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Study Abroad: Welcome to The Real World

Lizzie Guitreau (FTCA, 2014), Division of International Education

"Just wait until you get into The Real World." Our parents and teachers have been warning us of this reality our whole lives. The Real World is that inevitable destination we'll land in after college graduation. It will be a place made up of both triumph and failure as we come to terms with having to earn a living, pay a lease and taxes, take care of car issues, negotiate grown-up relationships, and juggle other Real World Problems.

What students may not realize is that The Real World also includes the rest of the world, outside of New Orleans, outside of

Louisiana, outside of the U.S. That's one part of the Real World that International Studies students may end up in after



2013 Summer Abroad in Rome, Italy.

graduation as they pursue their careers. Study abroad offers you an opportunity to dive headfirst into That Real World, and to have a one-of-a-kind experience in another country. What better

way to prepare yourself for an international career than to see different places with your own eyes?

Studying abroad comes in two flavors: summer study abroad and semester/year-long exchange. Summer study abroad programs promise a highly-concentrated cultural immersion during a five-to six-week period. A single program cost covers many of the amenities: housing, tuition, field trips, some meals, and transportation within the host city. All courses taught on these programs are UNO courses that will allow you to earn up to 9 hours of course credit towards your degree. Best of all, the programs are located in several

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UNO Students No Longer Condemned: Thanks to Dr. Günter Bischof

Karen Lundy (BAIS, 2013)

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." The warning contained in this oft muddled quote from Spanish-American philosopher George Santayana is often ignored by much of the world and

its leaders. Luckily for us at UNO, we have Dr. Günter Bischof who, among many other things, teaches Diplomatic History of the U.S. (HIST 4581). This class begins its coverage of the history of American diplomacy and foreign policy with the early settlement period and follows it

through all of its crucial turning points.

It is hard to write about the many accomplishments of Dr. Bischof in a short article, but here are some highlights. An Austrian native, he was the first Innsbruck student to attend

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Janet Dupuy Colley
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A Word From the Director: Dr. John Hazlett

This semester's *Newsletter* was edited by Program Assistant Mary Grace Bernard (BAIS '14) with contributions by BAIS students Chase Hukins, Kiko Juelle, Rebecca Jenkins, and Karen Lundy. Each of them focuses on a different aspect of the program—Chase on the Model UN Club, now entering its fourth year at UNO; Karen on Dr. Günter Bischof (Director of Center Austria and Professor of Diplomatic History), Rebecca on

Study Abroad, Kiko on the founding of the new BAIS Student Club, and Mary Grace herself on her internship at the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council. She also solicited an article from Lizzie Guitreau in UNO's International Division, on Study Abroad opportunities at UNO. Mary Grace's intention was to feature as many aspects of the program as possible and she's done a good job.

This issue also contains a list-

ing of agencies that have recently hosted BAIS interns. Current BAIS students should look these over and consider their own interests.

We are also including in this issue profiles of two BAIS alumni, Flavia Jordan ('06) and Nick Marx ('12) a feature that we hope to include regularly in future issues of the newsletter. More profiles of BAIS alumni can be found on our website at www.uno.edu/cola/Departments/bais/alumni.aspx

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countries on multiple continents, including Italy, Austria, the Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Costa Rica, and Japan.

Exchanges present a multi-layered international study experience, and the benefits are well worth the more complicated application process. Exchanges last for one semester or an entire academic year. As an international exchange student, you will officially be admitted into your host university, take classes, then have those credits transferred to UNO.

The admission process is a bit more complex than that of the summer programs—tuition is paid to UNO, and housing accommodations are secured from the university or the city you are traveling to and must be arranged by you, the student. The

staff in the Division of International Education will guide you through the process of obtaining the proper travel visa, insurance, and transportation. Some of our partner schools also require that the exchange student have a certain level of proficiency in the host country language, but don't let that deter you; many countries also offer courses that are taught in English. Other's, such as Orleans University in France, offer intensive courses in the host language. While abroad, you must take the equivalent of at least 12 hours of UNO credit. UNO has international exchange partner universities in Austria, the Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Spain, the Netherlands, Turkey, Brazil, Japan, and Australia.

Getting the chance to stay in an international location for a longer period of time, and to actually study and live with

local students, provides a more complete immersion in the country's culture. Without a doubt, you will make friends and memories that are distinct from anything you have experienced before.

Whether you choose summer study, or a semester— or year-long exchange, you will ample opportunity to leave your comfort zone and experience totally new ideas and experiences – new places, new things to eat, new courses to take, new friendships, languages, jokes, style, community.

If you have any questions, please check out the Division of International Education website - www.inst.uno.edu - where you can get more information on specific destinations, or get in touch with a staff member who can help you find the perfect place to study.

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Dr. Günter Bischof

UNO where he got an MA in history in 1979. After then receiving his PhD in History from Harvard, focusing on American and European diplomatic history, he returned to UNO where he set up Center Austria in 1997 to facilitate the UNO

exchange program with the University of Innsbruck, now in its 38th year. Dr. Bischof is the author of *Austria in the First Cold War: The Leverage of the Weak*, among many other publications. He was instrumental in the discussions that led to building the National WWII Museum in New Orleans where he now serves as a Presidential Counselor, and on top of all that he teaches at UNO, Innsbruck, and Prague.

I recently asked Dr. Bischof what lesson from history BAIS students should heed the most. His answer, echoing Santayana, was this: "You need to study history to understand the world. If you want to understand the uncertainty of an era and what international tensions can lead to, go back and study the crisis of July 1914 when the leaders

of the world 'sleepwalked' into World War I." As a BAIS major I have spent the last 4 years at UNO preparing for a career in foreign service, and of all the classes I have taken in that time, Dr. Bischof's class has proven to be the most beneficial when it comes to studying for the dreaded Foreign Service Officer Exam. His advice to students for life: "Study hard and seize your opportunities when they beckon. I never imagined my life's trajectory would end up where it did. I seized opportunities when they beckoned and ended up in places I never thought could happen."

**"The UNO
MUN
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getting ready
for the 2014
Model United
Nations
Conference in
New York
City!"**

UNO Model United Nations Club

A word from the President of UNO MUN Club

Chase Hukins (BAIS, 2014)

The Model United Nations Club is in the midst of another great year of preparation for the 2014 Model UN Conference in New York City!

My name is Chase Hukins and I am the Secretary-General (President) and Head Delegate for this year's UNO Model UN Club and Delegation. Last year I was part of the delegation that represented Viet Nam. I worked in the Fourth Gen-

eral Assembly with my partner to represent Viet Nam's stance on some tough political issues. The NMUN Conference is truly a meeting of the minds as almost 2,000 students from domestic and international universities meet to write resolutions on various topics that they have researched over the past semester. It's an opportunity to learn a lot about political issues affecting the world today,

and practice diplomatic and strategic problem solving skills, all while getting to know other diverse and interesting delegates!

This year a new UNO delegation will go to New York City representing the Republic of Syria at the National MUN Conference from April 13th - 17th, 2014.

UNO BA in International Studies Club

Francisco Juelle (BAIS, 2015)

The BA in International Studies (BAIS) Program has created a club! The UNO BAIS Club is open to all BAIS students, and it is a great way to meet other students in the program. Mary Grace Bernard, the President and founder of the Club, told us that she “wanted to create a club that would help BAIS students get to know each other and give them a place to talk about their class and program experiences.” The club will be both academic and social, but with a twist. Every

month the club will assign a country to its members, encouraging them to research and learn about it. Students will gather and talk about the country on a weekly basis and at the end of the month, they’ll have a social gathering at a restaurant or historical site related to the country. For example, if we decide upon the country of Viet Nam, we have a month to discuss its history, culture, and foreign policies. At the end of that month members will go to a Vietnamese restaurant and enjoy the food of

the country. This will be a great opportunity to make connections and friendships with future diplomats, international agency employees, and globe trotters.

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A Student's Experience on Life and Travel

Rebecca Jenkins (BAIS, 2014)

In my times abroad I have found friends, knowledge, and life experiences that would have been unobtainable to me if I had not taken advantage of the opportunity to travel. Most of my experiences abroad have been focused on cultural enrichment, but this past summer I experienced a different side of studying abroad. I met diplomats and embassy interns. I spent time with global organizations and discovered new and provocative career paths. And it all happened because of a chance meeting my mother had while serving jury duty.

When my mother called me after leaving the court house and told me she had met a woman she wanted me to meet, I was somewhat dismissive. I was in the middle of getting ready to go abroad with UNO's summer study program in Innsbruck, and time was tight. She persisted, and I emailed the woman's daughter, Donna Thatcher, who lives in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Donna works with the International Board of Education, and her husband, Thatcher, is Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Bratislava. Over a series of emails it was decided that I would come and stay with them. I had recently developed an interest in immigration and the social theories that deal with it, and when I expressed this interest to Thatcher and Donna they had a secretary at the U.S. embassy put together an itinerary for my visit.

In my time in Slovakia I experienced first-hand the day-to-day routine of ambassadorial work, I sat in on Thatcher's morning briefings, and I even conducted an interview with Ivan Basnak, a political specialist at the U.S. Embassy. I found new opportunities and career paths in my meetings with the Fulbright Committee and the International Organization on Migration. I made friends at a luncheon Thatcher hosted so that I could meet locally stationed embassy interns, and I learned about a new city that until

then had been off of my radar.

Despite my frequent non-academic travels, studying abroad remains my favorite way to experience a new place. While studying abroad, a person can establish residency in a foreign country while learning about the world. One has opportunities to regularly interact with locals and form bonds that will last a lifetime. Even missteps when traveling abroad can lead to new opportunities or adventures.

Missed your connecting flight or train to Paris? Boohoo, you're stuck in the French countryside; go find a vineyard or a fromagerie. Never miss an opportunity to do something different when studying abroad; you never know where it can take you. In my adventures abroad I've seen and done many things I would love to share with everyone, but because this is an academic newsletter I will restrain myself. What I will say is this: stop waiting for an opportunity and
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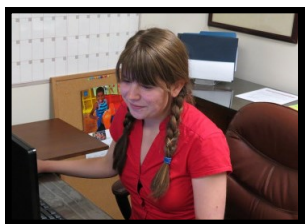
Get involved with BAIS

- ◇ Get advised for Spring/Summer Semesters: Email jhazlett@uno.edu or mcbarnar@uno.edu
- ◇ Join Phi Beta Delta Honors Society: pbd@uno.edu
- ◇ Receive BAIS email: listserv: jhazlett@uno.edu or mcbarnar@uno.edu
- ◇ Contribute to BAIS Facebook and Blog: mcbarnar@uno.edu
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BAIS Student's Internship Experience

Mary Grace Bernard (BAIS, 2014)



Founded in 1954, the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council was formerly known as the Council for International Visitors of Greater New Orleans. Since that time, the NOCDC has hosted over 14,000 visitors from across the world. Visitors have varied from international leaders to international culinary artists. They travel to New Orleans under the sponsorships of U. S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). The participants, nominated by United States embassies, are chosen

due to their past achievements and future capabilities.

NOCDC's members and professional resources are citizen diplomats who extend friendship, knowledge, and culture to international guests. The Council links its international guests with these local citizens through professional meetings and cultural activities. This gives the citizens of the New Orleans area the opportunity to learn first hand about cultures, conditions and trends throughout the world. At the same time, the international visitor develops an understanding of life and values in the United States. NOCDC staff and volunteers schedule business appointments, roundtable discussions, and working tours with local professionals whose interests intersect with those of the visitors. In addition to arranging professional appointments, NOCDC members can

either meet informally with the international visitors or host the visitors in their homes for dinner. These meetings stimulate international exchange and offer an opportunity to develop long-term business relationships and personal friendships.

I began interning at the New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council (NOCDC) in January of this year and finished up in June. During my time there I worked on programs and other projects with the office staff. Time management, planning, communication, and perseverance are some of the skills that I have perfected during my internship. In addition, I was able to use my graphic skills by helping design an updated version of the NOCDC brochure. The most exciting part of the internship experience is meeting the international visitors. I especially enjoyed meeting Mr. Kin Ming Lam, who works for

the Independent Commission against Corruption in Hong Kong, because his program was the first project that I organized. I also spent time with a group of chefs from Algeria. I accompanied them to the Edible Schoolyard at the S. J. Green Charter School where we learned about the school's efforts to promote gardening and cooking education. I was able to practice my French with the visitors, all of whom spoke only French and Arabic. I am grateful to have had this opportunity at NOCDC; it has not only given me an incredible learning experience but an outreach to the rest of the world.

For more information on interning with the NOCDC, please visit their website (www.nocdc.org) and contact Dr. Hazlett (jhazlett@uno.edu).

A Student's Experience on Life and Travel

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and go create one yourself. The first time I studied abroad, I was a 21-year-old freshman re-entering college after a three-year gap. At the end of my time I was asked to write a "vision quest," about my time abroad, what goals I had met, and what experiences I had had. That was nearly five years ago, but I find the thoughts I had then still resonate with me today. Here is what I wrote:

"I falter at the idea of a 'quest.' The term echoes in my mind. It sounds so absolute—like we are supposed to be realizing dreams and coming into our own. I know that I didn't come here for any real reason other than to get away from where I was. Who I was.

What I was doing: nothing. So I hopped on a plane and for the first time in three years I am once again a student.

I knew I came here for a reason: I came here not only to separate myself from my past, but also to become a more serious adult. But my thinking

about this has changed a little now. I came here thinking I would find some big answers, or at the very least some direction for my life. But now, as interested as I am in those big answers, they no longer worry me. I am less sure of what I want and more aware of the possibilities. I never could have imagined being capable of dreaming such big dreams and living such a big life. Taking a leap of faith can be frightening, but you never know what you are capable of until you let go, and just live your life."



Rebecca Jenkins (BAIS '14)

Are you looking for an internship?

Here is a list of internships other BAIS students have undertaken:

- ⇒ French American Chamber of Commerce, NOLA
- ⇒ Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce, NOLA
- ⇒ World Trade Center, NOLA
- ⇒ Sierra Tarahumara Foundation, Mexico
- ⇒ Woodrow Wilson Foundation for International Scholars, Washington, DC
- ⇒ World Affairs Council, NOLA
- ⇒ The U.S. State Department, Washington, DC
- ⇒ The Washington Center's DC to London Internship
- ⇒ Devonia Plantation, Honduras
- ⇒ Coaxum Enterprises, Inc. NOLA
- ⇒ Botanical Gardens, Austria
- ⇒ Puentes, NOLA
- ⇒ Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, Germany
- ⇒ Project Hope, Palestine
- ⇒ New Orleans Citizen Diplomacy Council
- ⇒ Honorary Swiss Consulate, NOLA
- ⇒ Louisiana Office of Public Health HIV/AIDS Program
- ⇒ Oportunidades, NOLA
- ⇒ Honduran Consulate, NOLA
- ⇒ Catholic Charities, NOLA
- ⇒ Acción, Louisiana, NOLA
- ⇒ Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, NOLA
- ⇒ International Student Exchange Program, UNO
- ⇒ International Admissions Office, UNO

For more information on BAIS internships, visit our website: <http://www.uno.edu/cola/Departments/bais/internships.aspx>

BAIS Alumni: Where are they now?

Flavia Jordan (BAIS, 2006)

I received my BAIS from UNO in 2006. During my last semester, I started an internship with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Louisiana, which eventually led to my work in a community center focused on bringing support and resources to the growing Hispanic community in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Upon graduation, I travelled to France, then moved to New York, where I worked with community centers and at Parent Earth, a food education start-up that produced videos

about nutrition and healthy eating habits. My role there as Outreach Coordinator was to engage the community by going to soup kitchens, community centers and schools to get parents and children involved and active in their health and eating habits. In addition, I worked to enact local legislation regarding food initiatives. I also managed the company's social network, reaching out to like-minded organizations and gathering support for events and projects.

In 2011, I began working at the

United Nations, and I am currently a staff member in the Staff Counselors' Office. Our office provides psychosocial support for all staff members at headquarters, and many others on Mission, through trainings and workshops, to prepare them before going into the field.

“Studying abroad gave me my first experience outside the U.S. and in a different culture”

Nick Marx (BAIS, 2012)

I received my BAIS in May, 2012, with a concentration in Asian Studies. I had started off my university studies in engineering at another university, but I decided to switch



Nick Marx

schools and to pursue a degree in a field that fit my interests more.

UNO was the right choice for me. I came to UNO in the fall of 2009 and immediately began to make great new friends and to develop relationships with the staff. Later in my studies, I participated in the UNO-Doshisha study abroad program in Kyoto, Japan where I met even more people who shared my interests. This led to many friendships and an internship with a professor at another university. The study abroad opportunity was the first step in my growing interest in the world. I enjoyed reading and learning about different places in classes, but studying abroad gave me my first experience outside the U.S. and in a different culture. The best part about the BAIS program

at UNO is the faculty you get to meet and learn from. They are very respectful, caring, and intelligent people who allowed me to focus on my areas of interest. My time at UNO and participating in study abroad influenced me greatly.

After I graduated, I decided to come back to Japan, not as a student but as a teacher. I work as an ALT (Assistant Language Teacher) in a public junior high school in Japan. This job is giving me yet another amazing experience. What makes it even richer is the solid foundation that UNO gave me in Asian Studies and the Japanese language.

BAIS Alumni: Where are they now?

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Flavia Jordan

I will now be following up on the work I built towards in my internship by moving to Brussels to pursue a Master's in International Migration at Kent University. I hope to continue learning about issues related to integration and reinforce my French in order to facilitate my work with local communities.

I recommend UNO's BAIS program for anyone wishing to work with others, in both do-

mestic and international affairs. The student community is truly diverse, and my peers gave me great insight into other cultures and viewpoints. The university's teachers were excellent mentors: smart, helpful, and approachable – they are the reason for my success and engagement both during and after the program.

(Nick Marx, continued)

Because of classes at UNO, I was able to assimilate much more easily to a new culture. UNO gave me a basic mastery of Japanese that has made communication much easier. It gave me the ability to observe and learn. And it has given me an open mind, something that is absolutely essential for anyone who moves to a new place or culture. I plan to continue my education in the future, and I hope eventually to teach at a higher level. Thanks to UNO, I have the ability and the thirst to travel the world and gain new experiences and knowledge.

Reminder!

If you are taking French or Spanish as your second language, you can easily obtain a minor without surpassing your 120 hours.

Take both literature requirements in target language and add one 3000-level or higher French/Spanish course to your electives, and voila!

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