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THIS WILL BE BOTH THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMMING AND THE LAST MESSAGE FROM ME AS THE DEAN OF THAT OFFICE.

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMMING

With the blessings of then-President Robert M. Gavin, Jr. and Provost Daniel J. Hornbach, International Studies and Programming (ISP) came into being in the spring of 1994. The essential purpose of the office is to coordinate most of Macalester's existing activities on internationalism, as well as imagine new initiatives. ISP includes the following main units: the International Studies curriculum and major; the four area studies programs (African; Latin American; Russian, Central and East European; and Asian Studies); the International Center (with responsibilities that include study abroad and international students); the annual Macalester International Roundtable; *Macalester International*; Visiting International Faculty; Faculty Development International Seminars; *Bildhaan: An International Journal of Somali Studies*; the Advisory Committee on International Studies and Internationalism (ACISI); and the student-run Model United Nations Club.

FROM THE DEAN

As with all aspects of life associated with human beings, change is inevitable. Nearly two years ago, President Rosenberg charged a campus-wide committee to rethink our institutional approaches to the fundamental values of internationalism, diversity, and community service. Guided by the conviction that Macalester ought to further advance its reputation as a national leader in successfully integrating vigorous liberal learning with an acute consciousness of pluralist global, national, and local environments, the Committee's final proposal contained, among others, two major administrative changes: a decoupling of the Department of International Studies and International Programming, and the creation of a new Institute for Global Citizenship—that is, an intellectual and administrative structure that will combine internationalist programming and civic engagement. President Rosenberg and Provost Michelfelder endorsed the Committee's recommendations.

The basic implications of the changes include the disappearance of the office of the Dean of International Studies and Programming; the creation of a Deanship to lead the new Institute; and a new Chair for the Department of International Studies. I am at once honored to have been appointed as the Dean of the Institute and delighted to hand over the reins of the Department to my colleague, Professor David Chioni Moore. David and I have spent a dozen years as intimate partners in successfully building what was once a program into a nationally reputed Department in the area of international affairs. I am confident that with David's multifaceted administrative competences, cosmopolitan experiences, and powerful intellect, the Department will rise to new levels of distinction under his leadership. Signs of those future developments will be registered in the Department's own annual reports. In my capacity as a tenured member of the Department faculty, I will continue to offer courses in International Studies.

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Since that intimidatingly frigid January of 1994, when I arrived at Macalester as the Dean of International Studies and Programming, I had the good fortune of entering a network of scholar-teachers across the campus known for their worldly intelligence and generosity, and a talented staff devoted to the College. Over the past twelve-and-a-half years, I have been the recipient of the magnanimity of both groups.

Today, I want to express my profound gratitude, for you have made me one of your own. Consequently, I feel proud to count myself as a loyal citizen of this splendid institution. As for the students, suffice it to say that my continuing intellectual encounters with them, in many contexts, has been the most thrilling of a rewarding experience. I look forward to more of that adventure.

The 2006 cohort of International Studies graduates has kept pace with the best of last year's. They have written impressive honors theses, won national awards and academic scholarships, and found productive employment.

*It has become a tradition to bestow a gift book upon graduating seniors. A catalogue of the books we have given is as follows: *I Wonder as I Wander* by Langston Hughes, *Out of Place* by Edward Said, *Medea* by Krista Wolf, *Disgrace* by J.M. Coetzee, *Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela, *Snow* by Orhan Pamuk, *Walking through Fire* by Nawal El Saadawi, *The Last Summer of Reason* by Tahar Djaout, *Living to Tell the Tale* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and for the class of 2006, *Salonica: City of Ghosts—Muslims, Christians and Jews, 1330–1950* by Mark Mazower.*

Nabaday,



Ahmed I. Samatar
James Wallace Professor and
Dean of International Studies and Programming

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Sumeet Atul '04 works for Management Assistance Corporation, a small federal contracting company, as a proposal writer and project assistant on contracts with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. On the side, she is taking yoga classes and hoping to become an instructor in a year or two!

Nishad Avari '06 wrote an honors essay for Political Science under the direction of Prof. Wendy Weber: "In the Wake of Genocide: Rwanda's Contribution to Theories of Transitional Justice." Nishad will be employed by Saffron Art in New York City as a consultant to set up a research library and office, in addition to their gallery. Once that is done in December, he will work with client relations and consulting on consignments to art shows and auctions. Throughout, he will be helping with hanging/curating shows and auction previews, and will be writing and interviewing for the website.

Erin Boeke Burke '04 is completing two years at the U.S. Institute of Peace in the Office of Public Affairs and Communications. Recently, she has deferred acceptance into the Ph.D. program in Political Science at the London School of Economics.

Rado Bradistilov '96 is a Principal with Exton Capital, a N.Y.-based hedge fund, a growing long/short value hedge fund investing in the U.S. and Europe.

Heather Buessler '03 is happy to have moved back to the Twin Cities from the D.C. area in September 2005. She works for New Americans Community Services, a small, community-based nonprofit organization serving African refugees and immigrants (primarily East African). As a Community Research Coordinator, she has planned and is now conducting a comprehensive African Community Assessment about the social, health, and economic status of Africans in the area.

Cristina Calderon '06 will teach English as a Second Language in New York City with Teach for America.

Isabelle Chan '06 wrote an honors thesis entitled, "Rethinking Transitional Justice: Cambodia, Genocide and the Victim-Centered Model." Prof. Ahmed Samatar served as her thesis adviser. Isabelle also won the College's coveted **Internationalism Award**.

Emily Cintora '05 was a research intern at Refugees International until the end of May, working on mission travel planning, writing and editing (a report on internally displaced persons that she co-authored will appear this year), and assisting with development events. Focusing on the issue of statelessness and the cases of denationalized Kurds in Syria and the Bihari/stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh, she has also worked on a survey of stateless populations in Africa, including Mauritanian refugees in Senegal, Nubians in Kenya, "foreigners" in Côte d'Ivoire, non-citizens in Gabon, pygmy groups in Central Africa, and Eritreans and Ethiopians denationalized during the border war.

Krystal Cooper '06 produced an honors thesis titled, "Language Marginalization in Kenya and Ireland: Drawing Transnational Lessons." Prof. David Moore was her adviser.

Chris Fletcher '05, a 2005-06 Watson Fellowship winner, has left McLeod Ganj and is currently in the world's tea capital, Darjeeling, before heading off to Sikkim. He will spend two weeks there and then it's on to Tibet for the final two months of his Watson year abroad. Currently, all is well with his research and he will have a hard time coming home.

Tricia Gonwa '05 has completed her first year at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. During spring break, she traveled to Ecuador and witnessed a week of rioting over the free trade agreement negotiations with the U.S. In June, she traveled to Mozambique for work at the U.S. Embassy in Maputo until September 8, focusing on issues of trafficking in persons.

Claire Gray '06 wrote an Anthropology honors thesis on "The Seventh Generation: The Continued Salience of Historic Tensions between Dakota and Non-Indigenous Communities in Southwestern Minnesota." Prof. Sonia Patten was her adviser.

Asli Gurkan '01 has been a consultant at the World Bank since May 2005, coordinating academic outreach activities under the External Affairs Unit. This includes coordinating a seminar series on global issues, with participation by university students from all over the globe. Asli is also coordinating a forthcoming publication, "Global Issues for Global Citizens," and co-authoring a chapter on the global development agenda. Asli received an M.A. from John Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), in May 2005.

Wendy Guyot '97 is the Civil Society Development Coordinator for the International Rescue Committee in Nazran, Ingushetia, the Russian province bordering Chechnya. She manages the Civic Recovery Program, a pilot project to implement community-driven projects by partnering with local nonprofits and government officials. She also manages a project to strengthen local nongovernmental organizations. The situation is still tense in that region of the globe but progress is being made.

Cara Haberman '06 wrote an honors thesis for the Political Science Department on "Centralisation and Status Formation: Institutional Frameworks that Shape Student Movement Outcomes." Prof. Andrew Latham was her adviser.

Patricia Jonsson '03 is finishing graduate studies in political science at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. In October, her thesis on the trafficking of women within the European Union is due. Then it is time to look for employment, preferably with an NGO/IGO in Geneva. For the time being, she is working part-time in a private headhunting firm.

Erica Kaster '02 is finishing her first year at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University in D.C., and will be interning with Mercy Corps in Kurmuk, Sudan, this summer.

Julie Kaster '06 wrote "From Tears to Revolution: Evaluating the Role of Mothers in the Success of Social Movements in Latin America" as her honors thesis. Prof. Paul Dosh served as her adviser.

Allison Kahn '04 is in the MSc Human Rights Program at the London School of Economics, finishing in September. Coursework has included refugee protection, terrorism and the rule of law, and transitional justice. She plans to write her dissertation on the relationship between justice and truth in reconciliation processes.

Ismail Khalidi '05 wrote a play called "Truth Serum Blues" in collaboration with Bassam Jarbawi. He performed the one-man show at Pangea World Theater in Minneapolis and it was so popular that the run was extended! After some of the performances there were discussions of the issues of stereotyping, bias, and the war on terror.

Anna Kläppe '05 was accepted into the graduate program in International Studies at Uppsala University in Sweden. The program will enable her to come to the United States for a four-month internship in the spring. Anna has been working for the Sweden-America Foundation.

Emilia Klajn '05 will begin dual Ph.D. programs in French and French Studies at New York University in the fall. She had been working at the Alliance Française in Minneapolis.

Romina Laouri '04 is still working for Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, in Washington, D.C. She works on the youth initiative and staff recruiting team. This summer/fall, she will spend a couple of months in Germany to help launch Ashoka's youth program in Europe.

Ninya Loeppky '06 will join Americorps in New Jersey under a program called Community Water Watch. Ninya won the first-ever Best Paper Award bestowed by the International Studies Department this spring.

J. Quinn Martin '02 is attending the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

Corina McKendry '98 is working on a Ph.D. in Politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Laura (Moench) Meyer '04 will explore Vancouver, B.C., as well as camp and hike in the surrounding area in June 2006. Then she will volunteer at Holden Village in Washington state for two months. In the fall, she begins medical school at the University of Minnesota.

Denna Miller '06 wrote a Political Science honors thesis on "Education and Women's Political Empowerment in Diverse Islamic Sociopolitical Contexts: A Comparative Study of Egypt and Iran." Prof. David Blaney directed the project.

Hanna Morrill '06 wrote an honors thesis for Political Science entitled, "Mixed Signals: The United States and International Law." Prof. Wendy Weber advised.

Lauren Panetta '01 finished her first of two years of a Masters Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, where she will obtain a degree in International Relations and International Economics, with concentrations in International Development and Middle East Studies. She received a grant from the Middle East Studies Department to study Arabic for the summer in Lebanon and Syria.

Anna Plumb '05 has been in Senegal on a Fulbright scholarship researching the concept of respect within the Senegalese-Muslim marital construct. Next, she intends to move to Minneapolis and get a job working with African immigrant communities.

Chlöe Poynton '06 wrote "Unveiling Racism in France: How North-African Immigrants are Challenging French Identity" for her honors project. Prof. Mohammed Bamyeh was her adviser. She also won a prestigious Watson Fellowship to study humanitarian aid workers in Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Sweden, and Australia.

Andrea Purdekova '03 graduated from SAIS at Johns Hopkins with distinction. She has been temporarily working at two NGOs: the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy and the "Search for Common Ground." She is deciding which Ph.D. program to pursue.

Josina Raisler-Cohn '04 enters Northeastern Law School in Boston this fall, with a Public Interest Law Scholarship.

Sneh Rao '06 was awarded a Watson Fellowship and will be traveling for his research project on securing social and economic rights for sex professionals in Spain, South Africa, Argentina, and Hong Kong.

Mashal Saif '06 wrote "The 'Offence of Zina Ordinance' of Pakistan: An Invented Tradition or a Divine Sanction" as her Religious Studies honors project. Prof. James Laine was her adviser. She will pursue a Ph.D. in Religion at Duke University this fall.

Seth Schlotterbeck '06 will be getting physically fit working at Easy Bean Farm this summer. It is a Macalester alumni founded organic farm that provides produce for people who buy shares—called a CSA (for Community Supported Agriculture).

Katie Sharaz '05 remained at the border in El Paso through May of this year, continuing to work at Annunciation House, advocating for migrants' rights, and offering hospitality to the undocumented in an increasingly inhospitable place. She also spent a little time exploring Mexico and working on an organic farm. She is currently in Austin, Texas, working as a caseworker with Latin American immigrants at Casa Marianella, an organization that provides housing and social services to immigrants. She plans to return to school in the fall of 2007, probably to pursue a Master's degree in Social Work.

Jessica Smith '03 is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, where she also holds an M.A. in sociocultural anthropology. She will spend the next year conducting dissertation research in Wyoming, studying kinship, gender, labor, and corporate social responsibility in the coal mining industry.

Audun Solli '05 is in Merida, Venezuela, auditing classes in the political science department of the local university. He is also working on his Spanish and exploring the Andes on bike and by foot. He moved there after volunteering at Simon Bolivar United World College of Agriculture (also in Venezuela) for five months last year. He is moving home to Oslo to work and possibly start a Masters degree in the fall.

Elli Stephanede '04 is still at CHF International, an international development organization, now as an associate business development officer. She has the pleasure of working closely with another Mac grad, Richard Schumann '88, who is a specialist in the microfinance office.

Matilda Svensson '04 spent the past year in Palestine-Israel. She lived three months in Hebron and another three months in Ramallah as an Ecumenical Accompanier. This initiative by the World Council of Churches aims at ending the occupation through non-violent actions, concerted advocacy efforts, and monitoring/reporting of violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. She is currently working at the Jerusalem-based regional office of Diakonia, a Swedish human rights and development organization. In the fall, she will pursue an M.A. in International and Comparative Legal Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London.

Ines Tofalo '02 graduated from law school and is working at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, an international law firm in New York. She spent a summer in Dakar with the World Bank and had the opportunity to work with UNIFEM on informal employment in Latin America.

Jesse Uggla '05 finished the first year of a two-year commitment with Teach for America in Miami on May 31. After driving back to Minnesota with his puppy Duke in early June to meet with friends and family for a couple of weeks, he will be departing for a very exciting summer vacation in New York, Italy, and London! He plans on teaching at the same school in "Little Haiti" next year, after which he will enroll in graduate school.

Faye Wanchic '03 just completed her first year of law school at Indiana University in Bloomington. Living in her hometown for the first time since Macalester, she is enjoying being close to family. She is primarily focused on public interest law. She is headed to Cairo, Egypt, for the summer (where she lived for the two years following graduation from Mac). She will be interning with a lawyer there, visiting with friends, and attending a couple of weddings.

Antonio Williams '02 is running for city council in Ward 6 (Capitol Hill) of Washington, D.C. The elections are in November. Previously, he completed a Masters degree in Journalism from American University.

Deanna Ferree Womack '04 finished her second year at Princeton Theological Seminary, with one more year to earn a Masters of Divinity. She and her husband Mike spent last summer working on the border in Reynosa, Mexico, with the Presbyterian Church. This summer she is working as a nursing home chaplain in Hightstown, N.J., and studying Arabic at Princeton University. After graduation, she hopes to teach in a seminary in the Middle East.

I.S. DEPARTMENT

The International Studies Department hosted or co-sponsored a wide array of activities this past academic year. In roughly chronological order, these included a Town Hall Forum entitled, "The People Speak 2005: Defining the U.S.-U.N. Relationship for the 21st Century." Professor Ahmed Samatar was a featured speaker at the event, held on September 14, 2005, at the Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church. The panelists explored issues of poverty, hunger, health, and building a safer world.

In October, I.S. major Nishad Avari represented the Department at the Macalester College Major Fair, introducing prospective students to the major and answering questions. October also saw the International Roundtable, which will be addressed later in this Report.

Professor Soek-Fang Sim organized a film and discussion revolving around the concept of intelligent design. The documentary "March of the Penguins" was shown on November 22 and a discussion ensued. Professor Sim also designed a film series on the subject of world media. As an exercise in civic engagement, the International Studies Department helped sponsor the 'Twin Cities' Third Annual Arab Film Festival, organized by Mizna, the local Arab-American cultural group.

Professor Mohammed Bamyeh launched a film series on the Middle East, which included such films

as "Lion of the Desert," "Al-Nakba," "Forget Baghdad," "Control Room," "Jerusalem, Another Day," "The Perfumed Garden," "The English Sheikh and the Yemeni Gentleman," and "Umm Kulthum: A Voice Like Egypt." This series ran through fall semester.

Professors Bamyeh, Ahmad Ahmad (Religious Studies), and Andrew Overman (Classics) discussed "The Recent Palestinian Elections and their Impact on the Peace Process" on Thursday, February 2, 2006. In later February, a panel discussion featured Professors Adler (Political Science) and Samatar, and student Talha Khan '08, examining "The Cartoon Controversy: Interpretations and Consequences." Muslim communities around the world had protested a Danish newspaper's printing of a cartoon deemed blasphemous.

Professor Bamyeh gave a presentation entitled, "Can Political Islam be Trusted?," on March 1, 2006. On March 2, International Studies and Programming co-sponsored a conversation with Professor Rose Brewer (African and African-American Studies, University of Minnesota) focusing on "Uncovering Activism in an Upside-Down World." Prof. Brewer had just returned from the World Social Forum conference in Venezuela. The 12th Annual Russian, Central, and East European Conference was held at Macalester on March 24-25. Two distinguished speakers and a student paper competition were featured. Prof. Dave Brandenburger spoke on "The Murder of the Usable Past: Writing Party History during Stalin's Great Terror" and Dr. Igor Zevlev, a former visiting professor at Macalester, spoke on the subject of "Hard and Soft Power in the American-Russian Relationship." Legendary South African freedom fighter Ahmed Kathrada was present on campus on March 30th to talk to the Macalester community about his incarceration on Robben Island and in Pollsmoor prison as well as his eventual ascendancy to Parliament.

In April, Dr. Allen Chun spoke to International Studies majors in the Senior Seminar and to professors participating in the Faculty Development International Seminar. His focus was Taiwan. As part of the launching of the Institute for Global Citizenship, on April 21, John C. Whitehead delivered an

address on leadership and service. Mr. Whitehead's credentials include having been a senior partner in Goldman Sachs, Director of the New York Stock Exchange, Undersecretary of State, and, currently, chair of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, charged with rebuilding the World Trade Center site. He recently published a book titled, *A Life in Leadership* (Basic Books). On April 25, Dr. Maati Monjib, a Fulbright scholar, lectured on "Islamist, Feminist, Republican: Nadia Yassine of Morocco." April concluded with a major Sociology conference on "Islam and the Modern Orientalist World-System." The conference was co-sponsored by ISP, and faculty members Samatar, Bamyeh, and Sim were instrumental in its success.

Throughout the course of the academic year, the Department hosted Friday Socials for its majors. The Socials had themes such as "The Chinese Mooncake Festival," "Global Chocolates," "Celebration of Sephardic and Ashkenazi Traditions," "An English Tea," "Eid al-fitr Celebration," and "Tropical Fruit Frenzy."

Prof. David Moore and his family hosted a fall picnic at their home. There was a tasty barbecue and lawn games were provided.

A new I.S. tee-shirt was designed and is still available for \$7.00, with the slogan "I think, therefore I.S."

INTERNATIONAL CENTER

The mission of the International Center is to strengthen liberal arts education by engaging students and faculty in international and intercultural learning.

I. THE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Study abroad at Macalester College again this year focused on high academic performance and an acute awareness of diversity that is fostered by international education in the liberal arts and sciences.

Among the many highlights of the Study Abroad Program this year are the following:

- Selected off-campus programs were examined through curricular review, information sessions,

student evaluations, and meetings with program representatives, including those hosted by Katherine Yngve and/or Michael Monahan at Macalester: HECUA, MSID, Dickinson College, Lexia, CIEE, IFE, ACM, Butler/ISFA, SIT, University College London, University of Bristol, GLCA Border Studies, James Cooke University, SEA Education, DIS, and CUPA.

- The International Center continued its work on valuating a wide range of study abroad options for Macalester students and worked on two special projects: the Macalester-Swarthmore-Pomona Consortium Program on Globalization and the Natural Environment in South Africa, now entering its 4th year, and the Globalization in Comparative Perspective program that includes a January and Spring semester at the University of Maastricht, the pilot program of which begins this year with ten selected students.
- In academic year 2005–2006, and including the January interim, 295 Macalester students participated in credit-bearing off-campus study, on 110 study-away programs, in 53 foreign countries, as well as in Puerto Rico, and in four U.S. destinations outside the Twin Cities. This year 83% of study away participants spent a semester or longer away from campus.

II. THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

Macalester's enrollment of international students (non-immigrant visa holders) during the 2005–06 academic year numbered 232, or 14.2% of the total College enrollment, and included students from 80 different countries. Upon graduation 18 of our 64 graduating seniors had been accepted into graduate programs and 38 had professional job offers.

- This year, among other accomplishments, Aaron Colhapp, International Student Program Coordinator, designed and implemented a comprehensive three-day new international student orientation; managed a 12-week mentor program; handled all immigration and visa issues for the college's 232 international students; and coordinated services for 48 of its alumni on optional practical training.

- All International Center staff, in cooperation with International Studies and Programming, provided, for the fourth consecutive year, an orientation seminar for new international students focusing on “Liberal Arts and Internationalism at Macalester College.”
- In addition to the above, Aaron Collhapp helped eliminate summer tuition for international student internships; recruited and recommended six Asian students who were all approved for Freeman funding to work in non-profit organizations in the summer; assisted the Admissions Office with statistical data on international students; developed a program for graduating seniors to advise underclassmen on academics and career choices; and chaired the Internationalism Award Committee.

III. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Throughout the academic year, planning and orientation for the May/June 2006 faculty seminar in China continued. Thirteen faculty were chosen for participation. Michael Monahan served as seminar co-coordinator. A series of on-campus orientation sessions and guest speakers took place during the spring semester of 2006, including presentations by Dr. Chun of Academia Sinica in Taipei and Dr. Meisner of the University of Wisconsin. Michael Monahan undertook final seminar preparations in mid-May in China, and the overseas components of the seminar were implemented from May 23 to June 14, 2006.

IV. INTERNATIONAL CENTER STAFF

- All IC staff members participated in a two-day January 2006 IC Staff Retreat that focused on “Internationalist Liberal Learning and Global Citizenship” as well as professional and intellectual development through selected readings.

For more detailed information on the Macalester College International Center, please contact us directly at telephone (651) 696-6310 or visit our website at www.macalester.edu/internationalcenter.

AFRICAN STUDIES

African Studies began its second full year in 2005–06, co-directed by Erik Larson and David Chioni Moore. We ended with 19 student concentrators, including seven graduating seniors. Rachel Tenney and Lauren Morse were wonderful student leaders. About 20 Mac students per year study abroad in Africa, and another 40 hail from Africa itself; thus we sense good potential for growth.

We hosted four fine speakers: visiting PoliSci professor Labra Smith on Ethiopia; U.S. Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN) on the U.S. and Africa; legendary South African activist Ahmed Kathrada on his twenty-five years on Robben Island with Nelson Mandela and the new South Africa; and Moroccan Fulbright scholar Maati Monjib on Islam and feminism.

Our student group showed the Oscar-nominated South African film *Yesterday* and the Malian *Taafé Fanga*. Students Tenney, Morse, and Brittany Lynk designed and sold African Studies t-shirts. A year-end faculty-student luncheon featured a senior gift book, *They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky*. Future graduates will receive kente cloth stoles purchased in Ghana in May by David Moore and Maria Patrocollo '07.

Academically, courses with African content were fully subscribed. Our greatest challenge is in staffing. In 2005–06, numerous sabbaticals, plus the departures of Hilary Jones from History and Michelle Wright from English, truncated our course roster. The coming year offers little relief. More systematic support for not only African but all area studies is central to Macalester's continued leadership in global study.

ASIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURES (ALC)

During the 2005–2006 academic year, the Department of Asian Languages and Cultures (ALC) sponsored a number of events and activities. On February 19, the first annual Asia Festival was held—an event of performances, displays, and food from all Asia. A grant from the Freeman Foundation brought the Minnesota Chinese Music Ensemble to perform.

Also of note were the ALC Seminars, in which members of the cooperating faculty gave open presentations in the area of their expertise. On March 2, Vasant Sukhatme (Economics) gave a talk entitled, "The Rise of the Giants: Some Comparative Growth Analytics for China and India. On April 25, Soek-Fang Sim presented "Culture, the Red Herring: The Asian Journalism Movement," which focused on essentialism in journalism in Southeast Asia and the role of government influence.

The faculty has had an eventful year. Saroko Suzuki (ALC) edited a volume entitled, *Emotive Communication in Japanese* for publication by John Benjamins. In July 2005, she presented, "Metalinguistic Function of Quotative Markers in Japanese" at the 9th International Pragmatics Conference in Riva del Garda, Italy. In October 2005, she presented with her co-author, Shinzato Rumiko, "From Quotative Conditionals to Emotive Topic Markers: A Case of *Tieba* and *Tzara* in Japanese" at the 15th Japanese/Korean Linguistics Conference at the University of Wisconsin. Sonita Sarker (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies) edited a volume entitled *Sustainable Feminisms*, which will be published by Elsevier. It is the result of a conference of the same name supported by a two-year Ford Foundation grant. Two other articles, "Post-Colonial Modernisms" and "Gender and Globalization" are to appear in 2007. Arjun Guneratne (Anthropology) was elected Chair of the South Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies. Wang Ping (English) was invited as a panelist to "China and the Future of the World: A Spring Colloquium" at the University of Chicago. Finally, our department faculty will see some changes. Chic Muramatsu (ALC) will leave the department to pursue her doctorate at Iowa. Christopher Scott, a Ph.D. candidate from Stanford, will be joining the Department as an Assistant Professor in the fall. Ritsuko Narita, a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Hawaii, will also be joining the department as Visiting Instructor.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (LAS)

The 2005–2006 year was a very active and productive one for Latin American Studies. We hosted four speakers and several events. In October 2005, Diana Milena Murcia, a Colombian attorney with the Lawyers Collective "José Alvear Restrepo," spoke on militarization in Colombia. In November 2005, Oscar Santillán, a Kichwa Indian from Agato, Ecuador, discussed his efforts to keep traditional Kichwa culture and spirituality alive in mestizo Ecuadorian society. In the spring, noted documentary photographer James Lerager presented his work and spoke about the Bolivian elections. He also attended classes and met with students. Later in the semester, Joy Langston, a noted political scientist from CIDE (Mexico City), spoke on the Mexican elections, attended classes, and met with students.

We worked closely with Adelante, an active student organization, on planning events. In particular, we worked with them to put together an extremely successful Open House for Latin American Studies in April. At that event, we were graced with a Brazilian capoeira group who demonstrated their unique mixture of music, rhythm, and martial arts.

Three majors graduated this year, and we have an exceptionally strong group of students coming up. Much of the energy of the program rests with relatively new professor Paul Dosh, who continues to bring students into the major.

Our major concerns were the loss of several faculty, including Teresita Martínez Vergne (History), Maria Elena Cepeda (Hispanic and Latin American Studies), and Rogelio Miñana (Hispanic and Latin American Studies). On the bright side, however, Anthropology has been given approval to search for a candidate with potential interests in Latin America, and History continues to discuss the possibility of replacing Teresita.

RUSSIAN STUDIES

Russian Studies began its first year as a reconfigured culture and area studies program, combining the old language and literature and area studies programs. The longstanding connection with International Studies was strengthened by Professor von Geldern's joint work in the two programs, which has deepened the interdisciplinary roots of Russian Studies. The program completed a successful search for a three-year visiting position by hiring the highly talented Julia Bekman Chadage, a recent Ph.D. from Harvard, who promises to bring new energy to the program. In March, the annual Russian Studies student conference brought IIA-Novosti Washington bureau chief Igor Zvelev, a former Macalester professor, and Professor David Brandenberger (Macalester '91) of the University of Richmond to campus. The student paper competition, featuring submissions from several different colleges, was jointly won by Macalester students Cassandra Hartblay, Curran Hughes, and Katherine Tylevich.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Mohammed Bamyeh taught the Senior Seminar Modernity and Tradition: Global Perspectives, Contemporary Arab Society, and Modern Islam this past academic year. He organized the film series "Perspectives on the Arab World" in the fall, with about half of the films being screened on campus for the first time. He was a panelist at the March meeting of the Macalester Islam Colloquium, chaired the concluding plenary of the *Islam and the Orientalist World System Conference*, and organized a talk by Maati Monjib, a visiting Fulbright scholar from Morocco, both in April. He delivered eight invited lectures and made a number of media appearances. A continuing Board member of Mizna (an Arab American cultural organization), he was involved in Arab cinema presentations. He was a member of the Albert Hourani Book Award Committee of the Middle East Studies Association, an Editorial Board Member of *The Global South* (Indiana University Press—a new journal), and a continuing Book Series Co-Editor, *Tracking Globalization: Commodities in Motion* (Indiana University Press).

2002–present. His article, "The Islamic Civilization," is forthcoming in the *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems* (UNESCO), and he published five book reviews. In addition, he is making progress on a book project tentatively entitled, *Islam and Society: Essays in Social Logic*.

Margaret Beagle has been promoted from Program Assistant to Executive Assistant, and is transitioning to the Institute for Global Citizenship. She will continue coordinating the Macalester International Roundtable and copyediting the journals and other publications. Assisting with a spring conference on citizenship, leadership, and democracy will be a new duty.

Aaron Colhapp is responsible for all international students on nonimmigrant visas. He counsels and advises international students on academic, cultural, and government regulatory matters; is an advisor to cultural organizations; and spearheads the international student orientation as well as the mentor program. During the past year, Aaron exhibited on Macalester's mentor program at the NAFSA (Association of International Educators) conference in Montreal, Canada; served on a government regulatory panel for the Minnesota Association of International Educators; attended the Global Partners Symposium on International Students at Wooster College; was appointed State Representative for NAFSA; was a member of numerous committees, including the Case Management Committee, the International Aid Committee, and the Dean of Multicultural Life Search Committee; and was interviewed for various articles in the *Mac Weekly*.

Marilyn Cragoe, Administrative Assistant, in addition to her clerical and organizational duties in the IC, continued to coordinate the Host Family Program for Macalester's international students. The program once again involved more than 175 international students and 135 hosts.

Graduate Intern **Michelle (Shelly) Kippa** assisted with a number of IC projects, including the design of a new cost sheet format for study away; research and production of cost information for all students departing on Fall '05 programs; the design of a new website for our South Africa consortium program;

and updates of website content for the International Center and International Studies and Programming. Shelly is also active in compiling study abroad statistics and revising the study away evaluation form for on-line use.

Michael Monahan, Director of the International Center, focused this year on the development of the new "Globalization in Comparative Perspective" study abroad program in Maastricht; coordinated the faculty seminar in China; completed his fifth year on the Academic Consortium Board of the Council on International Educational Exchange; served as External Evaluator of Lewis and Clark College International Programs; continued as an Associate Editor of *Frontiers: The Transnational Journal of Study Abroad*; and was active in a number of committees at and beyond Macalester, including ACM/Global Partners; the Accreditation Self-Study; the Advisory Committee on International Studies and Internationalism; the Ford/Difficult Dialogues Committee; and the Planning Committee for the Institute for Global Citizenship. In the area of civic engagement, he gave the keynote address this year at the Emerging Global Leaders Youth Summit in St. Paul.

David Chioni Moore, International Studies and English, had a fall Lilly-funded leave focused on editorial work with the texts of Langston Hughes, capped by a research visit to the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale, where Hughes's vast archive is housed. Spring featured heavily enrolled I.S. Introduction and Postcolonial Theory courses. As of January 2006, David now directs Macalester's African Studies interdisciplinary program. Professionally, David led the transformation of the Modern Language Association's group on Postcolonial Studies, whose executive committee he chairs, into a top-level Division of the MLA; the Postcolonial Group, at over 3,500 members, is the single largest in the MLA. In May, he returned to Africa—specifically Ghana—after a five-year absence, for a conference and post-conference travel. David looks forward to the passing of the torch from Ahmed Samatar to himself during summer 2006 to lead International Studies; never, in his view, has a collaboration or transition been this fruitful or this close.

Nadya Nedelsky, Assistant Professor of International Studies, had a productive and rewarding post-third-year sabbatical. In October, she traveled to Prague, Czech Republic, where she interviewed members of Parliament, civil society leaders, and former dissidents about the goals and outcomes of Czech transitional justice in the post-communist period. She incorporated this research into a chapter that contributes to a collaborative, comparative study of transitional justice in Eastern Europe, currently under review by a university press. Shortly after submitting the chapter, on March 4, 2006, she and husband Martin Schmutterer welcomed Thomas Gerhard Nedelsky Schmutterer into the world. They consider him a prime candidate for global citizenship.

Paula Paul-Wagner, Assistant Director of the IC, helped coordinate the IC operating and budget, study abroad budgets, and was responsible for overall IC office management during the director's absences. She also continued to serve as administrative point person for the South Africa program.

Ahmed I. Samatar co-authored "Impasse over Mogadishu: A Grand Compromise," "Transition and Leadership: An Editorial," and "International Crisis Group Report on Somaliland: An Alternative Somali Response" during the past academic year. He also edited volumes 15 and 16 of *Macalester International*. His paper for the African Studies Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C. was titled, "Perilous Intersections: U.S. Strategic Interests and African Development Concerns." As the sole evaluator, he authored the report "The International Studies Program: The University of Chicago." He lectured or conducted workshops at Sienna College, Whirman College, the Heinrich Boll Foundation (Nairobi, Kenya), King County Community Organization (Seattle), the United Nations Association of Minnesota, Carleton College, St. Olaf College, Hamline University, the University of Otago (New Zealand), the University of Auckland (New Zealand), and Pinnacle Presbyterian Church (Scottsdale, Arizona). Along with Michael Monahan, he co-led the sixth biennial Macalester Faculty Development International Seminar, held in Taipei, Nanjing, and Shanghai. Dean Samatar



continues to serve as the Chairman of the Board of the worldwide National (Somali) Civic Forum, and as a member of the leadership Board of the Paul Wellstone International School in Minneapolis.

Soek-Fang Sim, Assistant Professor of International Studies, has had a very productive year and is making the transition to a new phase of research. Her award-winning essay on journalism in Singapore will be published by *Journalism Studies* this summer. A final essay on Asian journalism from her Ph.D. research was presented at the Asian Studies Colloquium at Macalester, titled, "Culture, the Red Herring: The Asian Journalism Movement," this past spring and will be presented at two international conferences this summer, *Crossroads* in Istanbul and *Internationalizing Media* in London. Prof. Sim is looking ahead to a new dimension of research in comparative global news. Besides examining journalism in China as part of the Faculty Development International Seminar team, she has also received full funding for a research project to conduct ethnographic research at CNN (New York), Channel News Asia (Singapore), and al-Jazeera (Qatar). Prof. Sim has been learning Arabic and looks forward to embarking on this new research venture.

James von Geldern, Professor of Russian Studies, collaborated richly with International Studies this year, teaching two classes in Human Rights and a class on Eastern European Writers and Power, and continuing to teach his course on Culture and Revolution. He is presently working on two new classes for the 2006–07 academic year: an Introduction to International Studies focusing on international law, and a course on the European Union. After completing his J.D. degree at the University of Minnesota in May 2005, he was accepted as a member of the Minnesota Bar in October. He practices asylum law in association with the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and the Center for Victims of Torture. He also continues his previous work in Russian history. Publications this year include "Cultural Transformations, 1900–1945," for the *Cambridge Encyclopedia of Russia and the Former Soviet Union*, ed. Ronald Grigor Suny; "Epic Revisionism and the Crafting of a Soviet Public," for *Epic Revisionism:*

Russian History and Literature as Stalinist Propaganda, eds. Brandenberger and Platt (University of Wisconsin Press, 2005), and the introduction for a new edition of Lev Trotsky's *Literature and Revolution* (1923). His website, Seventeen Moments in Soviet History (<http://www.soviethistory.org>), was recipient of this year's prestigious MERLOT Award for Exemplary Online Learning Resources—MERLOT Classics 2006.

Katherine Yngve, Study Abroad Coordinator, participated in study abroad conferences in Montreal and Maine, and attended a workshop on Global Citizenship at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

OTHER MAJOR EVENTS

The 2005 Macalester International Roundtable, entitled, "Quixotic Offspring: The Global Legacy of *Don Quixote*," celebrated the 400th anniversary of the publication of the first volume of *Don Quixote*. The keynote lecturer was Walter D. Mignolo, Duke University. Frederick de Armas of the University of Chicago and Mary S. Gossy of Rutgers rounded out the distinguished list of presenters. Responses to their lectures were provided by students Megan Thieme (Math and Spanish) and Nishad Avari (International Studies). Faculty respondents were Scott Morgensen (Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies) and Rogelio Miñana (Hispanic and Latin American Studies). The 2006 Roundtable will explore "The United Nations Organization: What Future?"

International Studies graduates were the recipients of an impressive number of honors and awards. Phi Beta Kappa elected Isabelle Chan, Cara Haberman, Julie Kaster, Chloe Poynton, and Sneha Rao. Graduating Summa Cum Laude were Julie Kaster and Chloe Poynton. Earning Magna Cum Laude honors were Nishad Avari, Isabelle Chan, Krystal Cooper, Cara Haberman, Sneha Rao, and Laura Werrheim. Cristina Calderon, Claire Gray, Ninya Loeppky, Mashal Saif, Shoko Takemoto, and Vasilena Tomova all graduated Cum Laude.