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Cyrell Roberson's Semester in London

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Mr. Roberson taking in the sites of Venice, Italy on a Gondola.

My semester in London was by far the best four months of my life! I was given the opportunity to meet people from around the world, travel to multiple countries, and establish life-long friendships and memories with people I now call close friends. Last August I embarked on what was the most exciting time of my life. It has always been my goal and dream to live and study in Europe since studying European culture and the French language during high school. My study abroad program of choice was the American Institute for Foreign Studies (AIFS). With the help of this program and the generosity of the Benjamin A. Gilman International scholarship, I made one of my life-long dreams come true.



Xavier student, Cyrell Roberson in front of the world famous Big Ben Clock Tower and Parliament Building in London, England

While living in London, it easily became my favorite city in the world. This diverse and vibrant city makes it hard to not fall in love with. I enjoyed being constantly surrounded by people from an array of racial and ethnic backgrounds speaking a variety of languages. London literally has something for everyone from the posh West/Central London area where I was fortunate enough to live, to the more urban, artsy, and eclectic East London boroughs. While living in another country away from family and friends I became even more self-reliant and independent than I already had been prior to leaving.

When I wasn't studying for an exam or writing a paper, I was able to spend my time traveling to other countries in Europe. I was finally able to use my French skills while traveling in Paris, France. During my fall break, a couple friends and I decided to take a trip to Italy. We divided our week between visiting Cinque Terre, Milan, Venice, and Rome, Italy. It's safe to say this was by far the best fall break I've ever experienced. My last weekend trip was spent in the beautiful city of Barcelona, Spain with another group of close friends.

I highly recommend studying abroad for everyone, especially minorities. If you think you can't afford it, there's an abundance of scholarships available (like the Gilman Scholarship, which I was fortunate enough to receive). Also, many students worry studying abroad will hold them back from graduating on time, but with proper planning of courses throughout your time at Xavier and abroad this can easily be avoided.

Director's Message



Internationalization Strategic Plan 2013-2018

Greetings,

In 2012, the Center for Intercultural and International Programs was charged with examining the state of internationalization at Xavier. This examination included determining our strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. The result would include a determination of a realistic set of priorities and initiatives to be achieved, 2013-2018. Particular areas of examination included study abroad, international student body, linkages with universities overseas, the global interests and experience of our faculty, the internationalization of the curriculum, and the possibilities for further internationalization of the University.

The Center for Intercultural and International Programs enlisted the assistance of the University Global Awareness Committee in the examination, report and recommendations for the priorities and initiatives set out in the *Internationalization Strategic Plan: 2013-2018*. The intent was to provide a blueprint whereby, over the next five years, the University might better enable students, faculty, staff, and the wider Xavier community to become more aware about the world in which we live. The blueprint outlines a series of priorities and initiatives to further develop an international campus culture at Xavier University of Louisiana.

Priority 1: Promote Internationalization of the Curriculum

Initiative 1: Promote and integrate education abroad experience into the curriculum across the university.

Initiative 2: Implement Xavier Internationalization Laboratory curricula initiatives.

Initiative 3: Expand international curriculum in targeted areas.

Priority 2: Increase International Research and Faculty Development Activities

Initiative 1: Integrate Research, Teaching and Service Effectively into International Activities

Initiative 2: Promote and Support International Faculty Development Activities

Initiative 3: Promote and Support Study Abroad Programs for Faculty and Staff

Priority 3: Promote and Support International Student Recruitment, Retention and Alumni Services

Initiative 1: Attract, admit, and retain high quality degree-seeking international undergraduate and graduate students.

Initiative 2: Enhance Xavier's marketing strategies to potential international undergraduate and graduate students.

Initiative 3: Formalize outreach and engagement of Xavier's international alumni.

Priority 4: Expand International Campus and Community Outreach Activities

Initiative 1: Increase interaction between international students, visiting scholars, and international faculty and host families.

Initiative 2: Increase interactions between international and U.S. students, faculty, and staff.

Initiative 3: Strengthen Xavier's engagement with public constituencies in its international activities.

Priority 5: Enhance Campus and Community Communication

Initiative 1: Improve communication regarding international programs and opportunities within the campus and community.

As Xavier moves forward into the 21st Century, global learning must become one of the central components of its character and identity. Adoption of the Internationalization Strategic Plan: 2013-2018, utilizing its multiple and varied experiences approach both at home and abroad, coupled with an effective assessment strategy, will move Xavier closer toward meeting its mission.

We look forward to working with you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Torian L. Lee, JD

Director,
Center for Intercultural and International Programs
Xavier University of Louisiana

Confucius Institute: Celebrating Chinese New Year



Xavier University's Confucius Institute celebrated its grand opening in October 2012. President Norman C. Francis hosted the event, and welcomed the attendance of U.S. and Chinese officials, and community leaders and friends of the Confucius Institute. An array of speakers, including Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Consul General of China from Houston Madam Xu Erwen, and Xavier's partner school Hebei University Senior Vice President Wang Fengming, talked about the significance of the Confucius Institute to the city of New Orleans, Xavier students, and the community.

On February 15, 2013, the Confucius Institute hosted a large-scale Chinese New Year Celebration on Xavier's campus. Over 400 people from campus and beyond attended this event, which featured interactive games, instrumental and vocal music, dancing performances, and excellent food. Through this event, Xavier reached out to a broad spectrum of communities, and increased its name recognition within the Asian, including the Chinese, community.



Students in Professor Wang Gang's Mandarin language course sing a Chinese song to the audience at the Confucius Institute's Chinese New Year Celebration.



Xavier Hosts the Louisiana NAFSA: International Education Conference March 22, 2013



Mrs. Karen Lee, 2013 Chair of the Louisiana Chapter of NAFSA

On **March 22**, Xavier University of Louisiana will host the annual Louisiana NAFSA meeting. NAFSA is an association of individuals worldwide advancing international education and exchange and global workforce development. NAFSA serves international educators and their institutions and organizations by establishing principles of good practice, providing training and professional development opportunities, providing networking opportunities, and advocating for international education.

Mrs. Karen Lee, Associate Director of the Center for Intercultural and International Programs, is the 2013 Louisiana state Chair for NAFSA and the primary organizer for the meeting. Topics included on the agenda include study abroad advising, J and F visas advising, and the expansion of English as a Second Language (ESL) programs in Louisiana. The meeting will be held in the UC Ballroom, from 10am until 3pm. For more information about the meeting, including registration



Xavier Faculty Address Global Issues at the Salzburg Seminar in Austria



As part of Xavier's Internationalization efforts, Professor Edna Lanieri will lead a group of Xavier students to Galway, Ireland in June to study Digital Photography. In February of 2013, Ms. Lanieri was selected and participated in the prestigious Salzburg Seminar in Austria.

Salzburg Global Seminars are five-day sessions focused on critical challenges confronting the global community and designed to formulate innovative solutions to global problems. Beginning with Session 1 in 1947, the Salzburg Global Seminar has convened people from government, business, academia, and non-governmental organizations that are committed to making a difference in the world. Particular emphasis is placed on generating cutting-edge ideas and developing proposals for action.

Ms. Lanieri and other Xavier faculty who have won this award were supported by a grant that covered roundtrip airfare to Austria, lodging, and meals during the Seminar. Past Xavier faculty members who have participated in the Seminar include Dr. Ronald Dorris (African American and Diaspora Studies), Dr. Pamela Waldron-Moore (Political Science), and Dr. Elizabeth Hammer (Center for Advancement of Teaching).

Xavier faculty are encouraged to apply for the numerous topic specific seminars throughout 2013. Please click on the link below to learn more about this fully funded faculty opportunity. <http://www.salzburgglobal.org/current/seminars-b.cfm>.

Study Abroad Notes

"Any student with earnest intentions of having the most valuable, well-rounded, and beneficial education possible should rightly consider a study abroad experience. Study abroad is not what is taught in a classroom, nor what can be found in a textbook - study abroad helps the average student become exceptional. Those who study abroad are ready to take their education outside the confines of their campus, their capabilities and their comfort zone to jump-start their career, or maybe their passion. They go ready to learn culture, custom and acceptance; they find awareness, experience, and most importantly, themselves."



—Alexis Ellis
(Argentina, Spring '12)

Xavier Welcomes Student from Pakistan under The GLOBAL UGRAD Program



In the fall of 2012, Xavier proudly welcomed Mujtaba Shaukat, its first student to study on campus through the Global UGRAD program. Global UGRAD is a State Department initiative that sends university students in Eurasia and Central Asia to study in American colleges. According to the Department of State, the goals of the Global UGRAD program are: “(1) Eurasian and American students increase their cross-cultural understanding and create personal and professional linkages with one another, and (2) Participants use the skills and knowledge acquired in the United States to serve as community leaders in their home countries.” Welcoming students such as Mujtaba Shaukat, who came to us from his home country of Pakistan, Xavier fulfills its mission to prepare young people for leadership in a globalized world.

“I was selected for one semester at Xavier university as a psychology major student, and it has been the most amazing time of my life. In the end, I would like to thank the CIIP office and all of my friends for their help, support and care.”

-Mujtaba Shaukat



Mujtaba and Staff Members from the Xavier Center for Intercultural and International Programs (CIIP)

Xavier Partners with Haiti: The Qatar-Haiti Redevelopment Project



Dr. Wendy Gaudin, Co-Director of the Qatar-Haiti Redevelopment Project, joins the Rector of the University of Notre Dame Haiti, Monsignor Pierre-Andre Pierre, in La Vallee, Haiti. Xavier University of Louisiana will partner with the Haitian university to help them establish schools of Education and Pharmacy.



The HBCU-Brazil Alliance: Scientific Mobility Program

The Brazilian government's Brazil Scientific Mobility program provides scholarships to Brazilian undergraduate students in mostly STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for one year of study at colleges and universities in the United States. Students will return to complete their degrees in Brazil. This is one of many initiatives through the HBCU-Brazil Alliance, in which Xavier is a member. Xavier received its first student in January 2013. Gabriela Barbarini will study for a year in the Xavier College of Pharmacy. She will complete her degree at her home institution, Unicamp University. Unicamp is located in Campinas, Brazil. This program is one of many ways Xavier will build its relationship with Brazil and we look forward to more Brazilians on campus in the future.



Mr. Torian L. Lee, JD (Director of Xavier's Center for Intercultural and International Programs), Ms. Gabriela Barbarini (Pharmacy Exchange Student from Campinas University in Brazil), and President Norman C. Francis

College of Pharmacy Continues Student Exchange Program with Qatar University



Xavier students ,after completing their clinical rotation at Qatar University, with Dr. Loren Blanchard (Senior V.P. for Academic Affairs), Dr. Sarah Al-Dahir (College of Pharmacy), and Mr. Torian L. Lee (CIIP Director)

As part of the academic exchange agreement between Xavier University of Louisiana's College of Pharmacy and Qatar University's College of Pharmacy, Xavier will host a second set of Qatar students during the Spring 2013 Semester. The Professional Experience Program began with Qatar University hosting two Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy students in May 2011.

Xavier University's relationship with Qatar began shortly after Hurricane Katrina, when the Emir of Qatar donated a new pharmacy facility and provided scholarships to encourage students to return to Xavier and New Orleans. As part of the Professional Experience Program, clinical pharmacy mentors at a local hospital will provide the Qatar students with a rich clinical observation experience during her time in the United States.

Xavier PharmD students interested in studying in Qatar, through the exchange program should contact Dr. Sarah Al-Dahir in the Xavier College of Pharmacy or the CIIP Office.



THE SUMMER LIGHT OF WESTERN IRELAND:

PHOTOGRAPHING GALWAY

WITH XAVIER UNIVERSITY



DATES: July 5 – 19, 2013

PRICE: \$3,090 (provided at least 12 students enroll)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 8, 2013

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Roundtrip airport transportation from Shannon Airport
- On-site orientation
- Organized group meal
- Three-credit hour Photography course
- Shared accommodations at apartment-style student residence
- Day-trip to the Aran Islands
- Guided tours and entrance fees
- Health insurance

NOT INCLUDED

- International Airfare
- Passport
- Transportation within the host city (taxis, buses)
- Personal spending money (activities, toiletries, snacks, etc.)

*Information is subject to change.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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APPLICATION

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FULBRIGHT

On February 19 and 20 of this year, the Center for Intercultural and International Programs hosted two workshops on Fulbright opportunities for Xavier faculty and students. Representatives from the US Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the governmental body that administers Fulbright awards, offered information and best practices regarding Fulbright applications.

Graduating seniors can apply for a number of Fulbright U. S. Student Grants, including Study/Research grants, Fulbright-mtvU Awards, Fulbright Public Policy Fellowships, Travel Grants, and English Teaching Assistantships. For more information about the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, visit us.fulbrightonline.org.

Xavier faculty learned of several Fulbright opportunities available to them, namely the traditional Fulbright Scholars Program and the Fulbright Specialist Program. Both programs give American professors and independent scholars the opportunity to conduct research, teach, write, and exercise leadership in the international setting. For more information about Fulbright Scholar programs, visit www.iie.org/fulbright, contact the Xavier Center for Intercultural and International Programs (CIIP) or one of the Fulbright Alumni at Xavier.

The Fulbright Scholar Program Alumni at Xavier include:

1. Dr. Sara Al-Dahir, Pharmacy Faculty
2. Dr. Steve Salm, History Faculty
3. Dr. Gary Donaldson, Center for Undergraduate Research
4. Mr. Torian L. Lee, JD, Center for Intercultural and International Programs (CIIP)

Study Abroad Notes

"I had the wonderful opportunity to study abroad in Lima, Peru, through the Tulane-Xavier MHIRT (Minority Health International Research Training) Program. Every day brought new experiences since I was communicating in a second language, I was living with a Peruvian host family, and I was working in an area completely different than I had experienced. The MHIRT program paid for my language classes, which was extremely beneficial because I was able to work on my language abilities in a stress free environment."



—Morgan Weber
(Lima, Peru Summer '12)

2013 Campus Internationalization Grant Recipients

Annually, the Center for Intercultural and International Programs provides faculty travel awards toward the goal of campus internationalization. The Xavier Internationalizes the Curriculum (XIC) Grant assists faculty with exploring potential academic partnerships with foreign universities, expanding knowledge toward internationalizing the university's curriculum, and fostering collaborative research with colleagues around world. Please see the faculty section on the CIIP website for more information.

<http://xula.abroadoffice.net/professional.html>

The 2013 XIC Grant recipients are:



Dr. Amanda E. Helm, Assistant Professor
Division of Business
Destination: **Brazil**
Project: Seminar in International Business with the University of Campinas



Dr. Richard Peters, Assistant Professor
Division of Business
Destination: **China**
Project: The Business of China



Dr. Mohamed A. Awad, Assistant Professor
Department of Biology
Destination: **Egypt**
Project: Research and Exchange Program with American University in Cairo



Ms. Dara Rahming, Lecturer
Department of Music
Destination: **Bahamas**
Project: Exploring Study Abroad Opportunities with the College of the Bahamas

Faculty Winners of the 2012 Xavier Internationalization Grant discuss their Projects during International Education Week



Dr. Susan Spillman (**Senegal**) Language Department
Dr. Margarita Echeverri (**Colombia**) College of Pharmacy
Dr. Sarah Amering (**Colombia**) College of Pharmacy
Dr. MaPo Kinnord-Payton (**Ghana**) Art Department
Ms. Nancy Hampton (**Israel**) Art Department & Library
Dr. Nancy Martino (**Honduras**) Communications Studies Department

Study Abroad Fair Connects Xavier Students to Opportunities Around the World



Xavier students discuss Study Abroad options with a representative from Diversityabroad.org during the annual Study Abroad Fair in the Univ. Center

January 23, 2013 marked Xavier's annual Study Abroad Fair, which brought representatives from twenty Study Abroad providers to campus. Among those represented were third party providers, foreign language schools, and study abroad scholarship providers. Students learned about the many opportunities to study abroad through summer, semester, and academic year programs. Students also gathered information about faculty-led summer courses, which will take place in Ireland, Greece, and Turkey. In addition to third-party programs and faculty-led summer courses, Xavier's own Confucius Institute offered information about studying Mandarin abroad during the summer of 2013.

Study Abroad Notes

"Studying abroad in Sevilla, Spain was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It confirmed for me that I am a global citizen and has made me realize my dream to travel extensively and even live outside of the United States someday."



—**Malik Stevenson**
(Sevilla, Spain Sp '12)

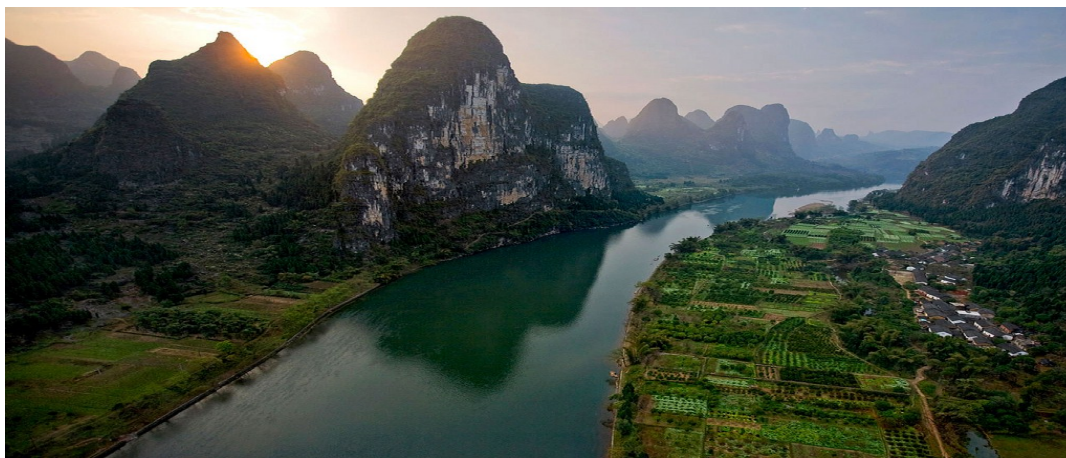


The Center for Intercultural and International Programs does the following:

1. Advises students on study abroad, internships, & service learning
2. Promotes Internalization of the curriculum
3. Promotes Faculty International development
4. Organizes Campus Intercultural and International activities
5. Visa Support and advising for foreign students and scholars
6. Advises multicultural student organizations
7. Coordinates campus study abroad application process and procedure
8. Advising on International Education Scholarships & Awards
9. Serves as the clearinghouse for all Xavier International Activities

Important Dates and Deadlines

March 11, 2013	Congo Square Seminar and Performance, 7pm, U.C. Ballroom
March 14, 2013	XULA Vietnamese Association Iron Chef Cooking Competition Loyola University
March 20, 2013	Confucius Institute: Business in China Lecture w/ Mr. Karl Turner, 7pm, Convocation Center
March 22, 2013	LA-NAFSA State Conference, 10am –3pm, U.C. Ballroom
April 5, 2013	Study Abroad Campus Deadline for all Summer and Fall Programs
April 8-12, 2013	Xavier African Student Union Week
April 19, 2013	Confucius Institute: Three Tours Performance, 7pm, Convocation Center
April 25, 2013	Study Abroad Pre-Departure Orientation , 12:15pm –1pm, University Center
May, 2013	Xavier Theology Course in Greece and Turkey with Dr. Lourdes Rincon
May, 2013	Confucius: Xavier Chinese Language and Culture Student Program at Hebei University in China
July 5-19, 2013	Xavier Photography Course in Galway Ireland, with Professor Lanieri
August 1, 2013	Faculty Fulbright Program Application Deadline



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