581,000 … machetes were imported into Rwanda …. one for every third adult Hutu male in Rwanda.

This was about double the number of machetes imported in previous years.” Discounting the number of machetes already in use among the more than 90 % of Rwandans employed in agriculture, the imports amounted to one machete for every 2.5 Tutsis living in the country.

And read the literature of hate. For days, weeks and months prior to April 1994, as the nation negotiated a fragile peace accord in Arusha, Tanzania with the invading Rwanda Patriotic Front army, made up mostly of displaced Tutsi exiles from Uganda, one radio station captured the ears of everybody across Rwanda: Radio-Télévision Libre des Mille Collines.

Every day, rowdy announcers working for this trendy, para-statal media outlet energetically urged the peasantry to work “clearing the bushes,” “weeding out the vermin” and “cutting down the tall trees.” The hate-mongering popular songs of Simon Bikindi provided the sound track for the slaughter. It was a simple code that every farmer understood.

Tutsis and moderate Hutus listened with paralyzed fascination and incredulity; Hutu militias sharpened their machetes in the hills. Extremist newspapers such as Kangura! (Wake Them Up!) fanned the flames with provocative cartoons and editorials. The bloody night of the long knives loomed.

Today Rwanda is a thriving, prosperous almost disquietingly optimistic country. I visited for two weeks in winter 2006 to conduct research on the genocide and the indigenous legal system of gacaca courts that has been revived from pre-colonial times to address the crippling case-load of detainees charged with crimes during the genocide.

The current government, made up of Rwandan Patriotic Front cohorts who had quickly formed themselves into a political party after defeating the Interahamwe and the Rwandan army, have firmly asserted the rule of law and restored peace and security to the nation.

It is an impressive but eerie achievement. Aside from the genocide memorials in every town and village, virtually all traces of a carnage so recent have vanished. I struggled to join together so dark a past with this sunny present, and to reconcile the bustling, industrious, hospitable people of Rwanda in 2006 with the appalling events of 1994.

One of my first actions upon arriving on a languid, golden January afternoon was to buy a cell phone from a small, but bustling kiosk on Commerce Street, a few, short blocks from the landmark Hotel des Mille Collines.

A brisk young businesswoman presided over glass cabinets of sleek and gleaming handsets and accessories. Such a purchase I soon discovered is a community event, almost cause for celebration; the bulk of the crowd at the kiosk were not customers, but merely curious onlookers, umpiring every transaction — keen to observe what was sold, but keener still to offer their evident acumen and advice about products most probably could never afford.

Above all it was touching testimony of renewed faith in a technology that had so dismally failed them in 1994: the telephone. As its name suggests, the telephone purports to transmit the human voice over distances, yet this fickle device had somehow failed to carry the urgent cries from Rwanda to the outside world in April 1994.

All operators are busy; your business is important to us; please stay on the line…. When Rwanda called out to the world for help across countless poor and crackly telephone connections, nobody picked up; they might as well have been calling from the mountains of the moon.

The international community turned a deaf ear; Rwandans learned bitterly and too late that there was nobody out there in their darkest hour of need.

Those who did answer heard desperate pleas of sheer terror to which they were helpless to respond, calls cut short by the soul-rending shrieks and cries of distant friends and loved ones being cruelly slaughtered on the other end of the line before the receiver fell silent and they were left in anguish and horror to imagine the rest.

Since the days when Speke gazed upon Lake Victoria and declared it to be the source of the Nile, Rwanda has seized that honor. There are two tiny streams in the southwest that are the headwaters of the Nile River.

Today there is even a brand of bottled water sold across Rwanda called La Source du Nil. But, in 1994, Rwanda claimed a grisly pre-eminence as “la source du nihil,” the origin of fresh annihilation and the latest chapter of human darkness.

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NEW ARTS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN FRANCE

By Erica Pastore

This past July, my fellow students in the UB Masters in Arts Management Program and I attended a unique study abroad program in Gattières, France, directed by Professor Ruth Bereson, founding director of the Arts Management Program.

The program was inspired by and evolved from a visit to UB last year by one of the program’s Distinguished Affiliated Scholars—Professor Pierre Guillet de Monthoux, author of The Art Firm and documentary director of Masters of Business Art.

During his visit to Buffalo, de Monthoux introduced us to concepts of the potential interplay between the arts and management. Students and practitioners from the community were present at the film screening at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center which generated the design and implementation of a truly unique and dynamic study abroad workshop.

As a group of first-year students, the density of both the film and the book was quite challenging, requiring us to develop an understanding of European philosophical viewpoints and connect them to critical art movements and management theory in order to grasp the concept of the interplay between art and business and how they could be applied to real world models.

It was in Gattières, a small mountain village in the south of France, that we were able to see real-world models through our encounters with artists, companies, politicians, scholars and art firms and forms of many kinds. From the moment of our arrival in Gattières, our workshop ran nonstop and at full speed.

A complete schedule of workshop activities, with photographs and web links is available at: www.artsmanagement.buffalo.edu/summer_school

Our excursions to many arts organizations in the region were a highlight of the program—from our trip to Nice to the Chagall National Museum and the Musée d’art moderne et d’art contemporain, where we were given a tour of the Michelangelo Pistoletto exhibition by the museum’s director, Gilbert Perlain, and then guided through the studio of the École de Nice artist Sosno by the artist himself.

We also visited the Rosary Chapel designed by Henri Matisse and the Fondation Maeght in St. Paul de Vence, the Association d’Artistes Plasticiens and the Centre international d’art contemporain in Carros, to meet with the director.

We visited local artist studios in addition to Malongo Coffee company, which is an example of an art firm in action, bringing together practices of fair trade and arts management in the creation of its own museum and theatres.

But the highlight for me was our visit to the Fondation Hartung-Bergman in Antibes, where the foundation’s director, François Hers, spoke to us about the foundation’s mission and a unique public art program, Les nouveaux commanditaires.

As a result of this meeting, I received an invitation from Ms. Hers to conduct research into their new web-based archival methods and will be returning there in January 2008 sponsored.

In addition to the excursions and on-site explanations, we had wonderful presentations by a remarkable range of speakers—from the program professors who gave extensive lectures during our daily tours by bus to those by Professor Romain Laufer, Chair of Marketing at the HEC School of Management in Paris, on art and marketing from revolutionary to post-modern France, and by Professor Graeme Sullivan from Teacher’s College, Columbia University on the Venice Biennale.

The cultural and historical visits helped us frame our understanding of the workshop material. We were led through Gattières by Dr. Carl Wahren, former Head of the Aid Management Division of OECD, who explained its history and recent artistic resurgence.

We hiked to the vineyard of Georges Rasse to enjoy a meal of regional products and gain a geo/historical understanding of the region.

In addition, there was a panel discussion on the arts, culture and policy at the regional and national level in France with members of the artistic and political community of the village as well as the nightly film screenings. To wrap it all we enjoyed a celebratory dinner at Le Beau Site which was our program headquarters in which local artists played French and American music.

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NEW EXCHANGE WITH LEADING ENGINEERING SCHOOL IN FRANCE

By Tommaso Melodia

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University at Buffalo, and in particular the Department of Electrical Engineering, is establishing a program for academic and educational exchange with a top French Engineering school, ENSEA (Ecole Nationale Supérieure de l’Electronique Et Des Ses Applications).

ENSEA is located in Cergy, a commune in the northwestern suburbs of Paris, located 17 miles from the center of Paris.

The program has two main strategic goals for UB. First, it is aimed at giving the opportunity to top UB undergraduate students to spend a semester in a leading European institution, where they will be taught by first-class instructors, have the opportunity to understand the culture of the hosting country, travel around Europe during vacations, and enrich their educational background.

The second objective is to expose the research activities and facilities of the Department of Electrical Engineering at UB to graduate students coming from ENSEA. This will give us the opportunity to recruit strong students for our Ph.D. program and increase the reputation of our graduate program in Europe and in France in particular.

A delegation from ENSEA, composed of Professor Philippe Marc, Director of ENSEA’s exchange programs and Professor Carine Sabouraud-Muller, instructor in Electronics, accompanied by Dr. Vanita Misquita, from the Illinois Institute of Technology, which also participates in the Exchange Program with ENSEA, visited UB at the end of August 2007 to finalize the agreement.

They had meetings with Professor Harvey Stenger, the dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences; Professor Vladimir Mitin, chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering; John Wood, Associate Vice Provost for International Education; Melissa Polasik, Director of Study Abroad Programs; and Prof. Tommaso Melodia, who is responsible for the exchange program for the Department of Electrical Engineering.

The exchange program has been very successful in its initial stages. Five fifth-year students from ENSEA are already at UB, where they are completing course work toward a UB Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

They are also working on a six-month research thesis under UB faculty supervision. These students will receive a master’s degree from UB upon satisfaction of all UB degree requirements, and upon receipt of their Diplôme d’Ingénieur degree from ENSEA.

UB is in the process of nominating undergraduate students that will go to ENSEA for a full semester of course work taught in English by ENSEA faculty and equivalent to the sixth semester in the UB Bachelor of Science degree program in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. A number of UB students have already submitted applications.

ENSEA faculty members will offer classes in English on Electronics Circuits, Microprocessors and Assembly Language Programming, Signals and Systems, Electromagnetism, and French Language and Culture. Credit earned at ENSEA will be counted towards UB degrees.

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Throughout the workshop, my fellow students and I worked to develop projects that incorporated our reading of The Art Firm, our viewing of Masters of Business Art, our course work and our experience in France.

Out of this process came student documentary films that created a narrative of the workshop experience in connection to concepts of the art firm and the relationship between art and business as outlined in Professor Guillet de Monthoux’ work.

This workshop and a previous conference—which some of us attended during Documenta, the biennial art show in Kassel, Germany—form part of an upcoming volume entitled A Masters of Business Art?, Volume 3 of the Arts Management Program Occasional Papers series (October 2007). As guest editor of this publication, I am delighted to have been a part of this sequel to our workshop experience.

Now that we find ourselves back in a more traditional learning environment at UB, I think that I can speak for my fellow workshop participants in saying how profoundly our various experiences in Gattières have enhanced our studies in Arts Management and allowed us to ask new and better questions for our research. It has been an opportunity for us that will have great resonance in our future educational and professional careers.

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NEW EXCHANGE LAUNCHED WITH EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN REDUCTION OF SEISMIC RISK (ROSE SCHOOL) IN ITALY

On October 3, 2006, the Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental (CSEE) of the UB School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, formalized an agreement for scholarly exchange and collaboration with the European School of Advanced Studies in Reduction of Seismic Risk (named the Rose School) at the Instituto Universitario di Studi Superiori di Pavia in Pavia, Italy. The five-year agreement will allow exchanges of graduate students for programs of research and part-time study between the two institutions.

The ROSE School was founded in 2000 with the aim of providing higher-level education in the field of earthquake engineering.

All lecturers at the ROSE School are internationally recognized experts in their field, coming from a number of distinguished institutions from around the world. Andre Filiatrault, professor in the UB Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering, was appointed to the ROSE faculty in 2001.

UB’s first exchange student under the agreement, Mr. Ioannis Christovasilis, a Ph.D. student studying the seismic collapse of wood structures in CSEE, attended the Rose School from May 28 to June 22, 2007 to take a graduate course on Displacement-based Seismic Design taught by Professors Michele Calvi and Nigel Priestly from the Rose School. Mr. Christovasilis’ article appears below.

FIRST STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN ROSE EXCHANGE

By Ioannis Christovasilis

In June 2007, I had the opportunity to visit for one month the “European School for Advanced Studies in Reduction of Seismic Risk” (ROSE School) at the University of Pavia in Pavia, Italy, as part of a cooperation agreement that has been established between the aforementioned school and the UB Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering.

The main focus of my exchange visit was to attend the course in “Displacement-based Seismic Design,” taught by Professors G. Calvi and N. Priestley, who have substantially contributed to the development of this method of performance-based seismic design of structures.

Attending this course provided me with a good comprehension of the displacement-based seismic design that has been very useful in the development of my research proposal and the improvement of my skills on this research area.

I appreciate the commitment of the teaching professors at ROSE who effectively presented the knowledge to their students, even if this involved dedicating additional time, after regular class hours, to explain difficult concepts and answer numerous questions.

The majority of the students that attended the course came from outside Italy. Literally, every continent was represented in the course, and it was interesting to interact with colleagues from different cultures, with different ways of thinking.

Although I was a newcomer, my classmates were kind in welcoming me to Pavia. I had the opportunity to participate in sports I had never played before (like rugby that was introduced by a student from New Zealand) and taste traditional foods from different countries that I never had the chance to taste before.

Pavia was an fascinating place to visit, since it is a very old city that has a lot of traditional, maintained old buildings that are being protected by the local authorities. I was very familiar to the way of living and the kind of local people I came across, since I come from Greece, a country with a lifestyle similar to that of Italy.

I really enjoyed the relaxing coffee sessions in the central piazza and the live opera concerts on Sunday evenings. I also had the opportunity to visit the city of Milan as well as other parts of Italy that enriched my travel experiences and appreciation of the natural beauty of Italy.

My overall experience at Pavia was wonderful, and I would strongly recommend it to interested graduate students in seismic engineering and related fields. I am most grateful to my advisor, Professor Andre Filiatrault, for recommending this opportunity and providing the funds that made it possible.
TEACHING IN SINGAPORE OFFERS MANY BENEFITS TO UB FACULTY

By George A. Barnett

This summer I had the privilege to teach in Singapore as part of the University of Buffalo’s B.A. program in Communication at Singapore Institute of Management (SIM). It was an extraordinary experience.

Although I had been to East Asia (China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan) many times to give invited lectures, attend conferences and simply to vacation, the time in Singapore was special. The six weeks I spent provided me with the opportunity to become immersed in a truly unique culture.

Singapore is a modern first-world island nation at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, in Southeast Asia. It has a population of about 4.5 million people from three ethnic groups—Chinese, Malay and Indian, along with a large number of expatriate from the rest of Asia, North America, Australia and Europe. On an island one-quarter the size of Rhode Island, the people intermingle without any outward signs of conflict to produce a multi-cultural mosaic as rich as any in the world, creating a unique Indo-Chinese culture.

Take the food for instance. All over the island there are open-air pavilions with tables and chairs surrounded by vendors called hawkers, each selling a special “fast food” dish. There are upscale versions of the hawker centers called food courts where you can eat these delicacies in an air-conditioned setting.

In a recent article in the New Yorker, Calvin Trillin describes the wide variety of Singaporean dishes available including laksa, chicken and rice, chili or pepper crabs, char kway teow, fish head curry and my personal favorite, popiah—a spicy vegetarian mu shu with peanuts. There are restaurants in Singapore, too, that serve every ethnic food under the sun—Vietnamese, Thai, Japanese, Indonesian, Italian, Turkish, and even American fast food—MacDonalds and Subway.

Two colleagues teaching in the School of Management program at SIM, Kalpesh Desai and Prasad Balkundi, took every opportunity to take me to Little India, a neighborhood of shops selling goods and produce from India and restaurants that specialize in South Indian food from the state of Tamil Nadu. It was like being in Chennai. There is also a Chinatown and a Malay district called Arab Street.

While the primary pastime for Singaporeans is shopping, an activity that as an academic and child of the 1960s I have difficulty getting into, there are other interesting things to do. For example, the National Botanical Garden is a beautiful park with the most amazing collection of orchids.

There are two great tropical rain forests in which to hike, Bukit Timah, the highest point on Singapore, and the MacRitchie Trails, where I saw monkeys and huge monitor lizards. Singapore also has great museums.

The Asian Civilization Museum is world class with an amazing collection of artifacts from China, India, the Middle East and especially, Southeast Asia, which helped me understand the cultural richness that is the foundation for contemporary Singapore.

As if there wasn’t enough to hold your interest on Singapore, one can take side trips to Bali, Thailand, Cambodia, Viet Nam and Malaysia. I took a short side trip to Melaka, an old trading port for the Portuguese, Dutch and British.

With all these diversions, it was easy for me to forget my reason for coming to Singapore to teach in UB’s program. The Communication students were on par with those in Buffalo. They are demanding, bright students who require the same or more attention than those on the main campus.

While they are more widely traveled, they are still uneducated in the American style of critical and scientific thinking and are reluctant to ask questions in class. Thus, greater prep time is required to come up with relevant examples and assignments, and humorous anecdotes to add levity to the classroom, as well as, the added attention to grading to guarantee that they will understand your intended feedback.

The six weeks I spent teaching in Singapore was a wonderful learning experience. I learned about a part of the world and a society whose culture I did not know. I felt that I made a difference in the students’ educations.

Finally, I encourage everyone in the UB community to take advantage of opportunities such as UB’s programs in Singapore to teach abroad and become familiar with another culture.}

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THREE FACULTY RECEIVE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Three UB faculty members were honored in October for their distinguished contributions to international education at UB.

José F. Buscaglia, associate professor of Romance Languages and Literatures; Roger Des Forges, professor of history; and Shaun Irlam, associate professor of comparative literature, received the 2007 Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education during a luncheon in their honor hosted by the UB Council on International Studies and Programs (CISP).

The awards were presented by Provost Satish Tripathi; David Engel, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and Chair of CISP; and Stephen C. Dunnett, Professor and Vice Provost for International Education.

Each recipient has contributed in exemplary ways to the internationalization of UB. Each has played a critical role in opening up a different part of the world to the UB community in order to promote increased understanding and to enhance the university’s research and teaching efforts internationally. The international dimension has been a central part of their research and writing, their teaching, and their service to the university from the beginning of their careers at UB.

Buscaglia was honored for his pioneering research and educational programs in Cuba and the Caribbean region, which are unique in American higher education. Buscaglia established and directs UB’s undergraduate and graduate study programs in Havana, Cuba.

Thanks to his efforts, the university has a privileged position among US universities with respect to Cuba and its leading institution of higher education, the University of Havana. Buscaglia has made it possible for UB students and faculty to enjoy unprecedented opportunities to study and conduct research on Cuba and the Caribbean world.

Roger Des Forges’ work as a scholar and educator in the field of Chinese history long predates China’s recent re-emergence on the world stage. In the past 35 years, Des Forges has greatly advanced UB’s understanding of, and engagement with, the People’s Republic through his writings, conferences and presentations; his teaching and mentoring of countless students; and his many visits to China. He has also been a great champion of Asian Studies at UB and has rendered distinguished service to the Asian Studies Program for many years.

The multifaceted work of Shaun Irlam addresses the diverse cultures and histories of Africa. His research, scholarship, and teaching have engaged the varied literatures and societies of the African continent; in addition, he has developed and directed unique study abroad programs for UB students to several African countries with highly distinctive physical and cultural landscapes. A native of South Africa, Irlam has led academic programs for UB students to his native country as well as to Senegal and Namibia.

The Council on International Studies and Programs established the award as a way of drawing attention not only to the outstanding efforts of faculty and staff in the international area but also to the increasingly important role of international studies and programs at UB and in higher education more generally.

In the past several years the Council has honored a distinguished group of remarkable faculty whose work in different domains of international education has helped internationalize UB and increase its standing around the world. Their efforts reflect the growing importance of international education for the entire university. ☀
A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Build a better mousetrap, it is said, and the world will beat a path to your door. Develop expertise in identifying, preventing and prosecuting domestic violence, and the same thing happens.

That is what members of UB Law School’s Women, Children, and Social Justice Clinic are discovering as they continue to build bridges to activists against domestic violence worldwide.

The world has come to UB Law in the person of a prosecutor from Brazil, Eduardo Muchado, and a young activist from the former Soviet republic of Georgia, Maia Jaliashvili. They are learning all they can, with the expectation that the conversation will continue after they return to their home countries to try to make the world safer for women and children.

“We are talking about some ongoing collaboration,” says Clinical Professor Suzanne Tomkins, a specialist in issues of domestic violence. “As a result of Eduardo’s experience a program has been formalized where more prosecutors would come to UB from Brazil. This has been a great experience on both sides.”

“We are not training academicians,” says Professor Isabel Marcus, a member of the law faculty specializing in international human rights and domestic violence. “These are people who can take back the things that they learn here and use them in training others. We become an ongoing resource for them.”

In addition, Tomkins and Johanna Oreskovic, director of post-professional education, have been invited to travel to Brazil in March and present to interested parties there on policies and programs that have proved effective against domestic violence. And Jaliashvili has asked Tomkins and Marcus to do work with the Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association, the NGO for which she advocates for domestic violence issues.

More than the nuts and bolts of legal and social-assistance structures, though, the professors say working effectively against domestic violence in other cultures may mean changing deeply held attitudes.

“It is about the transformation of consciousness,” Marcus said. “It is not just a law-and-order question. It is a much broader question about changing the consciousness of families and family relationships.”

Jaliashvili is in Buffalo under a fellowship that Marcus has privately endowed for scholars from nongovernmental organizations, believing that NGOs “are the watchdog for governments living up to their international obligations.” She is hoping that others on the faculty will fund similar fellowships in their own areas of specialization.

“In Eastern Europe there are a number of young, dedicated people who really want to accelerate social change,” Marcus said. “Maia is very clear on what it means to deal with these issues in a patriarchal society.”

But beyond the imparting of knowledge, the professors said, the presence of international visitors has enlivened classroom discussion of these issues.

“This has opened up new doors for our students that would never be opened otherwise,” Tomkins says, citing for example Jaliashvili’s interest in and knowledge of human trafficking.

“They are a very valuable resource for us,” Marcus added. “We are learning enormous amounts from them.”

Muchado works as a prosecutor – a kind of public advocate – in the Minas Gerais state of Brazil. He said his government sent two prosecutors abroad for training – one to Italy to study organized crime, and himself to Buffalo.

Now, he said, is an opportune time for his training.

“Something is starting to happen in the domestic violence area in Brazil,” he says. “The government is so excited about this that we received two prosecutors this month in order to build a bridge to UB. We just had the first public prosecution office open in Brazil to take care of domestic violence cases – an office like an American district attorney’s office”

We are pretty naive about domestic violence in Brazil,” he says. “We have treated domestic violence like an anger management program. That is not working.”

Prosecutors, he said, are in a position to effect real change. “We can sue the government in order to really pursue changes in many areas,” Muchado says. “That is our major job today, to sue the government to make sure human rights are working. For example, we want to create some shelters, and we can sue the government in order to oblige the government to make these shelters.

Jaliashvili works on domestic violence issues for the Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association, founded in 1994. With 600 members, it advocates for the rule of law and against human rights abuses, and provides free legal services to needy persons in Georgia. It also hopes to establish a law school in the former Soviet republic.

Jaliashvili helped to create a shelter there – the only one so far. She also works as a consultant on human trafficking, representing both victims of domestic violence and victims of trafficking. “Domestic violence law is really new in our country, only about one year old,” she says. “The experience of people in our country with this is not very high. I am trying to get as much information as I can, to use for my country.”

Her organization advises the Georgian government on the drafting of laws, and Jaliashvili said what she has learned at UB Law will help her to recommend how to address shortcomings in the current domestic violence law. “As the law gets older, you understand where the gaps are,” she says. “As soon as I go back home, I know what I have to offer the government.”

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CROSS-BORDER STUDY RELEASED BY REGIONAL INSTITUTE

By Rachel M. Teaman

Thousands of Southern Ontarians cross into Western New York to attend local colleges, visit hospitals, use the airport and attend sporting events. Western New Yorkers head to Ontario for recreation, to visit vacation homes and to provide banking and legal services to Ontario businesses.

And this is only a fraction of the border’s 15 million annual crossings for personal travel. Additionally, $75 billion in commodities traversed the Niagara River in 2006, making this border crossing the second busiest in volume along the U.S.-Canada boundary.

These are among the findings unveiled recently by the UB Regional Institute at a briefing for its “Region’s Edge” research initiative, which seeks to build understanding of the scope and significance of the cross-border network encompassing the Western New York-Southern Ontario region. Nearly 100 binational regional leaders from the public, private, nonprofit and academic sectors attended a briefing on the North Campus.

“Our preliminary findings tell a striking story about how residents, businesses and institutions on both sides of the border interact,” said Kathryn Bryk Friedman, institute deputy director and Region’s Edge project director. “It’s a story of interdependency and opportunity—for economic development, border security and governance, among other critical international issues.”

For example, the Western New York-Southern Ontario border is a linchpin of the integrated North American supply chain that sends goods across the border to the entire eastern half of the United States.

“We have tremendous opportunity from a trade perspective to move forward,” said Patrick J. Whalen, trade consultant for the World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara, who sat on a panel at the briefing to discuss the institute’s findings with the audience. Motor vehicles and parts, energy products, pharmaceuticals, metals and media (books, magazines, DVDs, etc.) are among the top commodities crossing the Niagara River.

At the regional scale, the scope of foreign direct investment across the border sheds light on a diverse cross-border economy. In 2006-07, 168 parent firms in Southern Ontario invested in Western New York through subsidiary firms, warehouses and shares of local firms. For the same period, 28 Western New York parent firms invested in Southern Ontario. This activity supported more than 4,000 jobs in the binational region.

Between 2000 and 2005, more than 1,000 Southern Ontarians visited Western New York hospitals, with patient charges exceeding $20 million.

Several Western New York higher education institutions have significant Canadian enrollment—in 2006-07, 40 percent of D’Youville College’s student body was Canadian, with 23 percent for Medaille College and 15 percent for Niagara University and Daemen College. And at Buffalo Bills home games, up to 21 percent of the crowd is from Canada.

Meanwhile, Western New Yorkers own more than 1,700 beachfront properties in Fort Erie, with a total assessed value approaching $280 million (CDN). Western New York professionals cross into Southern Ontario to provide legal, accounting and banking services to Southern Ontario clients making American investments.

Robert Gabriel, regional councilor for the Regional Municipality of Niagara, also a member of the briefing’s panel, said it is critical that the region be seen—and marketed—as a binational region.

For instance, the Greater Toronto Area is expected to grow by 4 million people in the next 25 years—a demographic statistic that should be promoted by Western New York leaders to attract and retain businesses. And the tremendous cultural assets of Western New York, especially in Buffalo, are just as valuable to Southern Ontarians.

“They belong to all of us,” he said.

Added Friedman: “The tangible benefits of working together as a binational region are clearly evident. The question now is: ‘How can we use these data to inform policy decisions and tap opportunities for increased collaboration and integration?’”

“As we move into the globalized world of the 21st century, a powerful competitive advantage lies in transcending our international boundary and building our identity as a binational region,” Friedman said.

A major research and public-service unit of UB and a unit of the UB Law School, the institute leverages the resources of the university and binational community to pursue a wide range of scholarship, projects and initiatives that inform regional challenges.

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INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF FACULTY AND STAFF

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING
Department of Architecture

Brian Carter, professor and dean, has been invited to join the Northern Way Advisory Panel in England, which assists in the development of public art programs that promote cultural tourism and urban regeneration.

The department organized three study abroad programs—“Global Studios”—during summer 2007 for 33 undergraduate and graduate students. The Sustainable Futures program in Costa Rica—oversseen by Lynda Schneekloth, professor, and Robert Shibley, professor. The Rome program, which engaged students in design interventions in the city using two- and three-dimensional media, was organized by Frank Fantauzzi, associate professor, with participation from Brad Wales, adjunct assistant professor. The Barcelona program—led by Bonnie Ott, associate professor, together with Joyce Hwang, assistant professor; Titus Tarnai; and Barcelona coordinator Santiago Bragulat—focused on designing, fabricating and mapping the city. The work from these studios formed the basis for the 2007 “Global Studios” exhibition that opened in the Dyett Gallery at UB in September.

Joyce Hwang presented the paper “Cultivating Cities: Diagnostic and Projective Mapping” at the International Federation for Housing and Planning World Congress, held in Copenhagen in September 2007. The paper discussed three urban projects, including a scheme developed for an international design competition by Hwang and a group of UB architecture and planning students.

Omar Khan, assistant professor, presented a paper, “Missed Information in Public Space” as part of a panel on Architecture and Performance at the Prague Quadrennial 2007: the 11th International Exhibition of Scenography and Theater Architecture in Prague, Czech Republic. A second paper, “Open Columns: Responsive elatomer constructions for patterning the space of inhabitation” was accepted at Ubicomp 2007 in Innsbruck, Austria as part of a workshop entitled “Transitive Material: Towards an Integrated Approach to Material Technology.”

Sergio Lopez-Pineiro, assistant professor, has an article article “Projected Gamekeepers,” a critical analysis of the work of Eduardo Arroyo, published in issue No. 41 of the Spanish magazine 2G.

Bonnie Ott was an invited critic for the thesis reviews of the Metropolis Program, an international graduate program at the Center for Contemporary Culture (CCCCB) in Barcelona, which addresses urban theory in the context of the European Union.

Lynda Schneekloth presented “Water: Infrastructure and Imaginative” as the keynote speaker at the June conference Urban Artefacts: Types Practices Circulations, which was held in Neuchatel, Switzerland. The conference was sponsored by the Swiss Science Foundation and the Institute of Geography, University of Neuchatel.

The paper “The Niagara International Peace Park: A Proposal,” prepared by Lynda Schneekloth; Robert Shibley, professor; Kerry Mitchell, Manager, Political / Economic Relationships and Public Affairs, Consulate General of Canada; and Patrick Robson, Acting Commissioner Planning and Development, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Ontario, was presented in September 2007 at the international conference Parks, Peace & Partnerships held at Waterton National Park in California.

Mark Shepard, assistant professor, presented a paper titled “Locative Media as Critical Urbanism” at the Locative Media Summer Conference, hosted by the Media Upheavals research group at the ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology), and “Recirculating the Social: Sound Tactics for Urban Public Space” at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HGKZ), School of Art and Design, both in Zurich.

The Urban Design Project (UDP) has received a Niagara 10 Grant from the Canadian Consulate to identify proposals for cross border work among mayors, counties and provinces. The UDP has also organized a series of meetings with Canadian and U.S. Consulates and is managing the BiNational Universities Consortium among UB, University of Toronto and Brock University to identify common research interests related to the greater Toronto/Niagara cross border region.

Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Dong Ho Shin, professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Real Estate Studies at Hannam University, Korea, is the Fulbright Scholar in residence at the Center for Urban Studies. During his stay, he is studying economic development policy and urban restructuring in Detroit and other industrial cities in the Great Lakes region.

Robert Silverman.

With grants from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, Niraj Verma, professor and chair; and Bill Page, professor, led a comparative international urban planning studio for 15 UB graduate students and students from the University of Stuttgart. During a two-week stay in Stuttgart, the group studied the institutional context surrounding commercial development on brownfield sites, met with city officials and toured the region to get first-hand knowledge of “green developments” in Stuttgart and the State of Baden-Württemberg. This was followed by a visit of the German students to Buffalo, where the joint studio analyzed urban reforestation strategies in Buffalo.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Department of Anthropology

Ana Mariella Bacigalupo, associate professor, conducted ethnographic and archival research in southern Chile for her new book “Memory, Forgetting and Shamanic Historicities: The Making of Francisca Colipe and her Mapuche Community.” This research project was funded by a UB 2020 Scholars grant. Dr. Bacigalupo was interviewed by the Chilean newspapers Diario Austral, el Mercurio, and Azkintuwe and her work was reviewed by the journals Revista de Historia y Geografía de la Universidad Católica Raul Silva Henríquez and Revista de Historia de la Universidad Católica de Chile.

David Banks, professor, took a six-week research trip to Kota Kinabalu Sabah, Malaysia to study the personal significance of prayer among Muslims there. This trip, which lasted from late May to early July 2007, was the start of an annual project that Banks will be completing in a year or two after at least one more trip there next May.

R. K. Dentan, professor emeritus, completed a review essay that will appear in a Canadian journal that covers international studies on (non)violence: “Recent Studies on Violence: What’s In and What’s Out.” Reviews in Anthropology 37(1 or 2). Dentan is to be a discussant at the American Anthropology Association meeting in Washington.
Ezra Zubrow, professor, has done archaeological field work in summer 2007 in Yi-ii Finland and at Old Factory Lake near Wemindji, Quebec with an international team of Finnish, Canadian and U.S. archaeologists including two UB graduate students. In addition, Zubrow continues to participate in the “Landscape of Literacy and Disability” project in Canada with Christina Spilman from UB’s Applied Social System Application Laboratory as well as the Disability Rights Promotion International project which is doing work in Australia, Cameroon, Canada, Croatia, India, Kenya, and Sweden with Joseph Woelfel, professor in the UB Department of Communication. Zubrow has also been invited to be a Distinguished Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study in Melbourne, Australia and has won the Yips Fellowship to Magdalene College, Cambridge, U.K. in 2008.

Arts Management Program
In February 2008, Ruth Bereson, associate professor and director, will be the moderator for the Hong Kong Arts Festival Symposium “How should we fund the arts?” Her presentation will ask what funding models for the arts may be best suited to the rapidly changing conditions of the early 21st century. Each model brings with it assumptions and choices about the vision of society we wish to pursue. Are different approaches suited to different cultures? What can we learn from recent experience? Bereson has been invited to University of Arts in Belgrade in March 2008 to speak to the M.A. in Cultural Management students there, meet with leaders of cultural institutions, and give a public lecture on arts and cultural policy and diplomacy.

Asian Studies Program
Thomas Burkman, research professor, participated in a workshop on reconciliation in Bolivia during summer 2007 and gave lectures in Europe based on his book on Japan’s role in the League of Nations.

Kristin Stapleton, associate professor of history and director, accompanied a group of teachers on a study tour to seven cities in China. She is going to China again in early December with a delegation organized by the National Committee on U.S. - China Relations. The Asian Studies Program is helping to organize a seminar on East Asia for 25 local middle and high school teachers. The first session is December 8.

Department of Chemistry
Diana S. Aga, associate professor, received an International Research and Education in Engineering (IREE) travel grant from the Office of International Science and Engineering of the National Science Foundation. This grant supported Aga and her graduate student, Mary Dawn Celiz, to conduct research at the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIIC), Instituto de Investigaciones Quimicas Y Ambientales de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, last summer 2007. The research collaboration investigates the biotransformation of pharmaceutical contaminants and their metabolites in engineered bioreactors. The host department, headed by Professor Damia Barceló, is part of a research institute of the Spanish National Research Council, which focuses on basic and technologic research areas in chemistry and aims to contribute to the knowledge of the geosphere, the biosphere and to the impact of human activity on the ecosystem. The funding also supported participation in the 5th International Water Association Conference on Assessment and Control of Micropollutants/Hazardous Substances in Water, held in Frankfurt, Germany, where Aga gave a presentation titled “Investigating the connection between nitrification and the removal of pharmaceuticals using engineered bioreactors”, and Celiz gave a talk on “Evaluation of the performance of a molecularly imprinted polymer for preconcentration of the hormone â-estradiol”. The IREE initiative seeks to enhance and broaden engineering research and education activities in currently funded projects by initiating closer linkages between awardees and their foreign counterparts.

Philip Coppens, SUNY Distinguished Professor, gave two lectures at the International Workshop on Charge Density Analysis using the software package XD2007, in Martina Franca, Italy, September 2-6, 2007. The software, which is currently distributed from UB, has been developed by an international consortium, with a major contribution from UB.

Troy Wood, associate professor, and Giuseppe Fanciulli, a research assistant professor in the Dipartimento-Struttura Clinica Medica-Patologia Speciale Medica at the University of Sassari in Italy are continuing their collaboration on the detection and quantitation of gluten exorphins in biological fluids. The third paper in this series was recently accepted for publication in The Open Spectroscopy Journal, and details for the first time the detection of exorphins derived from wheat gluten in human plasma. In their study, two of the gluten exorphins were detected in the blood plasma of persons with celiac disease, a disorder in which the small intestine exhibits high permeability. Because of their opiate-like effects, exorphins may contribute to a number of psychiatric disorders, so their recent results are particularly important because they establish that exorphins can reach the blood stream. Fanciulli returned to UB for a visit in the Fall 2007 semester.

Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences
Donald Henderson, professor and director of the Center for Hearing and Deafness, was an invited speaker at a number of international meetings: the Chinese Otolaryngology Annual Meeting in China in May 2007; International Symposium on Noise and Sea Life (keynote speaker) in Nyborg, Denmark in August 2007; Inner Ear Biology Meeting (3 papers) in London, England in September 2007; and Society of Mediterranean Otolaryngologists (keynote speaker) in Bari, Italy in November 2007.

Department of Comparative Literature
Krzysztof Ziarek, professor, travelled to Sydney, Australia in April 2007 to take part in a conference on body and technology, entitled “Somatechnics” to present a paper entitled, “The Always Already Technic Body.” The conference was organized by faculty from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia.

Department of Economics
Alex Anas, professor, gave two lectures titled “The economics of traffic congestion and urban sprawl!” and “General equilibrium models of transportation and land use” at the 2nd International Kuhmo-Nectar C2 Summer School on Urban Transport: Networks and Spatial Interactions, held in July 2007 at the Department of Economics and Business of the University of Urbino, Italy. Kuhmo-Nectar is an annual series of summer schools held in different European locales every summer and enrolled by Ph.D. students from around the world doing research in transportation in a variety of academic disciplines. It is taught by international faculty who have made distinguished contributions to transportation economics. Following the conference, Anas participated at the 4th International Kuhmo-Nectar C2 Conference on Pricing, Financing, Regulating Transport Infrastructures and Services also held at Urbino, where he presented his research results, “How sensitive is land use to transportation?”. In October 2007, Anas presented “Anti-Sprawl Policies in a System of Congested Cities,” co-authored with David Pines, Tel-Aviv University, at an international Workshop on Residential Sprawl and Spatial Segregation, held in Dijon, France.

Department of Geography
The Canada-United States Trade Center (CUSTAC) has developed formal research links with the UB Regional Institute to partner on major research initiatives including cluster-based studies of Western New York’s competitive advantage in high-technology industries,
U.S. security-related studies, and cross-border analyses that look at the impact of Canada-U.S. dollar exchange rates on trade, travel and foreign investment patterns. Another major research initiative will focus on the employment and economic impact of global outsourcing by U.S. industrial firms.

Jessie Poon, professor, is collaborating with Pauline Cheong, assistant professor in the Department of Communication, and colleagues at the National University of Singapore on a cross-national study of religion and the internet. Poon helped organize an international Geography conference in Beijing in June 2007, and was invited to give a talk at Peking University.

Department of Geological Sciences

Charles E. Mitchell, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and chair, spent five weeks in China in summer 2007. In addition to touring the country, he and his colleague Dan Goldman, a graduate of the department and now at the University of Dayton, presented several papers at the 10th International Symposium on the Ordovician System, held in Nanjing and then spent several more weeks studying graptolite collections at the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Paleontology. Mitchell and Goldman were not able to travel to Tibet to do the field work that they had planned. Nonetheless, Mitchell’s collaboration with several colleagues on the analysis of the end of the Ordovician mass extinction continues to produce new and exciting discoveries: the same abrupt replacement of the local tropical fauna by an immigrant cool-water fauna appears to also have taken place in China just as it did in Nevada – two sites that were on the opposite sides of the globe even then. Evidently there was a massive displacement of animals from high to low latitudes during the Hirnantian glaciation (a global cooling event). It is natural to expect animals on land to keenly feel the effects of ice sheets, but even animals living in the ocean were strongly displaced by this cooling event.

Department of Global Gender Studies

Marieme S. Lo, assistant professor, traveled to the Netherlands to attend a conference “International Migration, Multi-local Livelihoods and Human Security: Perspectives from Europe, Asia and Africa” held at the Institute of Social Studies, Europe’s Leading Centre of Development Studies, The Hague, Netherlands, August 30-31, 2007. Lo contributed to the panel “Migration and Development Nexus” convened by Ashwani Sait, Institute of Social Studies; Remy Herrera, Paris I Pantheon – Sorbonne; and Samir Amin, Third World Network and presented a paper titled: “Beyond Instrumentalism: Interrogating the Micro-dynamics, Gendered, and Social Impacts of Remittances in West Africa,” thanks to the CAS Junior Faculty Conference and Travel Grant. Lo traveled also to Senegal to organize a conference, jointly with Lamine Sagna from Princeton University, titled “Citoyenneté et solidarités financières à l’épreuve de la mondialisation: immigration et développement,” focusing on the role of the African Diaspora in development. On this occasion, Lo organized and chaired two panels one on “Modernité et Mondialisation” and another on “Entreprener et Developpement.” These panels, which were organized in Dakar, Senegal in late July 2007, involved researchers, government officials, and representatives from civil society and international development organizations.

Department of History

Andreas Daum, professor, was invited to a public round-table, marking the annual keynote event, at the Max-Planck-Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, Germany, on June 6, 2007. The round-table, addressing a large audience, dealt with “Popular Science between Instruction, Manipulation, and Enlightenment.” On September 14-15, 2007, Daum organized the third American-Canadian Conference in German and Modern European History (ACC) in Buffalo. The ACC is a collaborative project of historians from UB, the University of Toronto, the University of Rochester, Cornell University, and Canisius College. The ACC aims to enhance the exchange between scholars and students from Western New York and Southern Ontario.

Roger DesForges, professor, gave a paper titled “Views from the Central Plain: The Ming as Seen in the Histories of Three City Walls,” as part of a panel titled “Forging Identities Through Local Histories: the Ming and Beyond,” at the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, held in Boston, March 22, 2007. He was the recipient of a “2007 Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education” given by President John B. Simpson, Provost Satish K. Tripathi, and Vice Provost for International Education Stephen Dunnett on the recommendation of the Council for International Studies and Programs headed by Professor David Engel, on October 4, 2007. He spoke on “The Historiography of China” at a faculty-graduate student round-table in the Department of History on October 19, 2007. He served as Chair and Discussant of a panel titled “Presenting Art Across and Beyond East and West” that will include a paper by Ilaria Scaglia, doctoral candidate in History at Buffalo, titled “The Diplomacy of Display: The Republic of China at London Burlington House,” at the annual New York State Conference on Asian Studies, held at Binghamton University, October 27, 2007. He is co-editing with Minglu Gao (Pittsburgh), Chiao-mei Liu (Taiwan), Haun Saussy (Yale), and Thomas Burkman (Buffalo) a book manuscript titled Chinese Walls in Time and Space: a Multi-disciplinary Perspective, in process.


Georg Igers, SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was awarded the Officers Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany by Hans-Jürgen Heimsoeth, German consul general in New York, during a ceremony at UB in October 2007. Igers, who was born in Germany, received the award for his “outstanding contribution to German-American relations, extraordinary dedication and personal commitment to international understanding, and constant effort to build bridges — academically, culturally and politically — across seemingly insurmountable divides.”

Hal Langfur, assistant professor, organized the panel “Cannibalism in Brazilian History, Literature, and Culture, 1500-Present: An Inter-disciplinary Approach” at the Latin American Studies Association conference in Montreal in September 2007. He presented the paper “Incorporating the Enemy: Cannibalism and its Meanings in Conflicts between Colonists and Indians in Late Colonial Brazil.”

Department of Linguistics

Mitsuki Shimojo, associate professor and director of the Japanese Language and Culture Program, presented a paper titled “How missing is the missing verb? The verb-less numeral quantifier construction in Japanese” for the 2006 International Conference on Role and Reference Grammar at University of Leipzig, Germany, October 2006, and a paper titled “Focus structure and beyond: discourse-pragmatics in RRG” for the 2007 International Conference and Conference on Role and Reference Grammar, at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, August 2007. He has been appointed as Board Member of the Canadian Association of Japanese Language Education and co-organized the annual conference held at University of New Brunswick, Canada, in August 2007.

Wolfgang Wölk, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, gave an invited lecture on “Endangered languages: their assessment and preservation” at a conference on “Ethnicity in Europe” in Rezekne, Latvia, on May 25, 2007. Wölk organized and directed the First Training Institute of the EU research program on linguistic di-
versity in Europe (LINEE) at the Catholic University of Brussels, Belgium from June 18 to 23, 2007.

In June 2007, David Zubin, professor, continued his long term collaboration with Klaus-Michael Köpcke, professor in the Department of German Studies at the University of Münster, Germany. They read invited papers on aspects of the German gender system and human reference at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and at the Institute for German Studies of the University of Münster, Germany.

Department of Philosophy
Kah Kyung Cho, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, published a number of articles in international journals: “History and Substance of Husserl’s Logical Investigations,” in Lau & Drummond, ed., Husserl’s Logical Investigations in the New Century: Western and Chinese Perspectives, Springer, Netherlands 2007; “Monade contra Leib-Seele-Dualismus,” in Catherine Nielsen & Michael Steinmann, ed., Phaenomenologie und das Leib-Seele-Problem, Koenigshausen und Neumann, Wuerzburg, Germany 2007; “Ethical Implications of the Neo-Confucian Cosmology,” in Chao-Shun Gao, ed., Proceedings of the 10th International Symposium on Confucianism and Buddhism, Huan University, Taiwan 2007; and “Continuity of Reason in Science and Perceptual Experience,” in J. Murata and M. Someya, ed., What is Experience? Science and Life-World: Proceedings of II. International Phenomenology for East Asia Conference, University of Tokyo, Japan 2007. In addition, Cho serves as a referee for the journal INQUIRY, University of Essex, United Kingdom; has served on the Nomination Committee for the 2008 International Kyoto Prize (Category: Philosophy and Art); and was appointed as Advisor for the Organizing Committee of the 22nd World Congress of Philosophy, to be held in August 2008 in Seoul, Korea.

Kenneth Ehrenberg, assistant professor, attended two conferences in Europe in summer 2007, delivering a total of three papers: In Berlin he attended the annual Law & Society meeting, where he delivered a paper titled “Law as a Pattern Language.” In Krakow, he attended the 23rd International Congress of the IVR (Society of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy), where he delivered one paper entitled “Law as a perspctival authority concept” and another titled “Justification and Gappiness Limit Law’s Claims to Exclusionary Authority.”


Paul Penner, assistant to the chair, co-presented a paper entitled “Globalization, Protestant Conservatism and the Mexican Case” in July 2007 at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World in Morelia, Michoacán de Ocampo, Mexico. The paper was co-written with one of the department’s graduate students, Patricia Diaz-Herrera.

Barry Smith, SUNY Distinguished Professor and Julian Park Professor, is director of the National Center for Ontological Research (NCOR), which organized an international conference in November 2007 titled “Ontology for the Intelligence Community: Toward Effective Exploitation and Integration of Intelligence Resources.” The conference, which was held in Columbia, Maryland, brought together intelligence analysts and scholars from universities, research centers, government agencies and industries from throughout the U.S., Canada, England, Germany and Japan. The increasing volume, variety and velocity of intelligence analysis in the post-9/11 era has produced new approaches to data and information, which the conference explored. Tools and theories are being created that can help intelligence analysts respond more effectively to fast-evolving threats—to identify religious, family and tribal networks, and to track people, weapons, money and drugs as they take on different forms in moving from one place to the next. One of the plenary speakers at the conference was Werner Ceusters, professor of psychiatry and director of the Ontology Research Group at UB’s New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences. Ceusters’ talk described the referent tracking software currently being developed by the Ontology Research Group.

Jiyuan Yu, associate professor, was an adjunct professor at Renmin University of China, Beijing during the summer of 2007. He was also the director and Aristotle lecturer for the Philosophy Summer School (China—Britain-America) 2007 session on Greek Philosophy, held in Jinan, Shandong, July-August, 2007. Yu gave a number of talks on Greek philosophy in a number of universities in Beijing and Shandong, China. He is also an invited speaker for 2007 Beijing Forum on “Olympic Spirit from Athens to Beijing” in Nov. 2007.

Department of Physics
Dejan Stojkovic, assistant professor, was awarded an Astor Grant by Oxford University to spend two weeks in Oxford, England in August 2007 to collaborate with colleagues there. Stojkovic recently organized the Cosmology Section of the BW2007 WORKSHOP, III South-eastern European Workshop “Challenges Beyond the Standard Model, held in September 2007 in Serbia.

Hao Zeng, assistant professor, gave an invited talk at International Conference on Materials for Advanced Technology on Solution Phase Synthesized Magnetic Nanoparticles and Hybrids, in Singapore on July 3, 2007. He also gave two invited colloquia talks at the Physics Department of National University of Singapore and Data Storage Institute of Singapore.

Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
Eva Juarros-Daussa, assistant professor, presented the paper “Architectural constraints in the lexicon: the two-argument restriction” at the Biolinguistics Perspectives on Language Evolution and Variation Conference, held in Venice, Italy on June 6-9, 2007. She also gave an invited talk at the University of Barcelona, Spain. While in Barcelona, she had an interview with a team from the Fundacio Ramon Llull about launching a Catalan language program at the University at Buffalo, a project that she is developing together with Colleen Culleton, assistant professor, and that is expected to start in fall of 2008.

Margarita Vargas, associate professor, presented a paper at the Jornadas de Teatro de Puebla in Mexico (July 4-7) entitled “La teatralidad en ‘La virgen de lujuria’ de Arturo Ripstein: función social o solipsismo intelectual.” On October 24, 2007, Margarita Vargas will deliver—at the conference organized by the Asociación Internacional de Literatura y Cultura Femenina Hispánica—“Pensando la nación desde el exilio.”

Department of Sociology
**Department of Theatre and Dance**


**Saul Elkin**, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, attended an international conference of Jewish theatre in Vienna, Austria in March 2007 on behalf of the Jewish Repertory Theatre of Western New York, of which Elkin serves as artistic director. He delivered a paper on the status of Jewish theatre in Western New York, and he performed in a presentation of new plays.

**Maria Horne**, associate professor, was invited by the UNESCO Chair – International Theatre Institute (ITI) to participate in an organizational meeting in November 2007 in Beijing and Shanghai, China to establish a World Theatre Consortium of Theatre Schools, comprising some of the best drama schools in the world. UB is one of the associate founding members. Horne participated in an initial meeting about the World Consortium at the UNESCO – ITI Chair’s headquarters in Romania in July 2007.

**Department of Visual Studies**

**Nancy Anderson**, assistant professor, presented a paper in late April 2007 at the conference, “Visualization in Scientific Practice,” hosted by the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto, to celebrate the Institute’s 40th anniversary. In May, she attended, as an invited participant, a workshop on “Graphing Genes, Cells and Embryos” at the Stazione Zoologica in Naples, Italy. At both events she spoke on the topic of architectural models, imaging and microscopy.

**Harvey Breverman**, SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was invited to participate in the following exhibitions: 9th International Engraving Salon – Carcassoni 2007, Museum Florian, Baia Mare, Romania from May 26 to September 27, 2007; 4th Bienal Internacional de Gravura-Douro 2007, Camara Municipal de Alijo in Alijo, Portugal from August 10 to September 10, 2007; and 2nd International Exhibits Exhibition – Ankara 2007 at Hacettepe University in Turkey. This exhibit travels from October 16, 2007 through 2008 to museums and art galleries in Istanbul, Izmir, Adana, Antalya, Erzurum, Malatya, Turkey, as well as in Greece. Breverman was awarded the Certificate of Achievement from the presidents of Hacettepe University and the Ankara Ex-libris Society.


**SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE**

**Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**

The department hosted a group of 26 dentists and dental hygienists from Italy in early August for a continuing education program in dental research, treatment and prevention. The weeklong program has become an annual event stemming from a friendship between **Joseph Margarone**, Jr., professor and former chair of the department, and **Ugo Covani**, a dental surgeon in Versalza, Italy. The Italian participants were divided into two groups and took separate courses ranging from dental implant surgery to preventive oral care.

**Annemarie Phelan**, the school’s associate director for continuing education, helped coordinate the program activities.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

**Department of Educational Leadership and Policy**


officials and agency practitioners in East Africa on How to Make a Student Loan Program Work. Total grant funding to the project from the Ford Foundation is now $1.5 million.

Lois Weis, SUNY Distinguished Professor, delivered the Butts keynote address at the annual meetings of the Comparative and International Education Society, held in Baltimore in February 2007.

Department of Learning and Instruction
James L. Hoot, professor, presented papers at several international meetings: “Early childhood teacher education in Ethiopia: Progress and emerging challenges,” and “Responding to the special needs of African refugee children in the world’s schools,” both presented at the 8th annual conference of the Pacific Early Childhood Education Research Association, Hong Kong in July 2007; and “The role of parents in the educational lives of the world’s children,” presented at the annual conference of the Association for Early Childhood Educators (Singapore) in Singapore in July 2007. Hoot is a candidate for President-Elect of the Association for Childhood Education International.

Michael Kibby, professor, gave a presentation and a workshop at the Chulalongkorn University Language Institute’s 6th International Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in December 2006. He presented “Read carefully, lean back and think: What excellent readers do when encountering an unknown word while reading” and “Helping students learn contextual vocabulary acquisition to gain word meanings from context.”

Xiufeng Liu, assistant professor, was invited to visit the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany from August 26 - September 1, 2007. During the visit, he gave one talk on his research on student science achievement competence models and one workshop on Rasch measurement in science education. He also advised doctoral students on their research projects.

Mary B. McVee, assistant professor, gave a conference presentation titled “Composition of Digital Poetry Texts Using Image, Sound, and Movement” at the 2007 China-U.S. Conference on Literacy July 23-26, Beijing China. Recently, U.S. literacy educators have begun to focus on composing and interpreting text using multiple modalities. That is, researchers have begun to examine what happens when learners combine traditional print-based text with other modes (e.g., audio, visual, kinesthetic) to make meaning. Often, these modes draw from popular media such as film, Internet sites, song melodies and lyrics and the like. Given that modern computing allows people to bundle together a combination of modes (e.g., visual, aural, linguistic) delivered with a speed and complexity that heretofore would have been impossible, important questions are raised about how new texts are created and how they function. McVee explored these questions in the context of a teacher education course where teachers themselves were learning about multimodal composition of digital texts. To create digital multimodal texts, participants chose to interpret poems through new technologies and discussed how they might use these technologies in their classroom teaching.

X.C. Wang, assistant professor, visited the Hong Kong Institute of Education as a visiting scholar this summer. Besides working with the faculty there, she also conducted two public seminars: “Young children’s epistemology and inquiry-based science curriculum,” and “Learning about, around and with ICT in early childhood classrooms.”

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES
Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering
George C. Lee has been promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Professor by the SUNY Board of Trustees. Lee is a former chair of the department and former dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He currently serves as Special Tasks Director at the Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research.

Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Deborah Chung, Niagara Mohawk Chair and Professor of Materials Sciences, gave 13 concert-lectures, titled “Science, Music and Life,” at universities and schools throughout China during a tour in May 2007; all-told, the audience for these concert-lectures was about 12,000 people. In addition to the concert-lectures, Chung gave one or two technical lectures concerning engineering materials at each university she visited.

D. Joseph Mook, professor, was an invited participant in an international education workshop sponsored by the National Science Foundation and organized by the Sigma Xi Research Society. The workshop, which took place at NSF headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, was titled, “Assuring a Globally Engaged Science and Engineering Workforce.” Participants included university representatives from across the US, including presidents; representatives from private industry; and representatives from numerous organizations within both state and federal governments. Mook’s invited presentation addressed the impact of international education experiences on engineering student’s future careers, and the title of his talk was, “Do Globally Engaged Undergraduate and Graduate Engineers Fare Better?” Mook provided considerable evidence that this is true, but noted that conclusive data is scarce due to the difficulty in comparing students who go abroad with those who do not.

Mook has been re-elected to another term as Chair of the Executive Committee – the highest office – of the Global Engineering Education Exchange (Global-E3). In its entire history, the Global E3 has held only two elections for its highest office, and Mook has been unanimously elected both times. The Global-E3 is the largest organization for international engineering student exchanges in the world, enabling engineering student exchanges between approximately 100 universities in 20 nations. There are approximately 35 U.S. member institutions, including a number of top-ranked engineering schools, many of them located at leading AAU institutions. The Executive Committee is responsible for guiding the organization, including such tasks as establishing policy, admitting and monitoring member institutions, promoting new exchanges and other initiatives, interfacing with international organizations, etc. Mook was elected to the Executive Committee in 2001, and was elected Chair of the Executive Committee in 2003 in the first-ever election for that position. His new term runs through 2010. In his capacity as chair of the Executive Committee, Mook co-hosted and presented papers at the annual meeting of the Global E3 in Chicago in May 2007. Mook gave both welcoming and closing remarks at the conference. He also led the annual closed-door business meeting of the U.S. members. During the regular open conference sessions, Mook presented a new study abroad program that he recently established in Electrical Engineering and also co-presented an analysis of an existing program that he previously established in Aerospace Engineering.

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
Department of Organization and Human Resources
Jerry Newman, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and Chair, met with McDonalds Human Resource Global team in Lisbon, Portugal to discuss human resource leadership strategies. Newman and Rich Floersch (Executive Vice President of HR, McDonalds) are writing an article about global compensation policies and practices in three industries: fast food, call centers, and the hospitality industry. Prasad Balkundi, assistant professor, taught a course on Organizational Behavior in Singapore and attended a global conference on social networking in Greece. John Hannon taught a course on Human Resources Management at the Singapore Institute of Management. Brian Becker, professor, taught a course on negotiations to Executives in Singapore.
For the years 2004-2007 Joseph Salamone, associate professor, taught a business plan workshop in Budapest, Hungary. The workshop serves as the capstone segment of The Meszaros International Center For Entrepreneurship’s (MICE) “Entrepreneurship Training Program (ETP).” This program targets eastern European high students and is intended as a vehicle to assist in developing entrepreneurial skills that encourage successful business start-ups. The intent of the program is to aid in the economic revitalization of the region as well as support the performance of Hungary in its membership in the EU. The SOM’s interest in the program centers on creating a “footprint” and visibility in the region that may provide opportunities for expansionary academic pursuits.

Most recently, the ETP has attracted attention in Western New York, secured funding and commenced an inaugural class in October 2007. This local initiative intends to support the university’s outreach educational objectives; contribute to the region’s pursuit of business start-ups; assist in developing student interest in college (UB) programs and/or providing vocational options for so inclined students.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Department of Biochemistry

Three UB faculty attended BiolRon 2007, the Second Congress of the International BiolRon Society, 1-6 April, 2007 in Kyoto, Japan. Laura Garrick, research associate professor, presented on “Alternate promoters, variation in transcription start sites and alternate splicing for SLC11A2 (DMT1)”. Michael Garrick, professor, presented on “Role of divalent metal transporter 1 (DMT1) in the progression of Parkinsonian Syndromes.” James Collins, assistant professor of Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, School of Public Health and Health Professions, presented a talk entitled “Altered arachidonic acid metabolism in the intestine of iron and iron/copper deficient rats: Strong induction of 12-lipoxygenase.”

Department of Family Medicine

Alicia Lisak, Clinical assistant professor of family medicine and Medical Director of UB Family Medicine, Inc. and Mary Anne Rokitka, clinical associate professor of physiology and Associate Dean for Biomedical Undergraduate Education, received the Chivalry Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. The President of Poland, Lech Kaczynski, presented the awards at a ceremony in New York City in September 2007. Lisak and Rokitka were honored for their contributions to the Western New York community as supporters and advocates of Polish culture and for their work as board members of the Polish Cultural Foundation.

Department of Gynecology-Obstetrics

John Yeh, professor and chair, is one of eight individuals selected to be a 2007-08 Jefferson Science Fellow. The Jefferson Science Fellows program was initiated by the U.S. Department of State in 2003 in an effort to establish a new model for engaging American science, technology and engineering academicians in the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign policy. Yeh will be the first physician-scientist to serve as a Jefferson Fellow. An internationally recognized reproductive endocrinologist, Yeh will work full-time in either the State Department or the U.S. Agency for International Development, providing up-to-date expertise on issues that routinely impact State Department policy decisions. The Jefferson Science Fellows program is administered by the National Academies (comprised of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council) and supported through a public-private partnership involving universities, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation and the State Department. Tenured academic scientists and engineers from U.S. colleges and universities are eligible for selection to be fellows. Following their one-year assignment, fellows remain available as consultants after returning to their academic careers. Yeh’s areas of expertise are reproductive aging of the ovary, molecular biology of ovarian corpus luteum regression (the corpus luteum produces hormones that prepare the uterine lining for implantation by the fertilized egg) and biomarkers of damage that chemotherapy inflicts on ovaries.

Department of Medicine

Richard V. Lee, professor, was an organizer and lead presenter for the “Panel of Experts: Innovations in Avian Influenza Preparedness,” held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington, DC on November 14, 2007. This conference, which was introduced by OAS Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza, was webcast to all 34 member nations of the OAS, with participation by staff from various embassies, ministries of health and ministries of environment based in Washington. Lee prepared the background paper for the conference, which is to be published in the Lancer Infectious Disease in December 2007.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Marcia Boehmke, assistant professor, presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International Conference in Vienna, Austria from July 9-15, 2007. The title of her presentation was “Life after Breast Cancer: The Other 364 Days”.

Jean Brown, interim dean and professor, presented a poster at the 14th European Cancer Conference at the Centre de Convencions Internacional in Barcelona, Spain, from September 23-27, 2007 titled “Effects of Aerobic Exercise on Nutritional Symptoms and Body Composition in Women with Breast Cancer During and After Chemotherapy”.

Mary Carey, assistant professor, presented a paper at the 32nd Annual International Society for Computerized Electrocardiography Conference in Cancun, Mexico from April 21-26, 2007 titled “Validation and User Manual Creation for SuperECG Program”.

W. Scott Erdley, clinical associate professor, was a participant at MedInfo2007 – 12th World Congress on Health (Medical) Informatics in Brisbane, Australia from August 20-24, 2007. He was a member of a panel tutorial titled “Simulation: Virtual Reality for Real Results” and a Moderator on a panel titled “Connections, Collaboration and Creativity: Exploring Web 2.0 Applications in Health Informatics and Professional Development”.

Susan Lombardo, clinical associate professor, and Marsha Marecki, associate professor, presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International Conference in Vienna, Austria from July 9-15, 2007. The title of their presentation was “Urinary Incontinence in Community Dwelling Post-Menopausal Women: A Community-University Partnership for Home Care Management”.

Eris Perese, clinical associate professor, presented at the 5th European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry: Best Evidence Based Practice—“Prevention, Treatment and Management of Violence at the Individual, Institutional and Governmental Level” in Amsterdam, Netherlands, from October 24-27, 2007. The title of her presentation was “Effectiveness of Assertive Community Treatment for Patients Mandated for Involuntary Outpatient Treatment”.

Yow-Wu Bill Wu, associate professor, presented a paper at the 8th International Family Nursing Conference in Bangkok, Thailand from June 4-7, 2007 titled “A New Approach to Analyze Longitudinal Family Adjustment Data Within Parent Units”.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

From June 25 to 29, 2007, Jean Dickson, associate librarian and collection development librarian for Romance Languages and Literatures, attended the biennial conference of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music at the Universidad Iberoamericana, in the western suburb of Santa Fe, just outside Mexico City. Her participation in the conference was partially sup-
ported by University Libraries. Dickson presented a paper on Carlos Curti, the Mexican composer who was born in Italy and spent a large part of his life in New York. She chaired a second session as well. Dickson also conducted research on Carlos Curti at the library and music school of Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico and the Archivo General de la Nacion.

Librarians Christopher Hollister and Stewart Brower presented a paper at the 36th Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use, which was held at York University in Toronto, Canada. Their presentation on “A Journal Whose Time Has Come: Communications In Information Literacy,” was the official launching of the CIL journal they founded.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH
Jorge V. José, vice president for research and professor of physics, has been elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world’s largest general scientific society and publisher of the journal Science. José was selected a fellow by the AAAS Section on Physics “for distinguished contributions in theoretical physics, especially in seminal studies of long-range phase coherence in two dimensions, and in education and senior administration.” Before joining UB in August 2005, José was Matthews University Distinguished Professor and chair in the Department of Physics at Northeastern University and founding director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Complex Systems at Northeastern. An internationally renowned researcher in the fields of theoretical physics, condensed matter physics and biological physics, José has conducted research in such areas as the physics of molecular motors in cells; the problem of mitosis without chromosomes; the modeling of neural processes of visual attention; the neurokinematic modeling of swimming by larval zebra fish during capture and escape; the connection between chaos in the Newtonian limit of quantum mechanics; the multiple transformations of order in condensed matter physics; superconductivity at high temperatures; and superfluidity at low temperature.

VICE PROVOST FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
Stephen C. Dunnett, professor and vice provost, was the invited keynote speaker at the International Conference on Teaching and Learning in Putrajaya, Malaysia in November 2007. His participation in the conference was made possible by INTI College, UB’s longstanding partner institution in Malaysia. Dunnett’s topic was “Issues of Quality Assurance in Off-Shore Programs in Asia.”

Melissa Polasik, Director of Study Abroad Programs, has been elected to a three-year term as the University Center representative on the SUNY Council on International Education (CIE). Polasik visited Japan for two weeks in October 2007 as a participant in UB’s staff exchange with Konan University in Kobe; in addition, she visited two of UB’s exchange partners in Tokyo—Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology and International Christian University.

John J. Wood, Associate Vice Provost for International Education, presented a paper at a symposium on international engineering education organized by the Beijing University of Technology in October 2007. The symposium involved representatives from 25 of BJUT’s exchange partner around the world. The title of Wood’s paper was “Partners in Internationalization for More than a Quarter Century: Beijing University of Technology and SUNY Buffalo: Advancing Cooperation in Research, Education and Exchange.”

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David Siegel, dean, social sciences; Marilyn Rose, dean, graduate studies; Rosemary Hale, dean, humanities; Ian Brindle, acting associate vice president, research and international development; Jane Koustas, associate dean, humanities; Kim Meade, associate vice president, student services; Sheila Young, associate director, Brock International; and John Kaethler, director, international services.

Also attending the signing ceremony were representatives from the Consulate General of Canada in Buffalo and the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto.

Representing the Canadian Consulate were Consul General Stephen Breerton; Kerry Mitchell, program manager, political/economic relations and public affairs; and Daniel Kolundzic, political and economic relations officer. Nicholas Giacobbe, public affairs officer, represented U.S. Consul General John Nay for the U.S. Consulate in Toronto. Officials from both consulates have expressed strong support for the new UB-Brock agreement.
Hundreds of UB students, faculty and staff gathered on UB’s newly renovated Founders Plaza on a sunny September day to enjoy a complementary lunch and to sample cultural performances from around the world.

The inaugural “Meet the World at the Plaza” event organized by the Office of International Education and the Office of Conferences and Special Events, is a new initiative to bring international and domestic students together for a relaxing and fun-filled break from their academic routine in a beautifully enhanced public space on the university’s North Campus.

The event featured performances by international student clubs and local musicians, as well as exhibits of information about UB’s international studies, programs and services. 🌎