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## Academic Openness and National Security: Complementary or Contradictory?

By William B. Lacy, Vice Provost, University Outreach & International Programs

During the last several years the federal government has sought to protect U.S. citizens through introduction of extensive security measures. While these government actions are important, they have re-ignited concern and debate about the appropriate balance between openness and security.

Universities are especially affected by an imbalance as they pursue and disseminate knowledge and educate future leaders. Freedom of inquiry, communication and international collaboration are core to their mission. Due to this heavy, and often uncoordinated, emphasis on security measures, our academic institutions are experiencing unintended consequences of real and potential diminishing U.S. leadership in higher education, science, engineering, innovation, and economic and global development. Ironically, these changes may ultimately reduce our security as a nation.

In the last few years, over 50 federal regulatory changes intended to strengthen U.S. security have also greatly expanded information and tracking systems (e.g., SEVIS, personal interviews for 90 percent of all applicants) and restricted the movement of both people (i.e., international students, scholars, faculty) and knowledge. Impacts include: foreign scholars significantly delayed or denied access to the U.S.; international students who travel abroad denied re-entry; scholars and students unable to attend international scientific meetings and events because of visa delays; increasing use of ill-defined categories like "sensitive but unclassified", "controlled but unclassified" and "non-releasable but unclassified" to restrict the flow of information; and a Technology Alert List that initiates reviews of international students and scholars preparing to study within a broad range of contemporary science or engineering.

These developments also may have a wider impact as students and scholars decide to go elsewhere for their education, research collaboration and international conferences. For instance, University of California undergraduate international applications have declined 36 percent in the last two years, while California residents' applications to UC have increased by nine percent. In addition, nationwide international graduate student applications to research universities are down by at least 25 percent, and applications from China have dropped 76 percent.

U.S. institutions of higher education and university leaders are calling for action to ensure that we approach the goals of security and openness in science as complementary and pursue both with sound federal policy. Some recommendations include: 1) official reaffirmation of classification (i.e., confidential, secret, top secret) as the only appropriate means to control access to federally sponsored university research; 2) enhanced support of government programs to foster international educational exchanges (e.g., Fulbright and Humphrey Scholars); and 3) streamlining of the U.S. visa screening processes which currently involves four separate review processes with no information available about the status of these reviews.

We need to take appropriate actions within our universities and professional associations. For example, in January the UC International Leaders Council unanimously endorsed Robert Gates' (President of Texas A&M University) recommendations for federal government action and sent them to President Dynes for his consideration. On this campus our Offices for Research, Graduate Studies, Undergraduate Admissions, Services for International Students and Scholars and academic departments need to be more proactive in the international science and education arena. As Charles Vest (President of MIT) recently noted (2003), "The openness of our campus to students, scholars and faculty from all over the world is one of our greatest strengths, and is at the heart of the phenomenal success of the American research university."

# Chancellor's Trip to Iran: Paving Way for Collaborations with University of Tehran

By Kristin Mick and Robert Kerr

Never before in the history of the university has a UC Davis chancellor traveled to the volatile Middle East to meet his counterpart at an Iranian university. History will be changed this spring when Chancellor Larry Vanderhoef travels to Iran to explore possible future collaborations with the University of Tehran.

Chancellor Vanderhoef and a small delegation will arrive in Iran April 27, spending four days in the country. The primary order of business will be exploring areas for scientific, educational and cultural collaborations between the two universities. Additionally, the visit will give the chancellor and delegates a chance to reconnect with UC Davis constituents living in Iran. "We plan to host a reception in Tehran for alumni and friends of UC Davis, and I'm looking forward to meeting former students and scholars of UCD," Vanderhoef said.

According to UC Davis Director of International Alumni and Visitors Program Robert Kerr, a relationship between the two universities has been years in the making. In 2000 Chancellor Vanderhoef served as guest speaker at a fundraising function in Sacramento for the Iranian Alumni Chapter. "He met many Iranian leaders from the Sacramento region and learned of their desire to help bring UC Davis into closer association with higher education in Iran in an effort to advance some of the country's greatest needs such as agriculture, the environment, medicine and engineering," Kerr said.

In addition to Vanderhoef and Kerr, the delegation to Iran will include Vice Provost William Lacy, Dean of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Neal Van Alfen, Dean of Engineering Enrique Lavernia, and business leader and trustee on the UC Davis Foundation Board Mohammad Mohanna.

Since the 1970s, the number of students from Iran who attended UC Davis has fluctuated from a high of 120 to a low of zero, with the greatest number of students attending during the late 1970s and late 1990s. The immediate past president of ASUCD (the campus' student governing organization), two appointed student assistants to the chancellor during the past four years, an appointed trustee on the UC Davis Foundation Board and an elected director on the Cal Aggie Alumni Association Board are from Iranian heritage.

For more information about the chancellor's trip, contact Robert Kerr at [rkerr@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rkerr@ucdavis.edu) or phone (530) 754-8941.

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# UC Davis Ag Experts Launch Four-Year Project in Egypt

By Kristin Mick and Patrick Brown

In March two UC Davis scientists traveled to Egypt to launch a four-year endeavor aimed at reshaping the future of Upper Egypt's agricultural economy.

Patrick Brown, director of the Office of International Programs in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, was recently awarded a \$650,000 sub-grant from USAID for the Agricultural Exports and Rural Incomes (AERI) Horticulture Project in Egypt known as EL SHAMS. EL SHAMS (which means "the sun" in Arabic and is an acronym for "Enhanced Livelihoods from Smallholder Horticultural Activities Managed Sustainably") is one of five components of the larger AERI project managed by CARE Egypt.

For the EL SHAMS project, UC Davis and its partnering organizations plan to increase rural incomes and create jobs for small and medium-sized growers in Upper Egypt through improved production, postharvest handling, processing and marketing of horticultural crops. Participatory, farmer-to-farmer approaches will be used to build the farmers' organizational capacity, business skills, technical know-how and marketing intelligence.

"Historically, these farmers grow some vegetables for family consumption, but they have not produced horticultural crops for the commercial sector," said Lisa Kitinoja, UC Davis project director for EL SHAMS. "This project will introduce the concept and practices of growing high-value horticultural crops like melons, grapes, green beans, dates, citrus fruits and herbs for sale in domestic markets (Cairo) and export (Europe and the Gulf States)."

Chosen for her many years of experience working with USAID, the USDA, the UNFAO and the World Bank on agricultural projects around the world, Kitinoja traveled to Egypt in March with UC Davis Department of Vegetable Crops specialist Ron Voss to attend the project's first annual planning meeting. "Each year as part of the project, we will send five or six professors, extension specialists or farm advisors to Egypt to provide technical advice to grower organizations and to provide training programs for Egyptian extension agents and growers," Kitinoja added.

By the end of 2007, the EL SHAMS project hopes to train 30,000 Egyptian farmers (and more than triple their income); create 40,000 on-farm and industry jobs; produce a tenfold increase in the volume of high-value horticultural sales from Upper Egypt; and establish 100 self-sustaining farmer associations that will provide resources, support, training and leverage for its members.

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# New Distance Education Program Will Allow UC Davis and Asian University Students to “Share a Classroom”

By Beth Greenwood

UC Davis, Hosei University in Japan and Beijing Normal University in China have recently formed a new Pacific Rim Distance Education Exchange Consortium. The purpose of the new consortium is to promote live class exchanges between UC Davis and universities in Asia. This fall the Pacific Rim Distance Education Exchange Consortium will launch its first pilot distance education exchange program.

Jay Mechling, Professor of American Studies, will teach the first class, “Violence in America,” in the fall 2004 to students at UC Davis and Hosei University in Tokyo. The class will be taught in real time so that students at UC Davis and in Asia will be able to interact during and after the lectures. Professor Mechling chose this course topic because of its broad potential interest to American and foreign students. Professor Toshikazu Takao, a senior faculty member from Hosei University, will teach the second class in the pilot program, titled “War Reparations.” Once again, the topic will give students the opportunity to examine an important historical period from a cross-cultural perspective. East Asian Studies will host the second class. Beijing Normal University plans to begin involvement in the program by the third class offering.

Over time the Pacific Rim Distance Education Exchange Consortium plans to extend its offerings to universities in other Asian countries. It also plans to offer distance seminars and symposia on topics of mutual interest to the participating universities. One of the greatest benefits of the consortium is that it will create opportunities for cultural exchanges for students who cannot travel abroad. UC Davis students will be paired up with students from Hosei University and other partner institutions while they are taking a course in order to maximize student interaction and cross-cultural learning.

Hosei University Research Institute, California (HURIC) in Burlingame and Hitachi Software Engineering America, Ltd. are funding the pilot project. The UC Davis Office of University Outreach and International Programs, UC Davis Extension, the UC Davis Humanities Institute, East Asian Studies, American Studies, Hosei University Research Institute, Hosei University IT Research Center, and Hosei University Exchange Students Overseas Program (ESOP) have collaborated to create the pilot project. For more information, contact Beth Greenwood or Linda Ziegahn at (530) 757-8569.

## Schneeman Appointed to High-Level Position at FDA

Dr. Barbara O. Schneeman ('70) of UC Davis has been appointed to lead the Food and Drug Administration CFSAN Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling and Dietary Supplements (ONPLDS), effective May 3, 2004. As the new ONPLDS-director, Schneeman will oversee the development of policy and regulations for dietary supplements, nutrition labeling and food standards, infant formula and medical foods.

Schneeman leaves UC Davis with a long and distinguished career that began as a faculty member in 1976. For the last three years, she served as the Associate Vice Provost for University Outreach, in addition to holding a professional appointment in the Departments of Nutrition, Food Science and Technology and Internal Medicine in the School of Medicine. Prior to that, she completed an 18-month term as the Assistant Administrator for Nutrition in the Agricultural Research Service of the USDA. Barbara Schneeman held many prestigious positions during her tenure at UC Davis, including dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

## About UOIP

University Outreach & International Programs' (UOIP) goal is to provide campus leadership and coordination for UC Davis faculty, students and staff in two major academic program areas:

- continuing, distance and lifelong learning
- international research and educational activities and programs

Campus programs that are part of this office include the Education Abroad Center, Hubert H. Humphrey Program, Services for International Students and Scholars, UC Davis Short-Term Programs Abroad, Summer Sessions Abroad and UC Davis Extension.

For more information about UOIP's activities, visit the Web site at <http://uoip.ucdavis.edu>.



# UC Davis Leaders to Strengthen Ties with South American Universities

By Kristin Mick and Robert Kerr

This June, immediately following the 2004 Commencement Ceremonies, Chancellor Vanderhoef will travel to South America as part of an ongoing effort to strengthen UC Davis' relationships with peer universities overseas.

The first part of the trip will take the Chancellor, Vice Provost William Lacy and International Alumni and Visitors Program Director Robert Kerr to Santiago, Chile, to attend the Association of Pacific Rim Universities' (APRU) Annual Presidents' Meeting held this year at the University of Chile. APRU is a trans-Pacific consortium of 36 leading research universities from 16 countries (including the West Coast of the United States). APRU's mission aims to foster cooperation in teaching and research, thereby contributing to the economic, scientific and cultural advancement of Pacific Rim economies. The Chancellor and Vice Provost will attend a two-day series of meetings and workshops focusing on such topics as member "best practices" activities, a future fellows program for mid-career faculty, distance education, technology transfer and intellectual properties collaboration.

Two additional activities in Chile include a ceremony at the University of Chile to celebrate the recent signing of an Agreement of Cooperation between the two universities, and a social gathering in Santiago. "In this short visit to Santiago, UC Davis will advance its relationships with multiple peer Pacific Rim universities, celebrate a formal collaboration with an outstanding research institution in the University of Chile, and reconnect with alumni and friends of UC Davis," Vice Provost Lacy remarked.

In Argentina, Chancellor Vanderhoef and the delegation will visit several universities to initiate future collaboration activities and to reinforce existing arrangements and meet with educational government leaders and directors of programs that place graduate students from Argentina in the U.S.

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# Humphrey Program Becoming a Fixture at UC Davis

By Kristin Mick

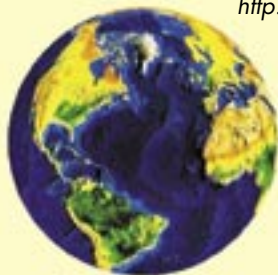
Thanks to a federal government-sponsored program, distinguished professionals from across the globe will continue to enrich the UC Davis experience for the remainder of the decade. The U.S. Department of State recently renewed a grant enabling UC Davis to continue its involvement in the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program through the year 2009. UC Davis is one of 15 universities in the nation and currently the only campus in California administering the prestigious program.

The Humphrey Program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from around the world to the United States for one year of non-degree graduate study and related practical professional experience. This academic year, nine Humphrey fellows have called Davis home while they have attended classes and seminars, explored professional affiliations, given presentations on campus and at area schools, and visited California's tourist attractions. April marked the beginning of the final phase of the program — one in which the fellows affiliate with a professional organization, applying their previous expertise and newly-acquired methodologies.

"My project is to perform an environmental impact assessment of organic farming in Marin, Humboldt and Ventura counties," explained Suzan Al-Ajjawi of Bahrain. Al-Ajjawi will be working with SAREP (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program) until June when she plans to return home to her four children. "It's hard to be away from family, but this experience has definitely been worth it," she said.

Dr. Afiavi Agboh-Noameshie of Togo and Yao Nguessan of the Ivory Coast are also working on a research project for SAREP. Yaw Amoyaw-Osei of Ghana is lending his expertise on a World Bank project at Jones & Stokes Associates in Sacramento. Ricardo Contreras of Ecuador is working with Freitas International in Los Angeles to import fresh pineapples and mangos from outside of the U.S. Before returning home to Turkey, Tuncer Dincergok will examine the efficiency of hydroelectric power plants for the Army Corps of Engineers. Syrian water management specialist Helda Ishaq is observing the management of irrigation projects for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento. Attorney Luis Roberto Proença of Brazil spends his time at the law office of EPA Region 9 in San Francisco investigating environmental protection law. Lastly, Falilou Seye of Senegal is working on management of electricity generation for a private firm in the Washington D.C. area.

For more information about the Humphrey Fellowship Program, contact Paul Marcotte, Humphrey Program director, at [plmarcotte@ucdavis.edu](mailto:plmarcotte@ucdavis.edu), or visit the Web site at <http://internationalprograms.ucdavis.edu/Humphrey>.



# Improvements to Come in the Reporting of International Students and Scholars

By Wesley Young, Services for International Students and Scholars

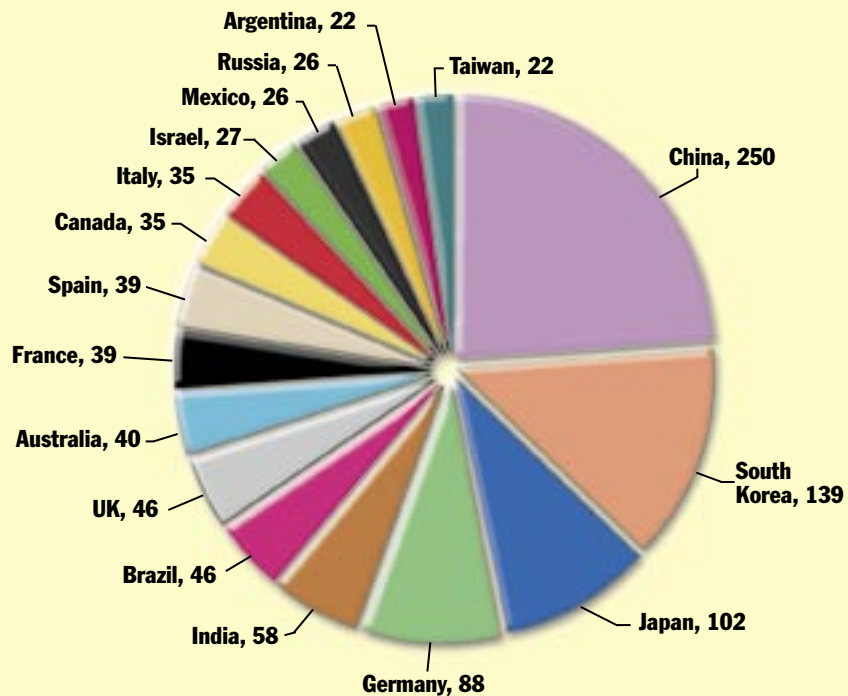
The number of nonimmigrant international scholars for the 2003-2004 academic year is shaping up to be similar to last year's figure despite the increasing difficulties faced by many foreign scholars traveling to the U.S. This year (as of March 15) there are 1,408 international scholars on campus as compared to 1,377 reported in the Spring 2003 newsletter.<sup>1</sup> The accompanying pie chart shows the breakdown by country. Like the student statistics reported in the Fall 2003 newsletter, the largest groups of international scholars are coming from China, South Korea and Japan. However, there is broad geographical representation from more than 80 countries.

This issue of the International Programs Newsletter ends the previous pattern of reporting on the numbers of international students and scholars. Typically the spring issue of the newsletter features statistics on international *scholars* at UC Davis, while the fall issue covers international *students*. From now on, data on student statistics will be reported in the *spring* newsletter. We will use the Institute of International Education (IIE) Open Doors definition of a student, which is "anyone who is enrolled in courses at institutions of higher education in the United States who is not a U.S. citizen, an immigrant (permanent resident) or a refugee." At UC Davis this can include students on filing fee, PELP, Academic Training and Optional Practical Training. This number also includes students at UC Davis Extension. Scholar information will now be reported in the *fall* newsletter. The IIE Open Doors definition of a scholar will also be used for our reporting, which includes "nonimmigrant teachers and/or researchers who are not enrolled as students." These include scholars holding J, H, TN and O visas, but not permanent residents.

The reason for the change in reporting on international students and scholars is to better capture the entire year of activity for international scholars. By waiting until fall to report on international scholars, we can report on the entire year rather than just provide a year-to-date figure. This also enables Services for International Students and Scholars (SISS) to provide an accurate account of fall international students, rather than just an estimate.

<sup>1</sup>In a fall 2003 survey of its members (including UC Davis), the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) found that "22 percent of respondents had increases in their international scholar population, approximately 40 percent had roughly the same size population," and 38 percent reported a drop in their scholar population as compared to the previous fall.

## UC Davis Nonimmigrant International Scholars 2003-2004 Academic Year



Reflects only the top 17 countries sending international scholars to UC Davis. Preliminary data shows UC Davis this year welcomed 1,408 international scholars representing 80 countries.

## Recapture the thrill of learning at UC Davis!

The UC Davis Alumni College is an exciting new program that provides UC Davis alumni from around the world a chance to return to their alma mater and learn in a campus environment. Slated for **Thursday, July 15-Saturday, July 17, 2004**, the Alumni College will offer alumni and friends a variety of opportunities for exploration, contemplation, networking and discussion. The educational portion of this inaugural program will focus on social change and ethical challenges of our global society. Eight distinguished faculty including a Pulitzer prize-winning professor will explore the subject, from its historical roots to challenges in modern globalization, business, government and religion. Presenters will guide you as you delve into new ideas and enjoy stimulating and thoughtful discussions. In addition to the educational program, there will be ample opportunities for socializing and networking with your peers.

The Cal Aggie Alumni Association plans to make the UC Davis Alumni College an annual summer event. We hope to see you this summer and in the future. For more information and how to enroll, visit [www.alumni.ucdavis.edu/college](http://www.alumni.ucdavis.edu/college).

# Third International Alumni Chapter is Chartered

By Robert Kerr and Kristin Mick

Aggies can now feel right at home in Bangkok. Last October, Vice Provost William Lacy presented the official Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA) Charter Certificate to the new Thailand Chapter President Dr. Thira Sutabutra at a banquet in Bangkok attended by more than 30 UC Davis Thai alumni and friends of the campus. Thailand joins Japan and Taiwan as the only chartered UC Davis international alumni chapters.

In the late 1960s and 1970s, UC Davis attracted many students and scholars from Thailand. John Whitaker, UC Davis professor of food science and technology, was particularly impressed with the quality of these students. In 1991, Whitaker began to establish collaborative relationships with faculty from leading universities in Thailand which resulted in frequent visits to the country. Soon thereafter, alumni connected with these institutions (and residing in Bangkok) began to hold social gatherings to welcome Whitaker to their community. The seeds of an alumni chapter were planted.

"We are so pleased to officially recognize the Thailand alumni chapter," said CAAA Executive Director Beverly Sandeen. "We hope to see many more international chapters and groups organize in the future. The work of our international leaders and friends to build a community of supporters for UC Davis is inspirational and much appreciated."

President Sutabutra, emeritus president of Thailand's Kasetsart University, expressed his enthusiasm at the banquet: "Alumni and friends of UC Davis have had a presence in Bangkok and other parts of Thailand for many years. We have been encouraging students and scholars alike to study at UC Davis and then welcoming them back with enthusiasm. The UC Davis influence has resulted in many alumni attaining prominent positions throughout Thailand, especially in higher education." Sutabutra received bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees at UC Davis' College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

When a group is chartered with CAAA as an alumni chapter, it is officially recognized by the university and qualifies for services and privileges including: use of the UC Davis and CAAA name and logo, basic nonprofit status, a UC Davis-maintained listserv, CAAA staff assistance with alumni activities and marketing, and other services.

International alumni chapters primarily provide a social and professional outlet for members who live thousands of miles from campus, but they can also play another role. UC Davis Ph.D. recipient Churdchai Cheowtirakul, who now works as dean of biotechnology at Thailand's Assumption University, said: "An organized alumni chapter can provide support for UC Davis students, scholars and administrative staff who may be visiting Thailand on business or educational matters by offering advice on transportation, lodging, restaurants and sites to see, as well as providing a forum of well-connected international residents from the local area."

# New Academic Initiative Helps Students Get Credit for Education Abroad

By Peter Schiffman, Education Abroad Center

The Education Abroad Program (EAP) is a 40 year-old, systemwide program that provides high-quality, international educational experiences for UC students in 34 countries and on six continents. This academic year, UC Davis students studying abroad enrolled in nearly 2,000 international courses. While all UC students who study abroad automatically receive credit toward graduation for their EAP coursework, most students find difficulty using these same courses to fulfill General Education (GE), language and/or major and minor degree requirements.

This year, EAP has launched a new Academic Integration Initiative to help students better achieve their academic goals while studying abroad. "Academic integration occurs when individual (UC campus) departments view EAP courses as their own," said UC Santa Barbara Professor Scott Cooper and EAP associate director for Academic Integration. To this end, many departments have started the process of determining equivalencies for EAP courses, and some have even created four-year curricular plans for their majors which include a year of study abroad (e.g., [www.geology.ucdavis.edu/undergradinfo/eap.html](http://www.geology.ucdavis.edu/undergradinfo/eap.html)).

In addition to those courses taken to fulfill major requirements, most students enroll in a number of upper division electives while studying abroad. The Minor in Global and International Studies (GIS) can help students get academic recognition for this extra coursework. To qualify for the GIS minor, students must take two GIS courses at UC Davis in addition to 16-17 units of upper-division coursework taken abroad. Details about the GIS minor can be found at <http://eac.ucdavis.edu>.

Finally, to help UC Davis students fulfill their GE requirements, the Academic Senate's Committee on International Studies and Exchanges (CISE) was recently designated to approve EAP courses for GE credit. CISE has already created a list of approved courses (see the Education Abroad Center's Web site at <http://eac.ucdavis.edu/> for this list). To request GE credit for UCEAP courses not as yet included on that list, students can download a petition to CISE at [http://eap.ucdavis.edu/provunde/eap/newapps/ge\\_approval.doc](http://eap.ucdavis.edu/provunde/eap/newapps/ge_approval.doc).



# University Research Expeditions Program Up and Running Once Again

By Susan Silva

The popular University Research Expeditions Program (UREP), which has been on hiatus, recently announced its new trips for 2004. UREP supports university research teams and provides opportunities for the public to join UC scientists on research projects investigating critical issues of environmental, humanistic and economic importance.

UREP's mission is to facilitate a wide variety of domestic and international learning experiences for students and lifelong learners through a unique scientific partnership with University of California researchers. The program also endeavors to benefit host countries through collaborations with other universities, museums and institutions.

Begun by Jean Colvin, Ph.D., of UC Berkeley, the program migrated to UC Davis in 1999, where it was initially located within the University Outreach and International Programs. It is now under the auspices of UC Davis Extension whose commitment to community outreach makes it a logical choice. Heading the revitalized program are Cynthia LeCount Samaké, as academic advisor, and Judy Shearer, as director of special programs at Extension. Samaké also teaches "World Textiles" in the Department of Environmental Design at UC Davis and has led several research expeditions and study tours to South America and Southeast Asia. Shearer brings her extensive background in international training and education.

"The program has been on hiatus due to the lack of interest in traveling abroad that occurred after 9/11. People now seem to be traveling with as much gusto and intrepidity as before, so the program is once again moving ahead at full speed," says Samaké.

Many of the program's past participants have gone on multiple expeditions and have been eagerly awaiting the program's return. Miep and Philip Palmer have gone on expeditions to Senegal, Gambia and Kenya. "The great thing about UREP is that you're able to visit fascinating places, have a great time, learn about the region and its people and not work very hard doing it," says Philip. Miep has already signed on for this year's trip to Oaxaca, Mexico to help document the festivals, contemporary dress and traditional textiles.

For more information about UREP, call (530) 752-8811 or visit UC Davis Extension's UREP Web site at [www.extension.ucdavis.edu/urep](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/urep).

# Hemispheric Institute on the Americas Continues to Grow

By Thomas H. Holloway, Hemispheric Institute on the Americas

The Hemispheric Institute on the Americas (HIA), established at UC Davis in 2000, is an interdisciplinary group of faculty and graduate students that focuses on transnational processes in the American hemisphere. The institute brings together people and promotes research and teaching to challenge the boundaries of disciplinary specializations and culture-based area studies. While retaining an interdisciplinary understanding of Latin America as an autonomous region with its own internal diversities, HIA focuses on the growing importance of such transnational themes as hemispheric flows of people, capital, consumer goods, images and ideas. Active interest clusters within HIA include the Caribbean Studies Group, coordinated by Professor Marc Blanchard of the Department of Comparative Literature, and the Migration Studies Group, coordinated by Professor Luis Eduardo Guarnizo of the Department of Human and Community Development.

This year HIA has sponsored a variety of activities. One important program series has been "Screening Latinidad: Independent Chicana/o and Latina/o Film & Video," organized by Professor Sergio de la Mora of Chicana/o Studies. Visiting scholars at HIA during the recent past include Sergio Lamarão of the Getulio Vargas Foundation in Rio de Janeiro; Mauricio Romero of the National University in Bogotá, Colombia; and Eva María St. Clair, of the University of Alicante in Spain. This year HIA has also instituted a program of travel grants for graduate students, focused on funding exploratory trips to research locations in the hemisphere in preparation for thesis research.

HIA also serves as the main institutional sponsor of *Brújula*, an interdisciplinary journal edited by a group of HIA-affiliated graduate students in the Departments of Spanish, Anthropology, Native American Studies and History, now in its second year. The *Brújula* editorial committee is in the process of organizing a symposium sponsored by HIA, co-sponsored by the Department of Spanish and the Graduate Division, titled: "*Brújula: Critical Encounters on Textual Production in Latin America.*" The symposium will take place on campus May 21-22 and will include speakers from other institutions as well as UC Davis.

In addition, the HIA Curriculum Committee, with representatives from the Departments of Anthropology, Native American Studies, Spanish and History, has developed a proposal for an undergraduate Minor in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies, now undergoing official review.

For more information, visit the HIA Web site at <http://hia.ucdavis.edu>.



# Selected Opportunities

## UC Davis Extension Distance Learning Program

The UC Davis Extension distance learning program enables you to take online courses when and where you want. Around the globe — a computer and an internet connection are all you need to learn a new skill. There is something for everyone. View UC Davis Extension's many professional and continuing education courses in topics like project management, information technology, engineering, science, arts and humanities, winemaking and brewing at [www.extension.ucdavis.edu/distancelearning](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/distancelearning) to find out more.

## UOIP New Initiatives Program

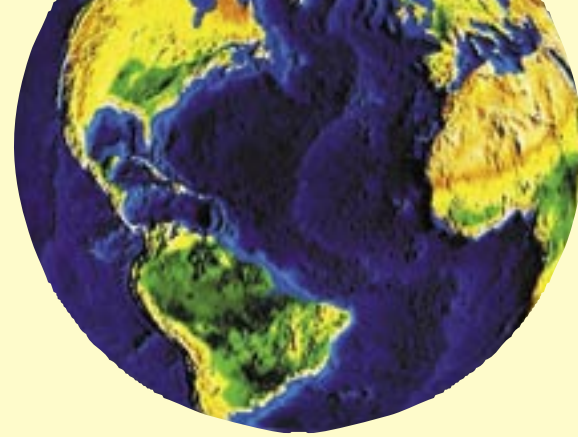
Formerly called the Seed Grant Program, this program provides one-time funds up to \$25,000 for new faculty initiatives associated with international programs or post-baccalaureate outreach. Deadline for proposal submission is October 18, 2004. Additional information is available at: <http://uoip.ucdavis.edu/announcements/2004SeedGrants.cfm>.

## Fulbright Program

Fulbright grants are made to U.S. citizens and nationals of other countries for a variety of educational exchange programs, including those for students, faculty and professionals such as:

Program	Application deadline
Fulbright traditional lecturing and/or research awards worldwide	August 1, 2004
U.S. Germany International Education Administrators Program	November 1, 2004
U.S. Japan International Education Administrators Program	November 1, 2004
U.S. Korea International Education Administrators Program	November 1, 2004
German Studies Seminar	November 1, 2004
NATO Advanced Research Fellowship and International Grants	January 1, 2005

Programs and deadlines stated above are for the 2005-2006 academic year. Awards range from two months to an academic year, span 140 countries, and cover 47 disciplines and several interdisciplinary fields. For a complete catalog of Fulbright awards, go to [www.cies.org/us\\_scholars](http://www.cies.org/us_scholars).



## National Science Foundation (NSF) International Opportunities for Scientists and Engineers

Available opportunities in any field of science or engineering research and education supported by NSF.

### Award Programs

- International Research Fellowship Program: Applications due October 12, 2004.
- Graduate Research Fellowships: Approximately 900 fellowships including 90 awards for Women in Engineering (WENG) and Women in Computer and Information Science (WICS). Applications due in fall of each year.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
- Research Fellowships in Japan
- Small Grants for Exploratory Research (SGER) Proposals: Up to \$100,000 for one year. Application deadlines vary.

For more information visit the NSF Web site at [www.nsf.gov](http://www.nsf.gov).

## Association of Pacific Rim Universities Conference Opportunities

Join colleagues from the 36 leading research universities in the Pacific Rim region at a variety of conferences, including:

- Senior scientists: "Infectious Diseases and Society," held at Fudan University, China, July 7-9, 2004
- Assistant and associate professors: "Globalization and the Environment: Multidisciplinary Perspectives," held at UC Santa Barbara and Osaka University, Japan, August 15-28, 2004
- Doctorial students: "Research at Pacific Rim Universities: Economic, Scientific and Cultural Perspectives: The Way Forward," The University of Sydney, Australia, August 9-13, 2004
- Distance education and Internet professionals: "APRUNet, Distance Learning and the Internet," Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, October 11-13, 2004

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