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Erratum: The Spring/Summer 2014 edition of the e-Newsletter- May 7, 2014 Cérémonie de Clôture: Benjamin Myamoto of Boston College, was awarded The Léon Wencélius Prize for Academic Excellence in Philosophy. Benjamin shared the prize with Aaron Langerman, Tufts University.

"Giving Back:
One Month at a Time"


President's Message

Dear Alumni and Friends of IAU,

It is such an honor to write to all of you about our Institute and the many accomplishments we have all experienced these past few months. I am so edified by the hard work of our staff both in the US and France. Their continued dedication and great affection for IAU is made evident every day in the way they teach and guide our students and care for them in every aspect of every program that we currently offer.

This spring semester 2015 we welcomed over 200 students to IAU. This represents the largest group of students we have ever welcomed to our Aix-en-Provence Campus in the history of IAU since our founding in 1957. We are offering more courses in more academic disciplines than ever before. The inauguration of our new Business School along with new courses in the Arts and Humanities such as Sociology, Religious Studies, Wine Studies, Conceptual Art and Environmental Studies have created a consistent and sustainable academic interest from many old and new University Partner Schools. These new offerings will help IAU continue to grow as a first-rate study abroad Institute.

This last January we sponsored five short-term intersession programs. Four of the programs were traveling seminars: The Europe and the Islamic World program introduced students to the history and cultures of France, Spain, Morocco and Turkey. The Great Cities in Literature Seminar led students through a literary discovery of France, Italy, the UK and the Czech Republic. The Mediterranean Basin program led students through an archaeological and historical discovery of France, Italy, Greece and Turkey. The Shakespeare in the Theatre program introduced students to five representations of Shakespearean plays in the cities of London, Stratford and Oxford. Finally, the fifth program that IAU sponsored this last January was in partnership with Rutgers University in which students experienced the language and culture of France in Aix. Between the five programs there was a total of 119 students. We are very proud of the new programs that took place this last January, and our colleagues at many of our US partner schools share in our enthusiasm and as such have proposed new programs for next year 2016.

Our increased visibility at college fairs and international conferences has provided us with interest from many new US institutions. Some of our new partnerships this year include Tufts University, The Ohio State University, Denison University, Baylor University, Western Michigan University,
about that?

Rudy: In those early years, fewer than a handful of students enrolled for only a semester, virtually everyone participated in the full "junior year abroad," as it was generally known at the time. IAU was just starting its second academic year.

After various housing arrangements during fall term 1959, Bob and I found ourselves roommates for spring term 1960. We were excited to be here, enrolled along with more than 80 other students, for what would turn out to be a seminal period in our lives. I'm sure that today, like both of us, many of our classmates also realize that our academic junior year at IAU changed the course of our lives in many ways, some subtle while others quite palpable.

Bob: I am grateful to IAU for the great start it gave me. I went first into international education and subsequently into advocacy for international causes, particularly eradication of poverty and its consequences.

Rudy: And I pursued an academic research and teaching career in sociology. There is -- no doubt that our vision of the world -- and our own role in it was changed by IAU.

Bob: Like many IAU alumni, Rudy and I have stayed in touch with each other over the years and have maintained a keen interest in IAU. As a way of acknowledging IAU's importance in our lives, we became Monthly Donors. I like being able to give back in support of IAU's high-quality educational services to past, current, and future students.

Rudy: Also, of course, we can and do make occasional substantial single donations. But donating through automatic monthly deductions from our credit cards is a wonderful way to give back in a sustained, continuous manner that proudly makes us part of a bright future for IAU. It is very easy and practical, and we especially enjoy the sense of belonging that comes with being a member of this group of committed investors in IAU.

Bob: We hope--indeed we urge--everyone, including all former students, to join us as participants in IAU's monthly giving program. Becoming a monthly donor is simple, and it's flexible because you can modify your donation at any time. All one has to do is just go to DONATE TO IAU on the IAU website, or click HERE and provide the requested information. It's that easy!

Grace: Both of you were among the very first alumni to sign up for this program. Sustained automatic monthly giving is now a key component of IAU's support network. It's a vital demonstration of commitment to IAU, of direct continuous engagement with IAU, and, moreover, it allows IAU to plan educational services for future students. It is convenient, and it's also affordable at all levels of giving from $10 on up. Again, our thanks to you both for your enthusiastic participation in the program.

Why give monthly?
One of the best ways to stay connected with and

Westmont College, Mary Washington University and Duke University. In the last year we have been working on the development of a partnership with the IAE Business School in Aix. Beginning this fall 2015, IAU for the first time in its history will begin offering a degree program in International Business. In the Arts we are proud to announce that an MFA program is currently being approved by our Board of Trustees and should enroll its first incoming class next fall.

We are grateful to our Board members for all of their support in providing IAU with the leadership and oversight necessary to review and approve these important new strategic initiatives. Although for the very first time in the history of IAU we will now be offering degree programs, we will continue our dedication to international education and our study abroad students in all programs. IAU was built as a study abroad institute and it will always remain a leader in that field. The development of degree programs will accentuate and enhance our offerings in study abroad and provide even more opportunities for all students in all programs. One of the advantages to the introduction of new degree programs is the application for full independent accreditation by a US accrediting commission. Currently IAU issues transcripts that are academically accredited through our university of record program at Northern Illinois University and Fairfield University in Connecticut. Achieving our own accreditation will be a two to five year process but will give IAU its own accreditation and prestige allowing us to work with many new colleges and universities which currently do not accept our transcripts directly.

This spring semester we have the honor of welcoming Resident Fellows from Fairfield University, Washington State University, Northern Arizona University, St. Cloud State and the University of Limerick. Each semester the arrival of new Resident Fellows provides IAU with an intellectual presence that nurtures our academic programs and fosters cross-disciplinary collaboration between IAU and our partner universities. This summer 2015 we will have an unprecedented number of universities joining us with faculty-led and customized programs in collaboration with Harvard University, Susquehanna University, Tufts University, Rice University, The University of Denver and many more. Our beloved IAU is growing and we are very pleased with the great measure of success in all of our programs. We are blessed to have the support of a prominent Board of Trustees and an impressive alumni roster with over twenty thousand students. I want to thank all of you for your continued support of IAU, and I look forward to seeing you in Aix-en-Provence during your next visit or at one of our many Alumni Receptions in the US.

My best to all of our Alumni and Friends,
Dr. Carl Jubran
President

IAU Alumni Return to Aix!

Robert "Bob" Sample '59-60 with his wife Barbara during their recent visit to IAU (pictured on right)

Ruhee Makonjia '14: "One of the best years of my life."

Howell "Howie" Begle, '64-65 and editor of La Cigale 1964-65 - Howie visited IAU in November and spent time reminiscing with Yamina.

Notes from IAU Alumni

Jean Featherstone Nagatani '66 wrote recently:
I'm glad my most recent contribution to IAU was received. My renewed contact the last couple of years with IAU (you, the administration and some
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Click here to watch an interview with alumnus Bob Sample

IAU Ambassadors & Alumni

Jackson O'Gorman-Bean, Fall '14 will serve as an IAU Student Ambassador

Click here to read more about IAU Ambassadors and here to see featured student blogs.

Spring 2015 Lecture Series

With recent events in Paris, there is quite a lot for students and professors to talk about. With the Resident Fellows, Visiting Scholars and other special guests, this semester’s lecture series promises a very lively debate.

Wednesday, February 11, 6:30pm
"La Représentation de l'Islam dans la presse européenne"
Professor Aboubakr Jamaï
IAU College

Tuesday, February 17, 6:30pm
"The Odd Couple of French Diplomacy in Literature: Tocqueville and Gobineau"
Dr. Joel Goldfield
Fairfield University

Thursday, February 19, 6:30pm
"Franco-American Relations under the Obama Presidency"
Amphithéâtre Bruno Etienne, Sciences-Po Aix
Ms. Uzra Zeya
Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy in Paris

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30pm
"Women in Leadership"
Dr. Kelly Ward
Washington State University

instructors, along with my visit in 2013 to the Chapelle des Penitents Bleus where my classes were held in 1965-66 and my visit in 2014 to the new IAU building) has brought back the memories of the great opportunity I had to spend the year at IAU.

The comprehensive exposure at IAU to French culture, history, art, literature and language helped me cultivate a life-long love of the French language and France. My experiences that year also helped me become more self-assured and independent, qualities that definitely aided me throughout my career and life. Hope to return to Aix soon. Best to you.

Gabriella Forster '11 writes, "In the fall of 2011 I studied in Aix-en-Provence at IAU, and three years later I have come back to this town that continues to feel like a second home. After spending the time of my life at IAU as a junior in college, I continued my studies abroad in Rome, Italy and then returned to the United States to complete my Bachelor's degree in International Area Studies and French in 2015. Upon my return to Saint Mary's College of California, I took a student job in our campus Center for International Programs, seeking to stay connected to international study experiences and to connect with other travel enthusiasts, intensifying my interest in international education.

The year after, I spent time working at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in San Francisco, California as a Campaign Assistant and was then accepted to the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF) in the Aix-Marseille Academy, working in Marignane.

Returning to Aix has reminded me of so many good memories and friends that I made here during my semester abroad and continue to stay in contact with. Now I continue to add to these school memories with work experience in a foreign country. Living in Aix a second time has really helped me to understand the region even more for its well-known towns, as well as the more hidden ones, and the people that breathe life into them. Teaching has been a rewarding experience that I enjoy and that has taught me so much, here in France. I really look forward to volunteering with IAU in the next few months and continually increasing my knowledge of international education!"

The French Honors Program

This semester we welcome to our prestigious French Honors Program 21 students from Ithaca College, Colorado State University, SUNY Binghamton, St. Mary's College, University of New Hampshire, Calvin College, West Chester University, Mills College, Grove City College, University of Evansville, Towson University, Rutgers University, University of Tennessee, Christopher Newport University.

Dr. Muriel Cros, Director of the French Honors Program comments on the conference given by Professor and Dean of the School of Business and International Relations, Aboubakr's Jamaï: La conférence "Les représentations de l'Islam dans la presse occidentale" donnée par Aboubakar Jamaï, sera en prise directe avec les événements récents survenus en France. Quelles images donne-t-on de l'Islam ? Sur quels préconstruits culturels construisons nous nos discours ? Où commence et où finit la liberté d'expression dans le contexte actuel ?
Wednesday, March 11, 6:30pm

"The ITER Project: A Story of Clean Energy and International Cooperation"
Dr. Spencer Pitcher
ITER Organization

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30pm
"Showcasing Aboriginality: If you don't look it, you have to act it"
Dr. Michelle Harris
Northern Arizona University

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30pm
"La France du 'fait divers'
Dr. David H. Walker
University of Sheffield

Thursday, April 16, 6:30pm
"Enemies, Clients or Partners? US and EU attitudes to the Middle East and North Africa"
Professor Aboubakr Jamaï
IAU College

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30pm
"Images of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Art"
Dr. Yumna Masarwa
IAU College

Wednesday, May 6, 12:30-2:00 pm
"The Effects of Study Abroad"
Dr. Marlene DeVoe
Saint Cloud State University

Spring 2015 students visit history's first movie theatre
In the first week of their arrival, this semester's students visited La Ciotat and the recently restored Eden Theatre, site where the Lumière brothers projected the first public showing of "Arrival of a Train at La Ciotat". Students were treated to showings of those first films and a presentation of the Lumière brothers' history of cinema.

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We are pleased to recognize your donation as a permanent tribute to your generosity and to your place in the IAU community of alumni, parents, trustees, family and friends--past, present and future.

Please see website and contact Grace Anderson for further information.

The Marchutz School of Fine Arts

Names are displayed on the courtyard wall in Manning Hall
First floor computer lab

Recent Events:
A wonderful evening of images, music, and letters!
Au tour de Léo Marchutz
Concert de création à l’Auditorium du Camp des Milles
22 janvier 2015 à 20h 30.
Concert de création "Léo, un portrait musical";
Choix des textes et musique: Marc-Olivier DUPIN
Récitant: Benoît MARCHAND
Diaporama: Laurent SARAZIN, réalisé à partir de documents iconographiques
du
Fonds Léo Marchutz

New Courses: new 6-credit archaeology program for summer 2015 which will
include a two week on-site dig near Nîmes -- tents, lanterns and camping
included!

Check out the new Marchutz school alumni website at
www.themarchutzschool.com and subscribe!

In Memoriam | William Weyman

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am saddened to to tell you that William Weyman, one of our cherished
founders of the Marchutz School of Painting and Drawing, passed away
peacefully in his sleep Friday, March 13th.

As most of you know, Billy, a wonderful painter, is also the main architect of
the Marchutz School curriculum which has remained intact for 43 years. He
has inspired thousands of our students and changed the lives of many.

We will miss him dearly. A memorial service in Aix will be planned for a later
date.

Sincerely,
Alan Roberts
Dean, Marchutz School of Fine Arts

Add a fond memory or condolence here.

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5 Things I Learned About Returning from Study Abroad
by Georgia Froman, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Fall 2014

Going to study abroad—especially for a whole semester—requires enormous courage. Before I went to Aix-en-Provence, France last fall, I found that I really built it up in my mind. I had all sorts of expectations about how difficult it would be to adjust to life in a different culture, living with a host family, having French professors and especially speaking my second language on a daily basis. I could share all sorts of embarrassing and (in retrospect) comical stories about the challenges of living in a foreign country. What took me by surprise, though, was the experience of coming home. In many ways, it was just as enlightening, just as difficult, just as full of discovery as going abroad had been. With that in mind, I’d like to offer a list of 5 of the biggest surprises I faced coming home and some helpful takeaways for future study abroad students:

1. The plane ride from Paris to New York is much longer than the ride from New York to Paris. This has to do with wind-currents across the Atlantic. The takeaway: Prepare for the flight home just as carefully as you prepared for the flight there. Bring snacks, a book, fuzzy socks—whatever you need to survive 9 hours in the air.

2. Feeling like you went to sleep in France (or your study abroad country) and woke up on another planet is totally normal. I expected to feel immediately comfortable and, well, at home when I stepped off the plane in Atlanta. Instead, I felt disoriented and confused. I later learned this was a fairly common experience. The takeaway: Don’t worry, it goes away pretty quickly—just relax and try to enjoy being home.

3. Reverse culture shock is real. About a week after I arrived home, I was walking down the street of my university town when a total stranger—a male student my age—made eye contact with me, smiled, and actually said hello, how are you? I was shocked and a little uncomfortable. I realized that this was because in French culture, that kind of behavior is out of the ordinary. The takeaway: I decided that my being surprised wasn’t a bad thing—it meant that I had successfully learned something of French culture and that it had become natural to me which is, after all, the goal of studying abroad. It just takes a few weeks to get back into American mode.

4. Homesickness works both ways. Around my second week in France, I found myself suffering from a serious case of le mal du pays (homesickness). But by the end of my stay, I made a number of local friends and was nearly as comfortable in France as in the US. What I didn’t expect was that two weeks after getting back from France, I was once again in tears—this time because I missed my French friends and the home I had made for myself in Aix. But that, too, was a good thing. It meant that the relationships I formed during study abroad were important to me and that I felt motivated to keep in touch. Now, one of my French friends is planning a trip to come visit me. The takeaway: if you miss France and the friends you made there, use that as motivation to keep in contact. Those relationships are valuable. And remember, you can always go back!

5. Coming home let me see my country in a whole new way! For me, this was one of the best parts of coming home. I learned to appreciate things both great and small about American culture that I never noticed before—free refills, anyone? The takeaway: Coming home can be just as much of an adventure as going abroad if you choose to see it that way.

Study abroad was an unforgettable experience. I improved my foreign language, learned life skills and made great friends and had a strong influence on my goals for the future. Now a senior in college, I am planning to spend a year abroad in France before going to graduate school. Hopefully, I can find a way to make France part of my life for good!