

# International VOICE

Walter International Education Center Newsletter

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Welcome to our new students and welcome back to our returning students! The start of a new academic year is always exciting, even more so this year for International Student and Faculty Services (ISFS) and the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) as we begin our first academic year in our new home – the Walter International Education Center (WIEC). Our new space offers us opportunities to provide even more services to our international community. For example, the Resource Library will have expanded space devoted to students interested in studying abroad as well as resources for students interested in travel within the U.S. We are also excited to be offering new programming this year. September 28 will be the kick off for a new program, Global Meet and Greet, a time for internationally minded students to socialize and with each other as well as access relevant information from the center. This event is an hour long and promises to be lots of fun. The OEA is also proud to announce its new partnership with IEP, a respected organization devoted to providing high quality and affordable study, intern, and volunteer opportunities abroad. Kari Beall, IEP's full-time advisor at OHIO, is eager to help students find their ideal international opportunity.

Of course ISFS and OEA will continue to provide existing services such as walk-in advising hours for international students from 2 to 4 PM and for students interested in studying abroad from 1 to 4 PM. Advising staff in both offices are also available to meet with students individually by appointment. In addition to regular walk-in advising hours, the OEA and IEP will be hosting Study Abroad 101 every Tuesday from 5-6 in WIEC. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about their study abroad options and get their questions answered while enjoying a slice of pizza graciously provided by IEP.

Fall is also full of great international events and celebrations. Be sure to mark your calendar now for the annual study abroad fair on Monday, October 10 from 11-4 in the Baker Ballroom and the ISU International Dinner on Saturday, October 22. Watch this newsletter for information on other international events happening on campus this fall!

We wish you a wonderful fall quarter, whether it is your first quarter or your last quarter or somewhere in between!



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### WALK IN ADVISING SCHEDULE

ISFS advisors are available Monday – Friday from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. to answer your quick questions pertaining to F-1 and J-1 immigration issues such as:

- >> Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- >> Maintaining your immigration status
- >> Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- >> Program Extensions
- >> Travel

We will not accept any applications (CPT/OPT/Change of Status, etc) during these times and may need to schedule an appointment for you if your questions are more extensive or do not meet walk in criteria.

### WALK IN ADVISING SCHEDULE

Walk-in Advising in the Walter International Education Center, 15 Park Place. Monday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Stop by to meet with an advisor. No appointment necessary!

### STUDY ABROAD 101

OEA and IEP will host Study Abroad 101 info sessions every Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in the Walter International Education Center (with FREE pizza) for students who want to learn how study abroad can fit into their time at Ohio University.



## Check the end date on your I-20 or DS-2019:

Students who have an end date of **11/23/2011** on their I-20 or DS-2019 are reminded that they must apply for a program extension if they will not complete their program this quarter. **Students must complete their program extension BEFORE 11/23/2011 in order to maintain their F-1 or J-1 status.**

## Optional Practical Training and Academic Training

F-1 students who wish to apply for OPT may begin the process up to 90 days prior to their program end date and up to 60 days after their program end date. However, we recommend applying 2-3 months prior to when you want to begin working to allow for processing delays.

J-1 students wishing to apply for Academic Training **MUST** do so prior to the completion of their program of study. If you are interested in learning more, please schedule an appointment with an ISFS advisor.

## Travel Signatures

Students traveling outside of the U.S. must have their immigration documents signed prior to departure. Please bring your I-20 or DS-2019, along with all supporting documentation (for example, financial support, change in major field of study, etc.) with you when you fill out a travel signature request form. **You will need to allow up to two weeks for processing, so please plan ahead.** When your documents are ready, you will be notified by e-mail.

NOTE: J-1 students who are not sponsored by Ohio University must contact their program advisor for information on the procedure for having their DS-2019 signed for travel and reentry. ISFS cannot sign your DS-2019.

*If you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment with an advisor, you can stop by the ISFS Office located at 15 Park Place (right next to Baker center) – Friday from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M., call 740-593-4330, or e-mail [isfs@ohio.edu](mailto:isfs@ohio.edu).*

# Highlights of Athens

### Welcome Back Students

to another year at Ohio University. If this year is your first, you have a lot to look forward to. Athens is an exciting and vivacious community to live in. There is a plethora of locally owned stores and beautiful wilderness around the area. To help you take advantage of all that is around you, here are some essential places in Athens to visit. For those of you who spent the summer in Athens, hopefully you've had a chance to find some of these places. However, for new students this is a time of adjustment which can be, at times, stressful. Sometimes we need a place to relax and spend time with friends, and other times we need to know how to find essential places like grocery stores, post offices, and other resourceful places. Good luck this year students!

### Athens Bike Trail

The Athens Bike Trail is located along the Hocking River with a number of access points and is a great place for a recreational ride or transportation. With climate change, it's important to be aware of other transportation options that do not emit carbon dioxide like cars and other vehicles that run on gasoline. In Autumn months, the ride along the trail offers beautiful views of the changing leaves. Also, from the bike trail you can get to the Athens Farmers' Market (see next section).

### Athens Farmers' Market

The farmers' market takes place on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 10:00AM-1:00PM in the parking lot of the Market on State on East State Street. The market is open year round and offers some of the finest locally grown or produced food. If you are interested in local food, a good resource is Athens' Community Food Initiatives, visit their website at: <http://www.communityfoodinitiatives.com/>. CFI offers workshops, information and resources to improve the food security of Athens.

### Ping Center

The Ping Center is located on South Green Drive on campus. Ping Center offers many opportunities for exercise from numerous machines, classes, and sports programs. Also, the Ping Center includes Outdoor Pursuits which plans trips throughout the year providing students opportunities to hike, rock climb, swim, canoe, and much more. For more information on fitness classes, Outdoor Pursuits trips and more visit: <http://www.ohio.edu/recreation/>

### Restaurants

Athen's offers a wide variety of food. These four restaurants capture the true essence of Athens cuisine which is appealing to students, ethnically diverse and locally and historically based. Casa Nueva located on W. State Street offers locally focused food. At Casa Nueva you can get a sitdown style meal, visit their cantina bar, or get a quick meal at the bodega. Casa also hosts events throughout the week such as dance nights and concerts. Local art is also displayed on Casa's walls. Bagel Street Deli located on Court Street offers deli sandwiches on bagels for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Many students love to visit Bagel Street Deli for lunch and add to the wall decorations. Salaam is another restaurant students love; it is located on W. Washington Street. Salaam offers fine dining and world cuisine including ethnic dishes from the Middle East, the Mediterranean, the Balkans, North Africa, Thailand, India, and Pakistan. These three restaurants are vegetarian-friendly and offer an array of choices. An "all american" restaurant on Court Street is the Diner. The diner is a look into the history of American food and offers a variety of comfort food. A number of other restaurants are located along Court Street, so take a stroll and check out your options or ask a returning student their favorite restaurant.





## Strouds Run State Park

Located at 11661 State Park Road, Strouds Run offers numerous activities. Visitors are able to camp, boat, fish, hike, swim, picnic, hunt and more. The area includes a hardwood forest and a scenic lake. Many escape to the wilderness of Strouds Run on weekends to relax after a hard week.

## Court Street

Court Street is also known as the center of town. It is the main stretch of Athens and includes the courthouse, an independent movie theater called the "Athena" bookstores, coffee shops and more. If you like to shop, Court Street offers a variety of clothing stores from Halloween apparel to vintage clothing. Also, many of Athens' restaurants are located on or close to Court Street. Take a stroll down Court Street to see what it has to offer.



## Athens Coffee Shops

Athens is home to a number of coffee shops. Two favorite coffee shops unique to Athens are Donkey and Catalyst Cafe. Donkey Coffee is located on Washington Street and offers fair trade coffee and local baked goods. Donkey is also host to open mic night on Thursdays and spoken word on Tuesday nights and offers events on weekends as well. Local art is displayed on Donkey's walls.

Catalyst Cafe is on W. Union Street and is associated with Dela Zona and Village Bakery and Cafe, all locally owned offering local food items. Catalyst Cafe offers fair trade and organic coffee. Catalyst Cafe, Dela Zona and Village Bakery all strive to develop a sustainable food system, check them out at their website: <http://www.dellazona.com/> Other nearby places for coffee are Cafe Bibliotech in Alden Library, Front Room in Baker Center, Perks, Brenen's, and Court Street Coffee on Court Street.



## Helpful Resources:

Baker Center is located on campus at 1 Park Place and offers students a number of services including a post office, career services, tech services, student help center, and much more. Baker Center provides help to all students. The guest services on the first and fourth floor are a good place to go if you have a question.

Also, if you need help with financial aid or class schedules visit Chubb Hall on Court Street. Chubb Hall houses administrative offices, including Admissions, Bursar, Registrar, Residence and Campus Auxiliary Services, Residence Housing, Student Financial Aid, and Scholarships, and University College.

## Transportation:

If you need transportation to any of these places, there is a Campus Area Transit System (CATS). The bus visits all the main parts of campus. There is also a Cat Cab which provides transportation within a mile of Baker Center. For more information about transportation visit: <http://www.facilities.ohiou.edu/trans/>

Make your stay in Athens fruitful and visit some of these local places to develop your Athenian sense of place. Explore the area, and let us know of your favorite local places. E-mail me at [jd378610@ohio.edu](mailto:jd378610@ohio.edu) to tell a story of your favorite place in Athens.

# Global Meet and Greet!

At first it was called International Coffee Hour but now it's "Global Meet and Greet"! This event is a biweekly social hosted by the Walter International Education Center (WIEC), which houses the International Student and Faculty Services (ISFS) as well as the Office of Education Abroad (OEA). According to International Student Advisor at the ISFS, Amanda Yusko the purpose of the event is to "provide an opportunity for international and domestic students to make connections and learn about some of the services provided by the Walter International Education Center."



Study Abroad Program Coordinator with the OEA, Keely Davin says the OEA is very excited to be a part of the event. "We are thrilled with our new location in the Walter International Education Center and are very eager to share it with the Ohio University community! This event will be a wonderful way for OU students and staff to become more familiar with the services of our offices as well as get to know each other through mutual interest in international topics."



So why should you come to the Global Meet and Greet? According to Keely the event "is a great way to come together with people who are similar to you in many ways and different from you in others. Returned study abroad students can involve themselves in discussions around international topics and get to know international students and faculty here on OU's campus. You may even meet someone from the country that you studied in and will have many stories to share with one another." Amanda notes further that "students should attend so they can meet other students with similar interests and be more informed about the opportunities available on campus."

Mark the dates in your calendars because it will be one of the most fun, interesting and informative events to attend. There will be games, free food, prizes and surprises. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday September 28, 2011 at 4pm! Be on the lookout for our homecoming themed Meet & Greet on October 12 and our big one for Halloween on October 26. There will also be two others on November 9 & 16.

# AFRICAN STUDENTS' UNION CROSSOVER

The African Students' Union (ASU) Crossover is an event that has become a part of the Ohio University tradition especially for students from Africa or who are interested in Africa. The next one will be hosted on Saturday September 24 in the Baker Multipurpose Room. The International Voice caught up with president of the ASU Emmanuel Ngueyanouba to give us some details about this occasion



## What is the ASU Crossover?

ASU Crossover is an event that the African Student Union holds at the beginning of each school year to welcome new members and returning members.

## What is the main purpose of hosting this event?

It is not only an event to welcome ASU members but also to honor and celebrate the uniqueness and the beauty of the African Culture, music, dance and food. I like to think of ASU as "African culture brought to the Athens Community". In this regard and beyond Ohio University's community, we

are hosting this first event to offer some taste of selected pieces of African culture ( Music, dance, games...) to Athens Community as a whole.

## Why should people attend this event?

It is a great opportunity to meet wonderful people and learn from Africa while meeting the people who freshly come from there and/or who have interest in Africa and are studying it. Attendance is open to everybody and we offer very delicious food from different parts of Africa. It's only \$5,00 to get you in. Tell us a little about ASU.

ASU is an organization that is open to everyone who has interest in Africa; not only students from Africa event though our name may suggest so. We have members from other continents especially American students that we like to think of as "Africanists". This is probably one thing that makes ASU a unique and amazing organization. As a matter of fact, some of our Americans members, including an OU's student organization we partner with, are going to perform at the crossover.



## A SLICE OF ATHENS

### *Slice of Athens*



Local pizza places in collaboration with University Programs Council, UPC and the Black Student Council Programming Board, BCPB served up slices of fun at the event dubbed “Slice of Athens” on South Beach Friday Sept 9th. UPC Special Events Executive, Kellie outlined that the event was geared at new students but is always a big draw for pizza fans and residents around the area. According to her, the main aim was to give students a great event for the weekend after classes.

President of the BCPB, Seyi Odunaiya, was very happy to be involved. She said it was really essential to introduce new students to what programming is like on campus. Students who attended were also in favor of the event, freshman journalism major, Kyle Rutherford, was of the opinion that it is a good event for freshmen because it shows off what places and there to go to in Athens as well as the kind of food available.

There were five pizza places represented: Donato's, DP Dough, Courtside, Domino's, and Goodfellas. One representative noted that they got involved because they wanted students to know about their organizations and specials. They also noted that everybody loves pizza so it's a good thing to have at Ohio University.





## IMPORTANT ISFS ANNOUNCEMENT

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please be aware of this Identity Theft Scam that goes around this time of year.

“Beneficial Owner Form” — This fax-based phishing scam, which generally targets foreign nationals, recurs periodically. It’s based on a genuine IRS form, the W-8BEN, Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding. The scammer, though, invents his or her own number and name for the form. The scammer modifies the form to request passport numbers, information that is often used for account security purposes (such as mother’s maiden name) and similar detailed personal and financial information, and states that the recipient may have to pay additional tax if he or she fails to immediately fax back the completed form. In reality, the real W-8BEN is completed by banks, not individuals.

The fraudulent form requests information that the legitimate Form W-8BEN does not ask for, such as bank and investment account numbers, date they were opened, and copies of an individual’s account statement or passport. Your international visitors need to be aware of this scam, and should also know that IRS does not request Form W-8BEN from individuals; it is requested by the entities making payments to them, such as banks, brokerages, scholarship or fellowship grantors, etc. Also, IRS never initiates any type of contact with a taxpayer via email or fax.

**Please see below an example of a fraudulent letter:**

Sir/Madam,

Our records indicate that you are a Non-resident. As a result you are exempted from United States of America Tax reporting and withholdings on interest paid to you on your account and other financial benefits. To protect your exemption from tax on your account and other financial benefits, you need to recertify your exemption status and enable us confirm your records with us.

Therefore, you are to authenticate the following by completing form W-4100B2 and return to us as soon as possible through fax numbers no +[1-856-243-8212](tel:1-856-243-8212)

**When completing form W-4100B2, please follow the steps below:**

1. We need you to provide your permanent address if different from the current mailing address.
2. You must indicate as a Non-US resident, the country you are residing, to support your non-resident status and if your bank or other financial institutions you are dealing with has a US address for mailing purposes.
3. If any joint account holder is now a US resident or citizen, or in any way subject to US tax reporting laws: please check the box in this section.
4. Please complete 1 through 19 and have all account holder/s (if more than one account holder) sign and date the form separately and fax to the above-mentioned fax numbers.

Please complete Form W-4100B2 (attached) and return to us with one week from the receipt of this letter by faxing it, to enable us confirm your records immediately. If your records are not confirmed on time, you will lose your Non-resident status tax exempt benefits and your account or any other financial benefits will be subject to US tax reporting and back up withholding\*

\*If back up withholding applies, we are required to withhold 30% of the interest/benefits paid to you.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us protect your exempt status and also confirm our records.

Sincerely,  
Isabella Charlotte,  
IRS Public Relations”

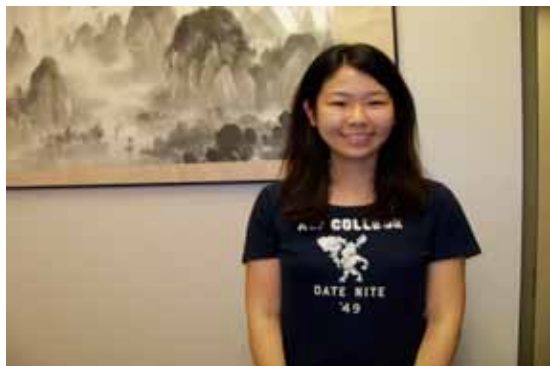
### TAX WORKSHOPS:

**Sept 23 Friday 3-5PM Baker 231 and**

**Sept 26 Monday 3-5PM Baker 231**

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

# What was your first Impression of Ohio University?



**Haruki Nakaya - Japan**

This university is very large because most of the universities in Japan are not as large as this one. The facilities are very nice. Its very easy commute to and from campus. The people I have met are very nice. However, I think there should be more opportunities to see domestic students.

**Claudia Nieto – Colombia**

I like it very much. The first thing I have to say is that I am impressed with people's generosity here. People are willing to help you everywhere. The campus is just great! The facilities are really impressive, the resources we have as well as the grants and funding we have access to.



**Miks Muizarajs – Latvia**

The city is very small but it somehow reminded me of my hometown where I grew up until the age of 18. Once I got to know the opportunities that the university offers it seems a lot larger than at first sight. I think that its interesting that the town is a real student town. I come from the capital of my country and majority of the students are studying in the capital so we also like to call ourselves a student town but coming here I think I got to know the real meaning of the expression "student town".

**Zulifa Zaher – Afghanistan**

The first thing that I like is the geographical location of Athens. It's very beautiful and pretty. I like the weather every though its very capricious. I love the rain but I don't think I will love the snow. I like the equipment and facilities for students that want to study. We can find everything around the campus like a well equipped library. I also like the class environment. The professors are so nice and very helpful and understanding. They understand the international students and our language problems.



**Svetlana Bondareva – Kyrgyzstan Republic**

When I just came here I thought it was such a small place. I was not really happy about it. I thought what can I do here? In a few days, however, I met a lot of people here and made new friends and now I changed my mind. I think its not boring, its peaceful. It's a nice experience for me, it's a convenient place with many opportunities for you to develop yourself.



**Yuyun Sriwahyuni – Indonesia**

Well it is a good place for those who really want to study in the sense that it is in a small city. There are not many things going on around and students will not have lots of distractions. The study environment here is very good. The lecturers are very helpful and very supportive to students especially new coming students. They help us figure out what to do in each quarter for example what to focus on while researching or studying. The landscape here is also very healthy, we do not have as much pollution as there is in great cities.

**Pronoy Rai – India**

I found Ohio University pretty vast and the buildings are pretty magnificent. When I first came here I got down at the School of Osteopathic Medicine and that was my starting point of looking at the university and I thought it was beautiful and sparsely populated for somebody coming from India. Later on as a couple of days passed I met lots of people and whenever I asked for help, I got it from absolutely random strangers. That's because it's in a small town and it brings about the warmth of the small town culture. You notice the warmth everywhere, people know each other and say hi randomly. It is a very nice feeling.



**Claudia Lechler – Germany**

It has such nice buildings on campus. The red bricks are nice. I didn't expect that there would be so many hills. I thought it would be a flat city. I was very surprised that the staff and students here are so helpful and kind. I got great help from ISFS because my luggage was late and they gave me some assistance. I am glad to be here. There was a really well organized orientation week and I also got some help from ISFS when I arrived.

*What was your first Impression of the location you studied abroad?*

**Christopher Miller - Ecuador**

After getting over the near fainting experience I encountered due to the high altitude of Quito, Ecuador, I was able to observe and look around. The airport looked like an American airport with the exception of signs and everything else in Spanish, obviously, McDonalds and Pizza Hut were there and many people extremely willing to help with our luggage. The cars were smaller and older in comparison to the cars in America, the streets were dirty from exhaust and trash and there were many stray dogs running around. The mountains and scenery were breathtaking, and so was the Cuenca program in Ecuador!



**Emily Burns - Florence**

When I arrived in Florence, my first impression was that the streets are so narrow and everything is so old! I was also struck by the history that surrounded me. Everyday, the people of Florence walk past churches that have been around longer than America has existed, or they look up and see a statue that has been looked at by people for hundreds and hundreds of years! It is much less common in America to see something or experience something that has that same historical value or cultural richness.



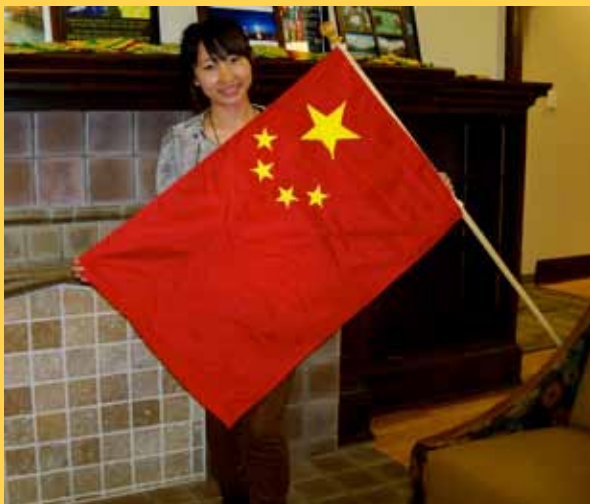


## FLAG OF THE WEEK

# CHINA

“ Being able to break down stereotypes through experience and find that so many stereotypes out there are false is really quite amazing and eye opening, I really think it made me a better person. ”

-Erika Roitblat



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ERIKA ROITBLAT

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**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

China

**WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR?**

Magazine Journalism

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES?**

Three Years

**WHAT DEFINES CHINA CULTURALLY FROM THE UNITED STATES?**

I think the culture of the U.S is more open and modern than China, but the culture of China is more historic and varied

**WHO/WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE POP-CULTURE ICON FROM CHINA (ART, MUSIC, LITERATURE, SPORTS, FILM, ETC.)?**

Well, in terms of pop-culture icon, I think the food culture would be my favorite part :)

**WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHINA?**

I miss my family and friends in my country getting together with my family and friends.

**IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WISH YOU KNEW BEFORE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES OR DO YOU HAVE ADVICE FOR NEW STUDENTS?**

Before coming to America I was curious about how American students study and live in the college life. I have advice for new students is that to open your mind and don't be shy, you will learn a lot.

## ERIKA ROITBLAT

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Solon, Ohio (suburb of Cleveland)

**WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR?**

Political Science, history minor, east Asian studies certificate

**HOW LONG DID YOU STAY IN CHINA?**

Seven Weeks, studying at the Beijing language and culture university

**WHAT DEFINES CHINA CULTURALLY FROM THE UNITED STATES?**

Many things, but one particular difference is socially. We interact with others much differently than I observed in China. In the US people tend to talk to each other more freely and casually than in China. In interacting with people of different ages there were times that it seems a line was being tested whether it was what we were talking about or how we were talking to them. The sense of "appropriateness" or lack thereof, also depended on the age of the person and their occupation. The younger generation seemed to get a kick out of how freely we spoke about whatever it was that popped into our head. I got the sense that older generations seemed not to be as thrilled with our novelty. It sometimes felt like we have to carefully watch what we said in order to not seem like we were being rude or being disrespectful, which was definitely never anyone's intention

**WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY WHEN YOU WERE IN CHINA?**

Hmm, the first thing that comes to my mind would be accessible toilet paper. It was never a huge deal but you have to carry around your own and some purell wouldn't be a bad idea. Most bathrooms are not stocked with TP and soap, it wasn't a deal breaker but you don't really appreciate a well stocked public bathroom until there isn't one.

**WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE POP ICON FROM CHINA?**

I didn't become too familiar with the pop culture of China but it was interesting to see some of the reactions to Americans from rural Chinese tourist. Beijing has a lot of attractions that draw people in from all over the world and even other parts of China. While the locals in Beijing and other major cities are used to seeing tourist and travelers from other countries, other groups of Chinese from cities that aren't used to tourist and travelers would stare at us. Some little kids would try to 'high five' some of the guys in our group. Other people would yell out some popular U.S phrases. The oddest thing for us was that people would actually come up and ask to take a picture of us with themselves or their children, of course they always threw up the peace sign before the camera flashed. I never got a solid answer on why they wanted our pictures, but it was something that was pretty funny to us at the time.

**IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WISH YOU KNEW BEFORE GOING TO CHINA OR DO YOU HAVE ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO GO?**

Just be ready to experience a very different way of life. Embrace those differences and take them for what they are because even if they are weird to you, remember it's a place and culture that most Americans will never experience. You come back to the life you left back here having a sense of the world that most people around you have only read about in textbooks or seen on TV. There are a many many differences between our two cultures and lifestyles; finding them out first hand is a really great experience. Being able to break down stereotypes through experience and find that so many stereotypes out there are false is really quite amazing and eye opening, I really think it made me a better person. One thing I will point out is the difference in food. I found out by experience that Beijing food is delicious as well as cooked in a LOT of oil. That was something that took my body a really long time to get used to, like the whole seven weeks. But now that I am back in the states I wish I was able to eat the Beijing cuisine again, there is nothing to compare it to here. My advice, eat the Peking duck!



## EVENTS

### **INDONESIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PERMIAS)**

Program Title: Indonesian Cultural Day

Date: Friday 9/23/11

Time: 5 pm to 7 pm

Location: Gordy Hall, Rm 311

### **AFRICAN STUDIES AND GEOGRAPHY COLLOQUIUM – SEPTEMBER 22**

The Department of Geography and the African Studies Program will host Dr. Elizabeth Chacko, Chair of the Department of Geography at the George Washington University and Associate Professor of Geography and International Affairs, on Thursday, September 22, 2011. Her talk is titled “Leveraging the Diaspora for Development: A Case Study from Ethiopia” and will be held at 7pm in Walter Hall 145. Dr Chacko will also be available for a discussion session on September 23 at 9AM in the Yamada House Seminar Room 009.

### **AFRICAN STUDENT UNION CROSSOVER – SEPTEMBER 24**

Come and enjoy a wide range of different African dishes, rich African cultural displays in the form of music/drama/dance/poetry and make new friends at a welcoming event for new African students to OU.

Date: 24th September, 2011. Time: 6pm. Venue: Baker Center Conference Room 240/242. Cost: \$5. Tickets are available at the ISU office.

### **Indonesian Student Association (PERMIAS)**

Program Title: Indonesia Today

Date: Sunday, 09/25/2011

Time: 2 pm to 4 pm,

Four sessions during the quarter: Sept 25th, Oct 9th, Oct 16th, Oct 30th

Location: Gordy hall 113

### **GLOBAL MEET & GREET – SEPTEMBER 28**

4-5pm Walter International Education Center Room 106.

### **NAWAL: THE VOICE OF THE COMOROS CONCERT AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 30**

The African Studies Program, the College of Fine Arts and the School of Music are pleased to present ‘Nawal: The Voice of the Comoros’ on Friday, September 30, 2011 at 7:30pm at The Ridges Auditorium. This concert is free and open to the public. A free interactive workshop will also be held from 1-2pm on the same day in the Ridges Auditorium.

### **PEACE CORPS VISIT TO OHIO UNIVERSITY – OCTOBER 3-6**

Monday, October 3rd, Information Table, 11:00– 2:00, Baker University Center

Stop by the Peace Corps table to learn more about the organization. Begin the decision making process with ample information! Tuesday, October 4th, Career Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Baker University Center

Stop by the Peace Corps table to gather information, speak directly to a recruiter and returned volunteer, and learn more about the benefits of serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer! Wednesday, October 5th, Information Session, 5:30 p.m., 503 Baker University Center services and to answer any questions

Thursday, October 6th, Office Hours, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Career Services Center

Stop by Career Services Center to speak directly with a Peace Corps Recruiter! This is a great opportunity for those interested in learning more about Peace Corps, current applicants, or those who just want more guidance on the application process, to meet with a seasoned recruiter in a one-on-one format. No appointments necessary, just stop in!

### **FALL QUARTER ENGLISH LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT COURSES**

Introduction to Graduate Writing (ELIP 512) 3 credit hours MW 5:10-6:30pm in Bentley 210, #4033

This class will allow students to work on their own academic coursework in the class, focusing on the writing assignments of essays, research papers, and summaries. Using citation styles and writing with sources is also covered. Grammar is covered as well. Oral Communication in Graduate Studies (ELIP 530), 3 credit hours

MW 5:10-6:30pm in Gordy 305, #4063



## OEA OPPORTUNITIES



### STUDY ABROAD FAIR – OCTOBER 10

Check out hundreds of opportunities, talk to the experts and get some advice on studying abroad in one of over 40 countries from 11-4pm in Baker Ballroom. Register to win a free t-shirt and get your ticket to a global perspective. Check out [www.ohio.edu/educationabroad](http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad) for more information.

### RWANDA HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION FOR YOUNG LEADERS – WINTER 2012

Global Youth Connect, an international human rights organization, is pleased to announce that they are accepting applications from young leaders (ages 18-35) for their Winter international human rights delegation to Rwanda. During GYC delegation, International participants will join with Rwandan peers in a Learning and Action Community to learn about human rights achievements and challenges in Rwanda (and the world) and to take concrete action steps together to support current and future efforts for human rights protection and promotion, both in Rwanda and abroad. Through a combination of workshops, site visits, advocacy meetings, and volunteer service with grassroots NGOs, we will learn and act on numerous key human rights issues in Rwanda, including but not limited to: gender and human rights, human rights of children, LGBTI populations, historically marginalized indigenous groups, refugees, domestic workers, poverty reduction, public health, juvenile justice, freedom of expression and the arts. Specific information about previous Rwanda delegations can be found at <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?GlobalYouthConnect/04a37fc13d/bee375302f/5cb93f12e0>

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**Application Deadline: September 27, 2011 5pm EST**

**Dates: Dec 28, 2011 - Jan 16, 2012**

**Program Tuition: \$2,250**

**How to Apply: For detailed information on program activities, costs, fundraising guide, and application information, please visit: <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?GlobalYouthConnect/04a37fc13d/bee375302f/98bb43b6f3>**

### NEW STUDY AND RESEARCH ABROAD OPTIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AVAILABLE

The Southeast Asian Studies (SEAS) Program, in conjunction with the Office of Education Abroad, is pleased to announce a new exchange program with Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore. Students in all majors are welcome to apply for study at NTU beginning Fall 2012. For more information about NTU and to request an application, contact Christine Su, Interim Director of Southeast Asian Studies, at [suc@ohio.edu](mailto:suc@ohio.edu).

SEAS also has information about study abroad options in Indonesia, including programs in Indonesian language,

ethnographic field methods, Islamic finance, and Indonesian fine arts. Please contact Christine in SEAS or Lori Lammert in the Office of Education Abroad at [Lammert@ohio.edu](mailto:Lammert@ohio.edu) to learn more.

### Study Abroad: Find out how!

Want to learn how study abroad can become a part of your college experience at Ohio University? Here are three resources you can explore to find the perfect destination for you.

#### Walk-in advising hours

Want to study abroad but don't know where to go or what programs your interested? Come to our walk-in advising hours from 1-4 pm. on Monday through Friday in the Walter International Education Center, 15 Park Place. Stop by to meet with an adviser, explore some options and take your imagination to a place you have never been. No appointments necessary! Visit our website for more information: [www.ohio.edu/educationabroad](http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad). We will be entering students to win a visa debit card valued at \$50 during the month of September!

#### International Education Programs (IEP) and Study Abroad 101

New school year, new partnership. The Office Education Abroad (OEA) and the International Education Programs (IEP) have formed a partnership on campus, offering students affordable and immersive study, internship and service-learning opportunities abroad. Starting this fall quarter, some of the new programs include Australia, China, Costa Rica, France, New Zealand, Peru, South Africa, Thailand and Turkey!

OEA and IEP will host Study Abroad 101 info sessions every Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. in the Walter International Education Center (with FREE pizza) for students who want to learn how study abroad can fit into their time at Ohio University.

IEP has a full-time advisor at the Walter International Education Center to assist students who are interested in their programs. If you have questions or would like more information please visit [www.ohioiep.com](http://www.ohioiep.com) or email [info@iepabroad.org](mailto:info@iepabroad.org).

#### Scholarships and financial aid

Don't let money hold you back. Study abroad gives you an advantage in a globally competitive job market, so you can't afford not to invest in this experience! You can tap into your existing financial aid and scholarship package as well as apply for additional scholarships to study abroad. Visit [www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/Students/scholarship.html](http://www.ohio.edu/educationabroad/Students/scholarship.html) to find out more about education abroad funding.