A NEW ERA IN UB’S HISTORY: JOHN B. SIMPSON INVESTED AS UNIVERSITY’S 14TH PRESIDENT

By Sue Wuetcher and Arthur Page

On the occasion of his investiture as the 14th president of the University at Buffalo, John B. Simpson on October 15, 2004, set a course for the university in the 21st century that will entail “great daring, and great devotion, pursuing great achievement,” one that he predicted will culminate in victory with UB finding “its destined place among the nation’s very leading universities.”

Simpson took inspiration from President Theodore Roosevelt’s “Man in the Arena” speech delivered in 1910 at the Sorbonne in Paris, comparing the role of the public university to Roosevelt’s vision of a man who enters the arena as a citizen of the Republic.

In experiencing both triumphs and defeats, Roosevelt said, the man is one “who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly.”

Simpson told a capacity crowd in the Mainstage Theater in the Center for the Arts on the North Campus that “on the eve of a new era for UB and for public higher education, the University at Buffalo enters the arena.”

“We do so firm in the belief that there is no worthier cause for our time or talent—indeed for the whole of our vibrant academic endeavor—than to strive daily to fulfill and to renew the promise of public higher education.”

Simpson pledged that UB will work to improve access to public higher education “because this commitment to our society is as fundamental a role as the university can have.”

He noted that the public research university’s role is evolving in the 21st century, and that, more than ever, it spurs cultural, technological and economic development.

“I wholeheartedly endorse this cultural evolution of the university’s public role,” Simpson said. “At the dawning of a new knowledge revolution, I believe it is most appropriate that society look to the university—the enterprise that has always devoted itself to the creation, transmission and application of knowledge—for leadership and expertise.”

He also pointed out that the economic impact of the research university upon its regional communities will increase significantly during this century.

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university is critically engaging with its communities—regional, statewide, national and global—in new ways that are serving to redefine its intellectual, cultural and economic impact for the 21st century,” he said.

Before Simpson delivered his inaugural remarks numerous colleagues, friends and officials offered congratulations and praised the personal qualities that they said will make Simpson an exemplary university president.

SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King called Simpson “a person of enormous, demonstrated talents; a scholar, a tested leader and a very nice guy. He is a man who comes here ready to embrace UB’s rich history...and then to move this campus to even greater heights and in new directions as the needs of our nation and of our students continue to evolve,” said King, who formally invested Simpson later in the ceremony with the assistance of SUNY Trustees Gordon Gross and Steven Alfasi. Gross and Alfasi placed the silver presidential medallion on Simpson.

Jeremy M. Jacobs, chair of the UB Council, told those in attendance that Simpson's inauguration marks “a new chapter in UB’s long and distinguished history of academic leadership and outstanding public service.”

“Today, we celebrate a legacy of outstanding leadership, a legacy that will surely be sustained, invigorated and enriched by President Simpson’s contribution in the years to come,” Jacobs said. “President Simpson brings to UB a powerful combination of visionary leadership and clear-sighted pragmatism. These strengths already have had a substantial and visible impact on this university.”

Among university and community leaders offering greetings to President Simpson during the ceremony was Johann-Dietrich Wörner, president of Darmstadt University of Technology in Darmstadt, Germany, which has had a formal academic relationship with UB since 1975. Wörner spoke on behalf of the international academic community in urging Simpson to continue UB’s support of international academic exchange programs.

“Our tiny and fragile world needs international linkages, not only for the institutions themselves, but also for the promotion of closer and stable relations between the countries involved,” Wörner said. “The academic world has a responsibility to contribute to the idea of a peaceful coexistence and interaction of different countries, colors, religions and political systems.

“In fact,” Wörner noted, “academic links were always able to work beyond existing political and religious borders. I look forward to working with John Simpson and hope he will make international education, research and exchange a priority within his administration.”

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UNIVERSITY LEADERS FROM 15 COUNTRIES

By John Della Contrada

University leaders from around the world gathered October 16 at the University Inn and Conference Center near the UB North Campus to discuss ways in which higher education institutions worldwide are engaged in programs to recruit international students and send their own students abroad.

The forum was one of nearly 60 academic events organized during the month of October in honor of the inauguration of the university’s 14th President, John B. Simpson.

During the course of the half-day forum—held in conjunction with Simpson’s investiture as President on October 15—one theme was consistently woven through talk of the economics and demographics of such international efforts: Universities play an important role in promoting world peace.

Welcoming remarks were given by Stephen Dunnett, UB vice provost for international education, to an assembly of 22 international delegates from 16 of UB’s partner institutions in 15 countries, more than 20 UB faculty, SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King, and 50 audience members in attendance at the “International Forum on Student Mobility and Globalization of Higher Education.” The forum was moderated by D. Bruce Johnstone, UB professor of comparative and higher education and former Chancellor of SUNY.

Forum speakers included Simpson; Maria Nowakowska, vice rector for research and international relations, Jagiellonian University in Poland; Kailash C. Upadhyaya, vice chancellor, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda in India; Homer Le Grand, dean of Faculty of Arts, Monash University in Australia; Hong Shen, vice dean of the School of Education, Huazhong University of Science and Technology in China; and Takashi Yamamoto, professor, Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology.

Their presentations and follow-up panel discussions—while providing an overview of ambitious, groundbreaking international education programs under way in the European Union, India, China, Japan, Australia and elsewhere—evoked the “higher purposes” of international programs of higher education, set against the backdrop of global market forces, terrorism and the sometimes strained relations between governments.

“International mobility and exchange remain of fundamental importance in building better relations among
nations and creating a suitable climate for peaceful coexistence,” Dunnett told the delegates. “In these difficult times, more than ever, we need to remind ourselves of (this).”

This theme was further expanded by Simpson, who, in an opening address to the group, noted that U.S. institutions have to do a better job of encouraging students to study abroad and learn about the world beyond their borders.

“In this regard, we have much to learn from you and your institutions,” Simpson said. “Most of your countries are far ahead of ours in terms of educating students to be globally competent and interculturally sensitive. We must look to you for guidance and example as we seek to make our institution, faculty and curriculum more fully globalized.”

Simpson also briefly addressed the effect of post-9/11 U.S. policies on international student mobility and pledged that UB would continue to work to shape future federal policy to ensure that the United States will be a welcoming place for international students.

“While recognizing the legitimate need to maintain homeland security and prevent terrorists from gaining entry to the United States, we Americans cannot sacrifice our longstanding and widely admired openness to international students and scholars, who are vitally important to our institutions in so many ways,” Simpson said.

Though not addressed formally during the half-day-long forum, the effects of U.S. visa policies on student mobility provided a backdrop to the presentations. This was underscored by the fact that some of the international delegates in attendance had difficulty obtaining a U.S. visa for travel to UB, and other invited delegates were denied visas and were not able to attend.

Dunnett, who has lobbied the White House and State Department to relax visa restrictions on international students wishing to study in the U.S., updated the group on his efforts. He said his emphasis on the negative economic impact of the visa policy—international students contribute $13 billion annually to the U.S. economy—has become a “winning strategy” for visa reform.

“The government is beginning to recognize that the visa policy is hurtful in an economic sense,” Dunnett said. “No matter who wins in the upcoming presidential election, I expect the visa policy will be more progressive in the future.”

Shen of Huazhong University, who earned a doctorate in higher education from UB, was the only one of nine invited Chinese delegates able to obtain a visa for travel to the forum. Shen cited examples of three Chinese students—denied U.S. visas or unwilling to subject themselves to the visa process—now studying in Paris, Athens and Bangkok.

She pointed out that the U.S. was losing the opportunity to recruit many of the 20 million hardworking Chinese students who have benefited from cultural reforms in their homeland and are eager to study abroad, particularly in the U.S.

Some of these students have enrolled in Australia’s Monash University, one of the most progressively international universities in the world. In his presentation, Monash’s Le Grand outlined his university’s ambitious and far-reaching international pursuits, which extend to sister campuses throughout Europe, as well as in Canada and Malaysia, and most recently, South Africa.

According to Le Grand, Monash views its efforts in South Africa, where it recently constructed a 240-acre campus, as a major investment in the promotion of democracy in South Africa and other African countries.

Nowakowska of Poland outlined a comprehensive effort—called the Bologna Process—to standardize higher education and promote student exchange throughout the European Union. The process was instituted in 1999 partly to accommodate tremendous growth in the number of
college students throughout the EU—in Poland, the number of college students has quadrupled to almost 2 million in the past decade, for example—and partly to ease EU countries’ transition from manufacturing to knowledge-based economies, Nowakowska said.

Regarding the growing mobility of students in the European Union, “there is no way we are going to stop that, and we don’t want to stop that,” Nowakowska said.

“The Bologna Process is not about harmonization of European higher education, not about replacing the education that we have so far because there is a lot of value in the diversity of education that we have. The Bologna Process is about making the system more transparent to increase the mobility of the student and professor.”

In his presentation, Japan’s Yamamoto described the country’s successful effort to increase enrollment of international students to more than 100,000 in 2003 from just 10,000 students in 1983. His own institution now has student-exchange agreements with 51 universities in 22 countries, including UB, Yamamoto said. Through the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) program, Japan and other countries are engaged in an effort to promote international understanding through increased mobility of university students and staff.

In India, where the top university receives more than 200,000 applicants for 3,500 seats, the tremendous growth in the number of college students has given rise to increased competition for enrollment in the country’s 237 universities and 10,600 colleges, according to Upadhyaya of Maharaja Sayajirao University. This has led to the establishment of a wide range of new institutions, some of questionable quality.

“It’s mind boggling the number of students entering the university education system [in India],” Upadhyaya said. “It’s always a race between quality and quantity.”

According to Dunnett, the forum discussions “afforded everyone the opportunity to learn about issues affecting student mobility in other countries and to gain a comparative perspective on the flow of students worldwide and factors affecting the globalization of higher education.”

“It was fitting that we had this international meeting in connection with President Simpson’s investiture since it brought together many old friends of UB and drew attention to the strength of UB’s ties to universities around the world,” he said. ☛

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AMBASSADOR LIU BIWEI, CONSUL GENERAL OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, LED A DELEGATION FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF NEW YORK IN JULY 2004 TO PRESENT A GIFT OF 500 CHINESE BOOKS TO THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO LIBRARIES.

President John B. Simpson formally accepted the gift during a ceremony at the university’s Poetry and Rare Books Collection. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon hosted by President Simpson and Katherine Gower and attended by a number of UB faculty members, staff and senior administrators.

The books, a gift from China’s Ministry of Education, currently headed by UB alumnus Zhou Ji, include a number of major reference works, including dictionaries, encyclopedias, and pronunciation guides, some on CD-ROM; Chinese language textbooks; and teachers’ manuals of various kinds.

There are books on Chinese culture, history, and philosophy, Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism, business and economics.

The collection includes memoirs and biographies, books about China’s musical instruments, silk industry, museums, gardens and tourism industry; dictionaries pertinent to specific academic and business fields; English translations of classic and modern Chinese literature, and prose and poetry by a number of contemporary Chinese writers.

The Poetry and Rare Books Collection exhibited 30 to 40 of the books during the visit. The materials will be housed permanently in the East Asian Collection of the Lockwood Library.

During the visit by Ambassador Liu, the Poetry and Rare Books Collection also arranged a special display of copies of the master’s thesis and doctoral dissertation that Zhou Ji completed as a student at UB.

The delegation from the consulate included Ambassador Liu’s wife, Consul Fang Chun; Ai Fanglin, education counselor; Qiao Fenghe, consul; Liu Qiang, education consul; Hu Yi, vice consul and interpreter; Wang Wenhua, vice consul, and staff member Wang Chengxiang.

During their visit, delegates met with Professor Stephen C. Dunnett, UB vice provost for international education, and Professor Thomas Burkman, director of the UB Asian Studies Program. The delegation was escorted on tours of the university and of Buffalo, and were honored at a dinner hosted by Dunnett.

The delegation also visited Niagara Falls and attended a private dinner with Chinese students at UB.
The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy is a university-wide research center devoted to the interdisciplinary study of law and society, and law and legal institutions.

Since its founding in 1978, the Center has organized faculty and student research presentations and seminars, hosted visiting scholars, presented conferences and workshops, and directly supported UB faculty research.

During the last academic year the center hosted Keith Hawkins, professor of law and society at Oriel College, Oxford University as a visiting scholar. The topic of his recent book, Law as Last Resort: Prosecution Decision-Making in a Regulatory Agency, was the subject of his presentation to faculty and students at UB. He was also visiting the editorial offices of the international journal, Law & Policy, which are at the Baldy Center. Hawkins is co-editor of the journal with Murray Levine, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in the UB Department of Psychology.

Another international visiting scholar, Robert Goodin, professor of social and political theory and philosophy at Australian National University, Canberra, presented his research in the year-long Faculty Seminar Series on Institutional Analysis of Law, Politics, and Society. He is a major contemporary political philosopher and theorist whose work applies principles of moral and political theory to concrete public policy issues and to questions concerning the design of political institutions. He spoke to a full house on “Democratic Accountability: The Third Sector and All.”

The Baldy Center’s Book Manuscript Workshops provide feedback to faculty in the final stages of writing a book. For example, in April 2004, a book manuscript Japan, the League of Nations, and the World Order, 1914-1938 by Thomas Burkman, director of Asian Studies at UB, was the subject of one of these workshops.

Two distinguished scholars were brought to UB as commentators: Kevin Doak, chair of Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures and Nippon Foundation Endowed Chair, Georgetown University and Akira Iriye, chair of Department of History and Charles Warren Professor of American History, Harvard University.

In January 2004, Johanna Birnir, assistant professor, presented her manuscript, The Ethnic Effect: The Effect of Ethnicity on Electoral Politics in New Democracies. Commentators included David D. Laitin, professor of political science, Stanford University; Marie C. Wilson; Joseph C. Wilson; and G. Bingham Powell, Jr., professor of political science, University of Rochester.

The conferences and workshops organized in 2003-2004 involved international scholars and covered a broad spectrum of disciplinary interests and theoretical perspectives: from international human rights to intellectual property, from law and religion to police power as a modern technology of governance.

In spring 2004 the Baldy Center hosted two conferences and two workshops:

♦ A Conference on the “Ownership and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage,” which explored the secret market in Holocaust-era artworks, and the legal and social issues that art galleries, museums, and archives confront when handling items of cultural heritage including art, indigenous peoples’ artifacts, and antiquities.

♦ The Regional Conference on Sociolegal Studies which, since 1992, has brought together law and society scholars every year from around Canada’s Southern Ontario region and Central and Western New York.

The May 2004 meeting of Canadian and U.S. scholars organized by Center Director, Lynn Mather, and Canadian colleagues from Brock University, University of Toronto, and York University, focused on “Religion, Law, and Culture: Borders and Orders” and was held at Brock University in St. Catherines, Ontario.

♦ Another workshop focused on “The New Police Science: Police Powers in Comparative Perspective” and was
organized by Markus Dubber, UB professor of law and director of the Buffalo Criminal Law Center, and Professor Mariana Valverde, director of the Centre of Criminology at University of Toronto. The distinguished participants from seven countries in Europe, Australia, and North America explored various aspects of the police power as a modern technology of governance.

A workshop entitled “Locating Law in Buddhist Societies” on the role of Buddhism in Asian legal cultures engaged scholars from Asia, Europe, and the U.S. in a discussion on this neglected topic.

Locating Law in Buddhist Societies began a long-term collaborative discussion on developing law and Buddhism as a field of study.

Together with David M. Engel, Distinguished Service Professor, Professor Rebecca Redwood French organized a Baldy Center workshop that brought together scholars in Buddhist and Asian studies, anthropology, history, sociology, religion, and law from Sri Lanka, Japan, London, as well as the United States. (See accompanying article.)

For more information about the Baldy Center, visit: www.buffalo.law.edu/baldycenter

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BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF BUDDHIST LAW

By Donna Budniewski

In the early 1990s, Rebecca Redwood French spent several years living in India and Tibet, learning firsthand from Tibetans the intricacies of a legal system that was traditionally based primarily on Buddhist principles.

A highly respected and world-renowned expert on Tibetan law and professor in the UB Law School, French has worked in the field for more than 20 years, speaks Tibetan, and is a practicing Buddhist.

While she shies away from talking about the Dalai Lama, much of the nearly four years she lived in Asia was spent at his compound in Dharmasala, India, studying with a former Tibetan magistrate and guru, and interviewing Tibetan refugees. At one time a successful litigator, French now works primarily in the small field of legal anthropology, which, in part, examines the processes by which people regulate themselves, settle disputes, achieve resolution and avoid conflict within their communities, she says.

“I practiced law for about six years and then started thinking about the ethical implications of law, and the more I thought about it, the more I couldn’t get away from it,” says French.

Her goal now is to help build an academic foundation for the study of Buddhist law and how it can inform the legal traditions of the West and the rest of the world in the move toward globalization.

The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy in the Law School recently hosted, with French and several others at the helm, a workshop titled “Locating Law in Buddhist Societies.” The workshop consisted of a major brainstorming session on ways to begin a more formalized study of Buddhist law within the academy.

The event brought together scholars in Buddhist and Asian studies, anthropology, history, sociology, religion, and law. No one presented papers and everything was fair game for discussion, says French, adding that chaos was kept at bay by the distilling of hundreds of ideas into a fairly organized framework for future discussion. A documentary about the conference is being edited.
DAVID M. ENGEL NAMED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE PROFESSOR

David M. Engel, professor in the Law School, has been named a Distinguished Service Professor in recognition of extraordinary service to the community, region, state, nation, and world.

Director of international programs in the Law School, David Engel is the faculty adviser to the Asian Law Students Association and is a member of UB’s Council on International Studies and Programs, and the Asian Studies Advisory Council, which he chaired from 1999-2001.

His research focuses on law and society in the U.S. and in other countries, particularly Thailand, where he has lived, worked and taught for more than 35 years. Engel was instrumental in establishing UB’s exchange program with Chiang Mai University in Thailand.

He has studied litigation, conflict and legal consciousness in communities in the American Midwest and in Thailand, where he currently is working on an interview-based study of injuries and social change in the country.

Engel also has conducted research on the impact of special education law on the families of children with disabilities and their interactions with school district administrators. He has co-authored with Frank Munger, UB professor of law, a book, Rights of Inclusion: Law and Identity in the Life Stories of Americans with Disabilities, that examines the effects of legal rights created by the Americans with Disabilities Act on the lives and careers of those with disabilities.

Engel, who joined the UB law faculty in 1985, was director of the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy from 1991-2001, and also served as vice dean for interdisciplinary studies.

He is an active member of the Law & Society Association, an international membership organization of which he served as president from 1997-98. He also has served as a member of the advisory panel of the National Science Foundation Program for Law and Social Sciences.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from Harvard College and master’s and law degrees from the University of Michigan.

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and a Web site devoted to the work generated at the conference is planned, as is development of bibliographies to post online, for starters.

French views herself partly as a facilitator in helping fulfill the vision of the man she studied with in Dharmsala in spreading westward a fundamental understanding about a rich and complex legal heritage. Tibetan law—shaped and informed by a major world religion—still permeates Tibetan society, even in exile.

“The person I trained with for nearly four years was a high-level official and completely devoted to the Dalai Lama for his entire life. He had this real vision that Tibetan law and ideas about Buddhist law in general needed to get out to the West, and I was a conduit,” says French.

As she points out, the United States’ own laws and Constitution also were framed almost entirely in a religious context, although their secularization is nearly complete. In much of her work, she draws informative contrasts and parallels between both legal systems.

“The Tibetan legal system is very different because it takes each criminal case as unique and doesn’t make rules as a result of a case, so it has no connection to finality or closure—it’s not goal-oriented. That’s not to say there aren’t problems with that, but the aim is resolution in people’s minds. If the minds of those involved in a dispute are not harmonious at the end of the process, what they’ll tell you is that the anger will spill over somewhere else in society and cause further harm,” she says.

“The real problem is that you need people thinking about society in a larger sense, in a total way, and that is what’s missing. Legal anthropology does that—it asks questions about sanctions, the lack of communal values and the kinds of dispute practices that exist in a society.

“If there’s anything that Iraq and Afghanistan have taught us it is that we really need to think about the relationship between religion and law. We just have to figure out how to tap that relationship and give it a strong academic visibility and foundation.”

French’s own pioneering work, The Golden Yoke: The Legal Cosmology of Tibet, is considered an important contribution to historical and comparative legal studies. In part, she notes the processes of dispute settlement used by Tibetans and gives a detailed description of their worldview.

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This fall new faculty trained in Asia and/or in Asian fields took up tenure-track faculty appointments in the departments of History, Art History, Linguistics, English, and Communication. Each brings a strong background of research and talent for scholarly leadership in Asian studies at UB:

**Ramya Sreenivasan**, South Asian history. She received her Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, India, with a dissertation on “Gender, Literature, History: The Transformation of the Padmini Story.” She has previously taught at the University of Delhi, the University of Washington at Seattle, and Kenyon College, Ohio.

**Nina Cichocki**, Islamic art history. Cichocki completed her Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. Her dissertation traces the art of the Cemberlitas Hamam, a Turkish bath in Istanbul, from the 16th century to the present. Her classes will include the art of Islam, the art of Iran, and the art of the Ottoman Empire.


**Tsan Huang**, Chinese linguistics. After receiving her B.A. at Beijing Language Institute, she went on for the M.A. and Ph.D. at Ohio State University. Her dissertation addresses the interplay of phonological rules and speech perception. Huang directs the Chinese language program.

**Susan Muchshima Moynihan**, Asian American literature. She completed her Ph.D. at Purdue University, with a dissertation titled “Asian American Women’s Life Writing: Autobiographical Negotiations of Inscrutability.” She taught and contributed to Asian American studies program development at Purdue, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Bowling Green State University.

**Pauline Hope Cheong**, Communication. A graduate of Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, Cheong earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Southern California. She studies the social implications of information and communication technologies, particularly in the ways that implicate social capital, social stratification and innovative access.

With the addition of these fine young scholars, the cohort of full-time faculty at UB whose teaching and research focus on Asia now numbers twenty-one. Their teaching and research will add diversity to the their respective departments in the College of Arts and Sciences. Their course offerings will enrich the Major in Asian Studies, which is administered by the Asian Studies Program.

Thomas W. Burkman is research professor and director of Asian Studies at UB. Photos courtesy of Christine M. Kowalski, web design specialist in the dean’s office, College of Arts and Sciences.
A new short-term study abroad program in Brazil was launched this year by UB as part of a new exchange program with the Universidade Presidente Antonio Carlos (UNIPAC), a private multi-campus institution located in several cities in the state of Minas Gerais.

The program in Brazil was one of three UB study abroad programs to receive the 2004 Chancellor’s Awards for Internationalization, which were made to innovative study abroad programs to less visited destinations.

This program was organized by two faculty members in the Department of Rehabilitation Science: John Stone, clinical associate professor, and Mary Matteliano, clinical assistant professor. Four students participated: Melissa D’Ambrosio, Amy Rechin, Amy Jukam, who are graduate students in their fifth year of the occupational therapy program, and Kent Do, an exercise science major who plans to enter the physical therapy program.

The group from UB visited Brazil during the first three weeks of August 2004. The participants stayed with host families during the two weeks that were spent in two small cities where UNIPAC has campuses.

Although the group had to deal with flight delays and lost luggage enroute, the warmth, enthusiasm, and consideration of the host families and UNIPAC faculty dissolved any unpleasantness experienced while traveling to Brazil. The stays with host families lowered the overall cost of the program and allowed the group to experience Brazilian culture and family life firsthand.

Highlights of the trip included a visit to the neighboring city of Congonhas where the group met with the mayor and secretaries of health and education and visited a school for children with developmental disabilities.

The children put on a carnival production that included colorful costumes and dancing. The group was able to observe a child receiving occupational therapy. The therapist was using the same sensory integration techniques that the UB students had learned in Buffalo.

The language was different, the clinic lacked the abundance of supplies that therapists in the U.S. are used to, but a bridge had been crossed and the participants felt they were on common ground. The therapists and teachers used their imaginations, recycled materials, and made use of whatever was available to accomplish their goals.

The group also visited an orphanage where they saw capoeira dance performed by the children. The musical instruments and dance had African origins, representing Brazil’s multicultural heritage.

Soon the UB visitors joined in. They recognized that Brazilians love dance and music as ways of communicating that do not involve words.

Later, the visitors heard testimonies from the children’s parents who were in a program to treat their drug and alcohol addiction while their children were temporarily being cared for at the orphanage. The parents shared openly about their rehabilitation, and the visitors felt privileged to be able to gain some understanding of their situation and experience.

Throughout their stay the visitors were provided with entertainment almost nightly and toured famous colonial towns including Tiradentes and Ouro Preto. The group was treated to a Churrasco, a Brazilian barbecue, in the home of the director of UNIPAC in Conselheiro Lafaiete.

He explained that Churrasco is not just a meal; it is an event. A samba band provided entertainment and the group was taught to dance samba, the national dance.

Upon arrival in Barbacena, the site of the main UNIPAC campus, the visitors from UB were given a formal reception and a meeting with Professor Bonifácio Andrade, the rector of UNIPAC. The visitors were greeted with bouquets of fresh roses, as Barbacena is known as the “city of roses”.

The group visited a mental health institution and museum, and learned about the atrocities that the mentally ill suffered, prior to reforms in Brazil. The group visited with patients in the mental health institution, who reside in small houses where efforts are made to integrate them into the community.

At a local hospital the group was allowed to tour a neonatal intensive care unit and meet with mothers and their babies in a maternity ward. The program ended with a five-day stay in Rio de Janeiro.

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This past summer, UB graduate student Vincent Chanron traveled to Japan to undertake a research project at Kyoto University. Chanron, a doctoral student in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, was hosted at Kyoto University’s Knowledge Information System Laboratory under a program sponsored and run by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS).

Working with his Japanese host researcher, Professor Shinji Nishiwaki, Chanron studied the interactions among design teams working on complex engineering systems such as automobiles or airplanes, with specific attention to issues of convergence and optimization.

Game theory provides important practical tools for multidisciplinary optimization, which is the focus of Chanron’s studies on distributed design processes where decision-making is decentralized.

Chanron remarked on cultural differences in academic research by noting that the number of undergraduates working in his host laboratory exceeded that in his home laboratory at UB, but that he benefited during the summer from regular technical meetings with his host scholar.

The visits of aerospace engineers to his host lab in Kyoto allowed Chanron to extend further his collegial network in Japan. He reported that this trip was “an opportunity to develop research collaboration between two laboratories and, on a personal level to work on a case study of satellite design.”

A cultural highlight of Chanron’s travels was attendance at a Hanshin Tigers baseball game. A native of France, Chanron discovered baseball at UB, and he was fascinated to witness the exceptional energy and group excitement displayed by Japanese baseball fans for their home teams.

Chanron was one of more than 100 graduate students participating in the 2004 Summer Program in Japan. Summer Program student-participants are individually matched according to their research interests with host scholars at universities, national institutes, and company research and development laboratories where they work cooperatively with Japanese colleagues.

The eight-week summer experience includes one week of group orientation beginning on arrival. The orientation program is managed by the Graduate University for Advanced Studies, an operational partner of JSPS.

The in-country orientation provided participants two days of practical “survival” Japanese language training, lectures on science and engineering research infrastructure in Japan, and a home stay with a Japanese family, before joining their host laboratories.

The JSPS Summer Program is operated with five international partner organizations: U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), British Council, Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD), and the Embassy of Canada.

American applicants should note that the Summer Program in Japan is only one component of the NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes for U.S. Graduate Students (EAPSI). Currently, there are EAPSI programs operating in Australia, China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan; all five of these programs share the same core programmatic organization and application procedure.

Complete information for the EAPSI programs is available on-line at the NSF Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) website: (http://www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf03608) and at the NSF Tokyo Regional Office website (http://www.nsftokyo.org/spmenu.html).

Applicants must be full-time enrolled graduate students in science and engineering or in the biomedical sciences. The annual application deadline for EAPSI is in December.

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SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

Department of Architecture

Kent Kleinman, professor and chair, and Hadas Steiner, assistant professor, have been awarded prestigious visiting fellowships by the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CAA) in Montreal, one of the most distinguished interdisciplinary architectural research centers and museums in the world. They will be resident scholars at CAA from January through May 2005. CAA fellowships are awarded annually to scholars of diverse academic and professional accomplishments at various stages of their careers, and are coveted by architects all over the world. The fellowships are awarded on the basis of recommendations from a distinguished international jury, which this year consisted of Peter Eisenman, Martin Bressani, Jean-Louis Cohen, Kurt W. Forster, Sylvia Lavin (chair), and Mark Wigley.

The CAA inaugurated its Study Centre Fellowship Program in 1997 as an international institute for advanced research at the postdoctoral level on all aspects of architectural thought. Since it was founded, the program has hosted more than 65 distinguished scholars from 16 countries. Fellowships are awarded on the basis of proposals submitted by candidates in the fields of architectural history, theory or criticism. The program encourages interdisciplinary research projects in such fields as landscape architecture, photography and film history. During his CAA residency, Kleinman will focus on the American reception and transformation of Eurocentric modernity during the interwar and immediate post-war years. He will look particularly at the practice of architect William Muschenheim (1902-1990), whose work offers an important, but relatively unknown, link between early European modernism and its importation and development in the United States. Steiner is an architectural historian, theorist and critic whose CCA project, “City Synthesis: Archigram and the Structure of Circulation,” will be the first archival study of the Archigram, an underground journal published in London by six architects at irregular intervals from 1961-70 that went on to spawn a movement. While the journal is not familiar to most outside the field, it was a brilliant and provocative publication that disseminated an ideological model among the attendant avant-garde practices of the period.

Jean LaMarche, associate professor, gave a lecture at the School of Architecture in Aarhus, Denmark. The lecture, “The Familiar and the Unfamiliar in Architecture,” was delivered at the beginning of June 2004.

Daniel B. Hess, assistant professor, was an instructor for a UCLA Extension course in May 2004 sponsored by UTS Starcom for a delegation of officials from Chongqing, China. Hess spent three days lecturing about transportation planning and urban development and leading the delegation on a series of field trips throughout Los Angeles.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Anthropology

Robert K. Dentan, professor, is on the board of AFESIP, a UN organization which works against trafficking in and otherwise harming women and children; he was invited to join on the basis of continuing ties to colleagues in France. Dentan is building an archive on Orang Asli, the indigenous people of west Malaysia. He is working with an editor at the British publisher Routledge on a book about Malaysian indigenes. Dentan maintains loose connections with one of the few surviving internationalist groups in Indonesia and with a human rights organization there. Dentan is working on a new book tentatively titled “Terror, Love, (Non)Violence: Maintaining the Peace among Senoi Semai of Malaysia,” to be published by Routledge & Kegan Paul. In 2005, Dentan’s article “Semai” will appear in “The Greenwood Encyclopedia of World Folklore,” William M. Clements editor, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Department of Art

Harvey Breverman, SUNY Distinguished Professor, participated in three recent invitational exhibitions: “Small Works,” at the University of Alberta Print Centre, Edmonton, Canada, from January through February 2004; and the “4th International Triennial of Graphic Art,” in Sofia, Bulgaria, organized by the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria. Breverman was also invited to conduct research at the Centre for Whistler Studies at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, May 24 to June 10, 2004. He served as an external reviewer for year-end student exhibitions at the Glasgow School of Art, Scotland.

Department of History

L. Vance Watrous, professor, brought several graduate students in Art History and Classics to Greece on a grant to work on three separate projects: study of the Late Minoan I pottery at Knossos from the Minoan Villa at Pyrgos/Myrto; mapping the walls at the Minoan site of Gournia; an anthropological village study in Crete.

Department of Chemistry

Philip Coppens, SUNY Distinguished Professor, delivered the following international invited talks during the period June to November 2004: “Time resolved studies of transient species and kinetic processes” at the Nordic Research Training Course on the Application of X-ray Synchrotron Radiation in Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Medicine, June 23-29; “Time-resolved synchrotron diffraction studies of molecular excited states” at the Chemistry Department, University of Warsaw, Poland on June 30; “Structures in Excited States” as part of “Structural Aspects of Solids” at the XVI International School on Physics and Chemistry of Condensed Matter, Bialowieza, Poland, July 1-2; “New Theoretical and Spectroscopic Approaches to Inorganic Chemistry Problems” at the EuroConference on New Theoretical and Spectroscopic Approaches to Inorganic Chemistry Problems in San Feliu, Spain September 4-9; “Time-resolved X-ray diffraction of excited states of transition metal complexes at atomic resolution and comparison with theory” at the Canadian Light Source 7th Annual Users’ Meeting and Workshops November 20; and “Time-resolved synchrotron crystallography of transient excited states of complex molecules” at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada, November 17-21.

Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences

Rosemary Lubinski, professor, has received a two-year grant from the Alzheimer’s Society of Canada for a study entitled “Reliability and Validity Testing of the Perception of Conversation Index-Dementia of the Alzheimer’s Type.” The study is a collaborative effort with J.B. Orange of the University of Western Ontario and faculty at the University of British Columbia. The purpose of the study is to provide validity and reliability data for a tool that assesses the conversational difficulties of individuals with dementia, the strategies their caregivers use to facilitate conversations, and the burden the caregivers perceive during difficult communication interactions.

Department of English


Bruce Jackson, SUNY Distinguished Professor, and Diane Christian, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, were interviewed by a film crew from France 3 in November 2004 for a documentary on Terre Humaine, the series of books edited by Jean Malaurie that is the subject of a three-month exhibit at Bibliothèque Nationale de France (BNF) in spring 2005 and a major conference at BNF March 31-April 2. Jackson serves as an international vice-president for BNF.
He was also interviewed in May 2004 in Alabama by another France 3 documentary crew doing a film about the American classic *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* by writer James Agee and photographer Walker Evans. Both films are in a five-part series that will air in January or February 2005 celebrating the 50 years of *Terre Humaine*. The key book in that 50th anniversary is a new edition of *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* for which Jackson wrote the post-face.

**Claire Kahane**, professor emerita, presented a paper “Virginia Woolf Between the Acts: History as Trauma in Present Time,” at the 21st International Conference in Literature and Psychoanalysis, University of Arles, France, June 30-July 5, 2004. In November 2004, Kahane delivered an invited talk, “Flannery O’Connor and Me,” for Psychoanalysis and the Humanities at Cambridge University, United Kingdom. She is a Visiting Training Candidate in Psychoanalysis, Psychoanalysis and the Humanities at Cambridge University, United Kingdom. She is a Visiting Training Candidate in Psychoanalysis, London during fall 2004.

**Carine M. Mardorossian**, assistant professor, presented a paper entitled “Racial Antics in Maryse Conde’s *La Femme Cannibale* and Celanire Cou-Coupe” at the Sixth International Conference on Caribbean Literature, in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, in November 2004.

**David Wilbern**, professor, helped organize and then participated in the 21st International Conference on Literature and Psychology, held in Arles, France in July 2004. His presentation was in a session on Shakespeare; it was entitled “Constructing Caesar.” The full version of the paper will be published this year in a collection of new essays on “Julius Caesar” (Routledge Press).

**Department of History**

**Jorge Canizares-Esguerra**, associate professor, was invited to the School of Advanced Study, Institute of Historical Research, University College London, April 4, 2004, as a distinguished speaker to deliver a talk entitled “Saints, Demons, and Gardens: Early Modern Symbolic Landscapes and the New World.” He was invited to Museo de Arte Colonial (Museum of Colonial Art), Bogota, Colombia, to deliver a talk entitled “The Iberian World of the Puritans. The Puritan World of the Iberians: Of Heroes and Demons in the New World” on August 11, 2004. Canizares-Esguerra was also invited to deliver this talk at Universidad Andina del Ecuador in Quito, July 28, and at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador on July 22.

**Andreas Daum**, professor, recently hosted an international conference on Alexander von Humboldt, Europe’s last and truly cosmopolitan scientist and naturalist. This conference was co-sponsored by the UB College of Arts and Sciences and the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C., where the meeting took place. For the first time, scholars from three continents and diverse disciplines—ranging from geography to literary studies—came together to systematically assess Humboldt’s importance for the United States in particular. Daum will also present aspects of this topic at the German Studies Association’s annual meeting in Arlington, Virginia and at the international Bicentennial Humboldt Conference, commemorating the naturalist’s journey to the Americas, at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, both in October 2004.

**David Gerber**, professor, was awarded a Fulbright grant to teach a graduate seminar at the Institute for Polish Diaspora and Ethnic Studies at the Jagiellonian University in Crako, Poland during the fall 2004 semester. The seminar is on North American immigration history, which is the field of Gerber’s own scholarship and teaching at the University at Buffalo.

**George Iggers**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, gave a workshop on emigration and multiculturalism sponsored by the Institute for World History of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China, end of October 2003. The following month he participated in the Symposium of International Forum on World Civilizations in Nanjing, China. Iggers was a visiting scholar at the Max Planck Institute for History, in Goettingen, Germany from January to August 2004. He gave a paper at the Conference on Comparative Global History at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities in Essen, Germany in March 2004. In May he was part of a special panel for the Lamprecht Society on the autobiography recently published by Iggers and his wife, Wilma. Iggers served on the International Commission for the History of Historiography at Saint Andrews University, Scotland on July 10. During his stay in Germany, Iggers delivered a number of invited lectures at various institutions: Ruhr Universitaet Bochum, Germany, February 3; Leibniz Society, Berlin, Germany, February 19; International University Bremen, Germany, March 3; University of Vienna, Austria, March 11. In October, Iggers delivered the Annual Memorial Lecture at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik; gave the keynote address for the International Symposium on the State of the Art of the Theory and History of Historiography at Central European University, in Budapest, Hungary; and delivered an address to the Institute of History of the Hungarian Academy Of Sciences, also in Budapest.

**Patrick McDevitt**, assistant professor, is the author of the recently published *May the Best Man Win: Sport, Masculinity and Nationalism in Great Britain and the Empire, 1880-1935* (Palgrave 2004). In Spring 2004, he made two trips to Ireland to conduct research on his new book project, *Broad Horizons: Fr. Peter Lemass, The Progressive Irish Church and the World*. This travel was supported by grants from the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy and the Institute for Research and Education on Women & Gender.

**Erik R. Seeman**, associate professor, has been awarded a Fulbright Teaching/Research grant for 2005. He will be teaching “U.S. History Since 1865” at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, from January to May 2005. He will also be researching his current book project “Final Frontiers: Cross-Cultural Encounters with Death in the New World.” In particular, Seeman will be examining the gravestones of the oldest Jewish congregation in the Western Hemisphere, and reading plantation records to learn about slaves’ burial practices on the island.

**Liana Vardi**, associate professor and director of graduate studies, attended the fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies held in Paris in June 2004, which brought together scholars from North America, the United Kingdom, Australia, and France. She gave a paper titled “Being Jacques Turgot” about France’s great minister of finance (1774-76) at a session chaired by Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie. **Erik Hadley**, a Ph.D. student in the department, was one of the few graduate students to present at the conference. He spoke about “Power, Privilege and Absolutism in the Borderlands: Provincial Elites and State Formation in Tournais-Tournai, 1668-1780.”

**Department of Linguistics**


Robert Van Valin, professor and chair, presented a lecture course in May 2004 “Role and Reference Grammar for Philippine Languages” at the Philippine Normal University, Manila, the Philippines. In June 2004, he presented a lecture course “Theories and Models of Grammar,” at the University of Stockholm, Sweden. He presented a lecture course, “Role and Reference Grammar” at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand in July 2004. The same month he presented plenary talk at the 2004 International Conference on Role and Reference Grammar at the Institute for Technology in Blanchardstown, Dublin, Ireland. In August, Van Valin was a visiting research scientist at the Max Planck Institute for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences in Leipzig, Germany. He gave a lecture course “Role and Reference Grammar” at UNAM in Mexico City, Mexico in October 2004 and a lecture course “Role and Reference Grammar” at the University of Tokyo, Japan in November.

Department of Music
Chung Shih Hoh, Ph.D. student in composition, was invited to give a talk on his recent composition entitled “Musical Actions. Musical Sounds” as part of the Exxon-Mobil Explorations in the Arts Series at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore in May 2004.

Cort Lippe, associate professor, had a world premiere performance of a new piece in April 2004 at the inaugural Sonorities Festival of the Sonic Arts Research Center in Belfast, United Kingdom. He also gave a pre-concert talk and had performances of two other compositions. In May, he was invited to give the keynote address entitled “Community, Culture, History, and Documentation: The Re-Invention and Duplication of Real-Time Interaction Tools” at the 2nd International Symposium on Computer Music Modeling and Retrieval in Esbjerg, Denmark. During the conference, Lippe also served on a panel on computer music composition. Later in May, he had a performance in Copenhagen at Den Anden Opera. In June, he had a performance of a composition in Baku, Azerbaijan. In July he had a performance in Tokyo at the Tokyo Opera City Recital Hall and taught at Kunitachi College of Music’s Sonology Department in Tokyo for two weeks. In August, he was the invited guest composer at the Digital Vital computer music festival in Gävle, Sweden where he gave a workshop and had performances of two of his compositions.

Department of Philosophy
Kah Kyung Cho, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, served as “godfather” in organizing Phenomenology for East Asian Circle (PEACE), an organization including member states China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea and Japan. Cho delivered the Keynote Speech “Grounding Phenomenology on Tradition - An East Asian Perspective” at its First International Conference in Hong Kong, May 24, 2004. Cho also drafted the mission statement of PEACE, which was adopted by the PEACE member nations in July 2004. In addition, he served as a member of International Nominating Committee for 2004 Kyoto Prize (category: Philosophy). Cho published “Before and After the Logic of Climatology and Eastern Thought” in Kansai University East-West Cultural Research Institute, 50th Anniversary International Symposium in February 2004. Cho’s article “Descent from the Height of Humanism: the Eastern and Western Path in Heidegger’s Thinking,” was translated into Chinese and published in China by Beijing University Journal Phenomenology in January 2004.

Peter H. Hare, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, delivered a paper on “Holistic Pragmatism: An Exchange between Morton White and W. V. Quine” at a meeting of the Central European Pragmatist Forum in Potsdam, Germany in June 2004.


Barry Smith, Julian Park Professor and SUNY Distinguished Professor, published texts in Revista di estetica, Logique et Analyse, Theory in Biosciences, Il Domenicale, Il Sole 24 Ore, Information Philosophie, Deutsches Ärzteblatt, Interdisciplinary Phenomenology and Information: Wissenschaft und Praxis. In the past year, Smith gave presentations at the following meetings and venues: International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science in Oviedo, Spain; International Spatial Cognition Summer Institute (ICSI), in Bad Zwischenahn, Germany; Annual Conference of the German Artificial Intelligence Society in Hamburg, Germany; Conference on Spatial Information Theory in Ittingen, Switzerland; Workshop on Ontologies in Medicine, CNR-ISTC, in Rome, Italy; Third International Meeting for Husserl Studies, Kyoto University in Japan; Inaugural Meeting of the European Union Network of Excellence in Medical Informatics and Semantic Datamining in Linköping, Sweden; International Workshop on Data Integration in the Life Sciences (DILS 2004) in Leipzig, Germany; International Joint Meeting of the European Centre for Medical Informatics, Statistics and Epidemiology in Prague, Czech Republic; International Workshop on the Formal Architecture of the Gene Ontology in Leipzig; First International Workshop on Formal Biomedical Knowledge Representation in Whistler, Canada; Conference on Husserl and the Historical Epistemology of the Sciences, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, in Berlin; Seventh Annual Bio-Ontologies Workshop, International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology in Glasgow, Scotland; 27th International Wittgenstein Conferenc in Kirchberg, Austria; Coiling: and the 20th International Conference on Computational Linguistics at the University of Geneva in Switzerland.

Stephen Wear, adjunct associate professor, presented a paper in June 2004 entitled “Truth-Telling in a Traditional Chinese Society” at the 4th International Conference of Bioethics held in Taipei, Taiwan.


Department of Physics
William H. Kinney, assistant professor, gave an invited plenary talk at COSMO 03, International Workshop on Particle Physics and the Early Universe, in Ambleside, United Kingdom in August 2003. He also gave a talk as COSMO 04 in Toronto, Canada in September 2004. He delivered a plenary talk at the XXXIXth Moriond Workshop, Exploring the Universe: Contents and Structure of the Universe, in La Thuile, Italy, March 2004. He is also collaborating on projects related to inflationary cosmology with researchers from INFN in Padua, Italy; and University of Oxford and University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.

Bernard Weinstein, professor, was co-chair of the 11th International Conference on High Pressure Semiconductor Physics, held Aug 2-5, 2004, at the University of California at Berkeley. This conference is held bi-annually with about 100 participants from around the world. It is one of the satellite conferences of the International Conference on the Physics of Semiconductors, which this year was held in
Flagstaff Arizona during the last week of August, and involved more than 1,000 participants.

**Department of Political Science**


**Department of Theatre and Dance**

**Maria S. Horne**, associate professor, traveled to Estonia in March 2004 as an American Cultural Specialist of the United States Department of State (ACULSPEC) and was hosted by The Higher Theater School of the Estonian Academy of Music for the second time since 2000. In addition to conducting research, Horne taught Method Acting to students and faculty in Tallinn, held two conferences for academics and students at the University of Tartu, met and consulted professional actors and producers in theaters in Tallinn and Tartu, and planned further cooperation between the University at Buffalo and The Estonian Higher Theater School. Theater is very popular in Estonia, and stage actors and playwrights are influential. Horne’s former students from the 2000 mission have graduated and are now successful professionals engaged in national theatre companies and a selected few went on to star in “Names on a Marble Tablet,” a film about Estonia’s 1918-20 Independence War, which has become the most successful Estonian feature film since the reemergence of the Estonian republic in 1991. In August 2004—under the sponsorship of Bureau of International Programs of the U.S. Department of State—Horne traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica, to conduct research, give conferences and teach master classes. In her capacity as U.S. Speaker and Specialist to Costa Rica, she presented and furthered her research at the Universidad de Costa Rica, the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, and the Taller Nacional de Teatro de Costa Rica.

**SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE**

**Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences**

**Norman D. Mohl**, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, recently returned from an extended visit to Israel where he attended the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University. In addition to the formal “business” meetings, Tel Aviv University provided several excellent educational and cultural events, some of which were attended by the President of Israel and by the United States Ambassador to Israel. In addition to the Board meetings and official events, Professor Mohl presented two seminars at Tel Aviv University’s School of Dental Medicine, one of which was entitled “A Dentally-Related Near-Death Experience” and the other entitled “The Pros and Cons of Department Mergers.”

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

**Department of Counseling, School and Educational Psychology**

**Thomas Shuell**, professor, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to lecture and do research at the National College of Ireland (NCI) in Dublin during the 2004-2005 academic year. Shuell will occupy the Distinguished Chair of Learning and Teaching at NCI and offer tutorials, seminars, and mentoring for NCI faculty on learnign and on teaching research, including implications for using new technologies in instructional design.

**Department of Educational Leadership and Policy**

**D. Bruce Johnstone**, University Professor of Higher and Comparative Education and director of the Center for Comparative and Global Studies in Education and the International Comparative Higher Education Finance and Accessibility Project, received a new grant from the Ford Foundation of $129,000 (through 12/31/06) for a study of the use of “dual tuition” policies in East Africa. This supplements the core Ford Foundation grant in support of the project; total Ford Foundation support since 1999 has been $1,125,000. In close collaboration with the University of Nairobi and researchers in Tanzania and Uganda, the project is planning a research consultation for January 2005 in Nairobi, Kenya to review the data collected to date, identify the gaps and design the next research steps.

The International Comparative Higher Education Finance and Accessibility Project hosted seven international advanced student and faculty scholars over the summer at the Center for Comparative and Global Studies in Education for periods ranging from one to four weeks. The scholars were from Harvard University, Stanford University, SUNY at Albany, Vanderbilt University, the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Romania, and the University of Lisbon, Portugal. The scholars, from Argentina, China, India, Portugal, Romania, Russia, and Sierra Leone, worked with Johnstone and the project team, consulted the documentation center’s collection of books and articles on cost sharing and participated in formal and informal lectures and discussions on higher education finance and accessibility. Since January 2001, the project has sponsored visits of varying lengths by fifteen student and faculty fellows from thirteen countries in order to create an international network of students, scholars, administrators and policymakers, and encourage discussion of, and comparative research on, the issues involved in cost sharing. This summer’s visitors were invited to overlap with each other so that in addition to the usual advantages offered to the project’s visiting scholars, they would also have the opportunity to get to know each other and create professional links for the future. The visitors have set up an informal network of graduate students studying higher education finance that is already allowing them to exchange information and questions.


**Department of Learning and Instruction**

**Kazuma Hatano** has been selected as this year’s Judith T. Melamed Memorial Fellowship recipient. Kazuma, who is from Japan, is a first
semester graduate student in the masters degree program in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). Judith T. Melamed was a professor of TESOL in GSE, who died in 1989.

James L. Hoot, professor and director of the Early Childhood Research Center, has received the 2004 Patty Smith Hill Award, the highest honor accorded its members by the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI), one of the world’s oldest professional educational organizations. Hoot, who was recognized for outstanding lifetime achievement and commitment to the mission of the organization, received the award at the 2004 ACEI Annual International Conference and Exhibition Business Meeting. The award is named for the former president of the International Kindergarten Union—ACEI’s predecessor—and a dedicated U.S. educator, administrator, Columbia University professor and author. Over the past decade, Hoot has made more than 350 presentations to professional organizations in the former Soviet Union, China, Estonia, Ethiopia, Israel, Finland, Hungary, Germany, Canada, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the U.S. He has been a strong advocate for children for more than three decades and has been recognized on many occasions and by many entities for excellence in teaching, scholarly research and publications. He has served on the editorial boards of several educational organizations and journals, and chaired five AEC committees, served as vice president and as the association’s 56th president from 1997 to 1999.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES
Department of Computer Science and Engineering
Carl G. Alphonce, professor, has organized, together with colleagues at other universities, a workshop at the annual ACM Conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications for the past two years; in fall 2004 they will be running the third such workshop in Vancouver, Canada.

Jan Chomicki, associate professor, presented an invited talk “Towards a Decision Query Language” at the Dodicesimo Convegno Nazionale su Sistemi Evoluti per Basi di Dati (Twelfth Italian Symposium on Advanced Database Systems), June 2004, S. Margherita di Pula, Italy. He was one of the organizers of the Dagstuhl seminar 04271, “Preferences: Specification, Inference, Applications,” on June-July 2004, where he also presented a talk on “Optimization of Preference Queries.” The seminar was a unique interdisciplinary event, gathering researchers from Artificial Intelligence, Databases, and Decision Theory. He chaired sessions at the SIGMOD’04 conference and the symposium on Applications of Constraint Databases, both held in June 2004 in Paris. At the symposium, he also presented his paper “Semantic Optimization of Preference Queries.”

Ramalingam Sridhar, professor, has been doing work in clocking and synchronization in ultra deep submicron VLSI designs that has attracted considerable attention internationally. He was part of the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society Distinguished Lecturer Program for January 2003-December 2004. He was invited to present five lectures across Taiwan at leading Universities and industries, by the Digital IP Consortium of VLSI Education under the Taiwan Ministry of Education and IEEE Circuits and Systems Society Taiwan Chapter. During his trip, he visited National Taiwan University, National Chiao-Tung University, Realtek Corporation, TSMC (Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation), CIC (Chip Implementation Center), National Cheng Kung University in December 2003, and lectured on the difficulties faced in ultra deep submicron designs (designs in nanoelectronics), and the approaches to handle these challenges. Sridhar was also an invited speaker for the flagship VLSI Design Conference VLSI Design in Mumbai, India, January 5-9, 2004 and he lectured on the same topic. He also gave a detailed tutorial on this problem and solutions at the International Symposium on Circuits and Systems in Vancouver, BC. He had coauthored this with two senior researchers from Intel Microprocessor Research Laboratory, Oregon. Also, he was invited to Patras, Greece and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as a distinguished speaker in October and November of this year.

Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Deborah D. L. Chung, Niagara Mohawk Endowed Chair Professor of Materials Research, received the Charles E. Pettinos Award, a triennial international award that recognizes outstanding recent research accomplishments in the field of carbon science and technology, during a ceremony in July 2004 held in Newport, Rhode Island and attended by about 500 scientists/guests from about 30 countries. Chung is the first American woman and the first person of Chinese descent to receive this award. Chung gave the keynote lecture titled “The Making of an Inventor” in the Creativity Teaching Seminar for schoolteachers, sponsored by Tan Ka Kee Foundation, held at Singapore Science Center, on July 31, 2004. The event was attended by about 400 school teachers. In addition, she gave a lecture by the same title to the entire Grade 10 class (500 students) of the Chinese High School, which is one of the top high schools in Singapore, on July 29, 2004. On August 4, 2004, Chung gave a concert-lecture titled “Science, Music and Life” to the students, faculty and the parents of students (about 400 people) in Bina Bakti School (K-12) in Bandung, Indonesia.

SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS
Department of Library and Information Studies
Melanie Kimball, assistant professor, presented a workshop with her colleague, Kay Bishop “Engaging Students in Storytelling” at the 33rd Annual Conference of the International Association of School Librarianship held in Dublin, Ireland in June 2004. The conference was held jointly with the 8th International Forum on Research in School Librarianship. In July, Kimball attended the 12th Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP) held in Lyon, France. She presented a paper entitled: “Cultural Gatekeepers: Children’s Librarians and the Control of Children’s Reading, 1903-1930.” Kimball also presented a paper at the biennial conference of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) held September 5-9, 2004 in Cape Town, South Africa. She presented jointly with Dennis Leoutsakas, Department of Communications and Theater Arts, Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland. The paper was called “Assembling Orphan Tales: From Folk tale, to Fiction, to Fact.”

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
John M. Thomas, professor and dean, and Philip Perry, associate professor and associate dean for international programs, visited the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) in October 2004 to attend the graduation ceremony held in honor of the members of Intake 7 of the school’s Executive MBA program at SIM. Faculty from the school who recently traveled to Singapore to teach in this program include John Boot, Isaac Ehrlich, Arun Jain, Louis Mandell, Philip Perry, Natalie Simpson, and Nallan Suresh. A graduation ceremony for Class 4 of UB’s Executive MBA program at Renmin University was held in Beijing on November 5. Perry attended on behalf of the School of Management. Ramaswamy Ramesh, associate professor, traveled to Beijing in summer 2004 to teach in the Executive MBA program offered there in cooperation with Motorola University.

Department of Finance and Managerial Economics
Larry Southwick, associate professor, recently participated in the Rotary Polio Plus trip to India. This group included about 80 people, mostly from Canada, but also including some from various parts of the U.S., from Australia, and from Germany. The program began in 1985 with Dr. Sabin (developer of the vaccine) issued a challenge to Rotary to wipe out polio in the world. In the year Rotary accepted the challenge, there were about 388,000 cases of polio in the world, largely in the developing world. By the end of 2003, the number was reduced to fewer than 1,000. Most of these cases were in northern India, northern Nigeria, and Pakistan. Much of the success has
been achieved with the help of the World Health Organization and the governments of the affected countries. Recently, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has joined the effort. These trips are primarily for the purpose of supporting the efforts of the local governments to immunize children. During his time in India, Southwick was able to personally immunize about 150 children, the youngest of whom was only a few days old. He visited tent cities as well as other slums and rural villages, all places where the government was unable to communicate due to illiteracy and/or lack of electricity. Even though the people in those places do not live well, reducing the debilitating effects of polio will help them in the future. Often, a 5 or 6 year old would carry out a younger sibling to be immunized. Southwick traveled to Vancouver, Canada at the invitation of the Fraser Institute which is based there. He was their featured speaker at a luncheon in September 2004. His topic was one on which he had earlier published a major piece (“Local Government Spending and At-Large versus District Representation: Do Wards Result in More Pork”).

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
Department of Neurosurgery

SCHOOL OF NURSING
Jean Brown, associate professor and associate dean for academic affairs, was invited to present two papers at the 13th International Conference on Cancer Nursing 2004 in Sydney, Australia from August 5-14, 2004. The title of her papers was “How trustworthy are diagnoses of malnutrition in hospitalized cancer patients? A comparison of medical records diagnoses & three assessment indices” and “Evidence-based cancer care: nutritional issues in cancer”.

Suzanne Dickerson, assistant professor presented an abstract at the 15th International Nursing Research Congress, Sigma Theta Tau in Dublin, Ireland on July 23, 2004. The title of the abstract was “Patients’ experiences using the internet for cancer care”.

The 10th International Pediatric Nursing Research Symposium (IPNRS) was held in Montreal, Canada on November 10-12, 2004. Linda Caley, assistant professor, Mary Ann Jezewski, associate professor, and Theresa Winkelman, clinical instructor presented an abstract titled “Expressed needs of communities, families and children affected by fetal alcohol spectrum disorder”.

Kay Sackett, clinical associate professor, traveled to India with Himalaya Health Expeditions from July 15 - August 5, 2004. Himalaya Health Expeditions is a group of nurses, dentists, physicians, and nursing and medical students who provided primary care on the Chang Tang Peninsula.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Department of Rehabilitation Science
Center for International Rehabilitation Research Information and Exchange (CIRRIE)
John Stone, director, presented at the University of Toronto in the CERIS Public Seminar Series in November 2004. CERIS is the joint Centre for Excellence in Research on Immigration and Settlement, a consortium of the University of Toronto, York University, Ryerson University and a number of community agencies. CIRRIE is an Affiliated Institutional Member of CERIS. Stone’s presentation was on Culture Brokering in the Health and Rehabilitation Services. A new book, Culture and Disability: Providing Culturally Competent Disability Services, edited by John Stone, has been published by SAGE Publications. On October 20 and 21 Stone participated in a meeting at the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, DC on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF), a classification system developed by the World Health Organization. The meeting was of representatives of Latin American countries that are implementing this new system. John Stone was asked to present on CIRRIE: Perspectives for Collaboration with the Countries of the Region in the Application and Use of the ICF.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
Stephen C. Dunnett, vice provost, professor of foreign and second language education in the Department of Learning and Instruction (LAI) and director of the English Language Institute, represented President John B. Simpson in October 2004 at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of UB’s exchange partner, Capital Normal University in Beijing, China. As part of the anniversary celebration, Dunnett took part in a forum at which he delivered a presentation about the internationalization of the University at Buffalo. As chair of the Board of Trustees of World Education Services (WES), Dunnett delivered opening remarks at a WES symposium on international labor and academic mobility that was held in Toronto, Canada in October 2004. In April 2004, Dunnett led a delegation from UB to Toronto for an invited audience with His Holiness, The Dalai Lama. The delegation included Dr. Richard V. Lee, UB professor of medicine, and Urgyen Wangyal, a UB graduate student from Tibet. The purpose of the visit was to formally invite The Dalai Lama to visit UB in 2005 or 2006.

Steven L. Shaw, director of international admissions, has been appointed as a member-at-large to the Board of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for a four-year term of service. Owned and administered by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey, TOEFL is the most commonly used standardized test of English language proficiency in the world. In order to be admitted to UB, international students who are non-native speakers of English must achieve a specific minimum score on the TOEFL.
L to r.: Urgyen Wangyal, UB graduate student from Tibet; Dr. Richard V. Lee, professor of medicine; and Stephen C. Dunnett, vice provost for international education, during their audience with His Holiness, The Dalai Lama, in April 2004.

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The UB visit to Brazil was complemented by a visit to Buffalo in September by a delegation of students and faculty from UNIPAC. The students were from programs in occupational therapy, physical therapy, and nursing. They visited Buffalo for two weeks after a brief stay in New York City. Faculty and students in the department of Rehabilitation Science offered home stays and provided meals, transportation, and parties.

Highlights of their visit to Buffalo were tours provided by ECMC, the Independent Living Center, Aspire Children’s Center, and the Weinberg Campus. Local site seeing included visits to Niagara Falls, Griffith Sculpture Park, and salsa dancing.

All participants in this binational exchange felt that their lives were enriched through their experience of the cultural life and professional practice of the other country.

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Professor Ali Dogramaci, Rector of Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey, delivered a lecture on November 18, 2004 as part of UB’s International Education Week program. The topic of his lecture was “The Changing Turkish Education System.” During his visit to the university, Rector Dogramaci also met with faculty and administrators, as well as UB students from Turkey.
SATISH TRIPATHI APPOINTED UB PROVOST

Satish K. Tripathi, formerly dean of the Bourns College of Engineering at the University of California, Riverside, has been appointed as UB provost and executive vice president for academic affairs by President John B. Simpson.

Tripathi, who took office as UB’s chief academic officer on July 1, 2004, had been dean of the engineering college and the William R. Johnson, Jr. Family Distinguished Professor of Engineering at UC Riverside since 1997. He also served as acting executive vice chancellor from March 2002 through June 2002.

Prior to joining UC Riverside, he was a professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Maryland, where his 19 years as a faculty member in the department included being chair from 1988-95.

Tripathi is an internationally accomplished computer scientist who has been involved in substantial funded research. He has published more than 200 scholarly papers, supervised 25 doctoral students and served on program committees of numerous international conferences.

“The University at Buffalo,” Tripathi said, “has tremendous potential. I am most impressed with its comprehensiveness and the educational opportunities provided to students through its more than 300 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. With its full complement of professional schools and vast array of research centers, it also has the parts in place to be a leading university. UB also is a very important part of the community, with strong relationships with the business and corporate community upon which to build to the benefit of the university and the region.”

Tripathi has been the guest editor or guest co-editor of several scientific journals and is a founding member of the editorial board of IEEE Pervasive Computing. A member of the editorial board of International Journal of High-Speed Networks, he previously was on the editorial boards of Theoretical Computer Science, IEEE Transactions on Computers, ACM Multimedia Systems and ACM/IEEE Transactions on Networking.

Tripathi is a fellow of the IEEE Computer and Communications Societies and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He was a visiting professor at the University of Paris-Sud in France and the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in Germany while at the University of Maryland.

A native of India, Tripathi graduated top of his class from Banaras Hindu University in India in 1968. In addition to a doctorate in computer science that he earned from the University of Toronto in 1979, he holds three master’s degrees, one in computer science from the University of Toronto and two in statistics from the University of Alberta and Banaras Hindu University.

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