

# Global Dimensions

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Each year, North Central College turns its attention to a particular global theme around which classes and campus events are arranged. This 2015-16 academic year—the second year of a three-year series on **Globalization**—the Office of International Programs is sponsoring events and offering courses focused particularly on the “contested concept” of globalization. This term, six events are planned:

### Action Heroes for Globalization

A talk about globalization, neoliberalism, and the corporate entertainment industry by Lee Artz, Professor of Media Studies, Purdue-Calumet University, and author of *Global Entertainment Media: A Critical Introduction*.

Tuesday, October 6

Smith Hall, Old Main, 7:00-9:00pm

## MENA Studies Minor Established at NCC

With the help of a two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, North Central College is pleased to be offering a minor in Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Studies and to be launching language instruction in Arabic for the first time. The 21-credit minor includes nine credits in Arabic, a three-credit course in cultures of the region, and an additional nine credits chosen from art, conflict resolution, French, Gender and women's studies,

history, literature, music, political science or religious studies. The minor is presently co-directed by Dr. Esra Tasdelen, adjunct assistant professor of Arabic/MENA Studies and Dr. Jack Shindler, director, international program. Students in the minor will have opportunities to visit neighborhoods in Chicago, interact with local residents, and study abroad in Jordan or Turkey.

For more information please contact Prof. Tasdelen or Shindler.

Celebrating NCC as  
2015 Sen. Paul  
Simon winner for  
campus  
internationalization



## 2015-16 Annual Focus on Globalization

### Debunking Arab Stereotypes

Alex Barna, outreach coordinator for the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago, will be on campus to launch our focus on North Africa and the Middle East with this workshop on Arab stereotyping, using examples from Hollywood, the media, and recent history.

**Thursday, October 8**

Smith Hall, Old Main, 7:00-9:00pm

### Mosque Alert: A Dramatic Reading

Playwright Jamil Khoury and members of Chicago's Silk Road Rising Theater will perform a reading of Khoury's groundbreaking new play set in a fictionalized Naperville, exploring local resistance to the building of a mosque.

**Tuesday, October 20**

Madden Theatre, 7:00-9:30pm

### Oxfam American Hunger Banquet

Simulation activity about world hunger to raise awareness of world-wide inequalities

concerning food distribution and availability.

**Monday, October 26**

Banquet Hall, WAC, 6:00-8:00pm

### Crossing Borders

Film director Arnd Wachter will introduce, show, and discuss his first film, which chronicles the experience of a group of American and Moroccan students as they travel through Morocco together.

**Monday, November 9**

Smith Hall, 7:00-9:30pm

### International Roundtable Lunch

Global buffet & student panel discussion.

**Tuesday, November 10**

Upper WAC, 12:00-2:00pm

Advisors are reminded to encourage students to enroll in *Globalization* courses in winter and spring terms; courses are listed on the Registrar's website: Online Registration >“International Focus Cluster.

## Mark Your Calendars for Three Fantastic Events!

### Abe House Annual Open House, Sept. 28th

The Office of International Programs, in conjunction with Leadership, Ethics and values (LEV), invite NCC faculty and staff to our annual Open House to welcome new to our community. Please join us at 48 E. Jefferson (Abe House), **Monday, September 28, 2015, 4:00-6:00 PM.** Please come learn more about international programs, LEV, meet and welcome new faculty, and enjoy refreshments from around the world.

**Annual Open House**  
**Monday, September 28th**  
**4 - 6pm**  
**Abe House**  
 (48 E. Jefferson)

### For more information...

Please contact the Office of International Programs, at ext. 5132, or stop by Abe House, 48 E. Jefferson St. (next to the college bookstore).

## Study Abroad Updates

This academic year (2015-2016) there are 89 North Central College students participating in 29 semester, year-long, and SIROL study abroad programs in 17 countries. We have three students helping us launch our **brand new program** at Centre d'Études Franco-Américain de Management (CEFAM), an international business school, located in Lyon, France.

Eleven of our study abroad programs have internship opportunities and an additional four offer practicum, class-affiliated fieldwork, and research opportunities.

### Study Abroad Fair & Go Away Day, Oct. 27th

North Central College's Go Away Day and annual Study Abroad Fair will be held on **Tuesday, October 27th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** in White Activities Center (WAC), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Students interested in studying, teaching, or interning abroad—beginning in fall 2016—are **strongly** encouraged to attend.

Representatives from our programs around the world, current international students, as well as returning students and faculty who have been abroad, will provide program-specific information and answer questions. International snacks will be served.

**Study Abroad Fair**  
**Tuesday, October 27th**  
**11am - 2pm**  
**WAC, 2nd Floor**

### International Roundtable Luncheon,

In celebration of International Education Week, our annual lunch and discussion with international students, faculty, and study abroad participants will be **Tuesday, November 10th, 12-2 PM, White Activities Center , 2nd floor.**

The topic of the afternoon will be the effects of globalization in cultures represented by our students.

A special menu featuring food from around the world will be served. Admission charge is \$5.00 per person for faculty, staff, and guests; students are free.

All proceeds from the International Roundtable Luncheon go to North Central College scholarships for study abroad and international students.

**International Roundtable Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, November 10th**  
**11am - 2pm**  
**WAC, 2nd Floor**

  Follow NCC Study Abroad!



NCC students, Mike Bikulcius, Lisa Dieckman, and Brooke Reed, currently studying at Universidad Viña del Mar in Chile.

**Study Abroad Ambassadors** are also available during the fall and winter terms to do classroom presentations highlighting all our programs abroad (see page 5).

With approximately 50 opportunities to study, intern or teach abroad through North Central College, the primary message we want to send to students is that study abroad is both *affordable* and *accessible* for all students.

No matter what a student's academic interests, budget, language capabilities or comfort level may be, there are opportunities abroad to meet his/her needs.

For more information or to set up an advising appointment, please contact the Office of International Programs at 630-637-5132 or visit us at Abe House, 48 E. Jefferson Street.

## NCC Welcomes 2015-16 Fulbright Scholar-in- Residence

The College is pleased to welcome our seventh Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Maha Mourad, visiting us for one year from the American University in Cairo, where she is an associate professor in the management department and director of the El-Khazindar Business Research and Case Center. While at North Central, she will be teaching a

class in consumer behavior, a seminar in global studies, and an IDS first-year seminar. She will also be assisting with the implementation of the new MENA (Middle Eastern and North African) Studies minor, contributing a wealth of case studies from the region. She will be giving public lectures, visiting area schools, and making class presentations

Welcome to  
NCC, Maha!



Please contact Jack Shindler (x5287) if you would like to arrange for Prof. Mourad to visit a class or group meeting.

## Meet the 2015-2016 Study Abroad Ambassadors!

These ten students are the official study abroad student voice on campus and are available for class, team, and/or organization presentations.

### **Samantha Bazarek, University of Dundee in Scotland**

Major: Organizational Communication  
Minor: LEV: Public Advocacy, Social Change

### **Kamila Grzeskowiak, Kyoto Gakuen University in Japan**

Majors: Japanese and East Asian Studies  
Minor: English Language Learner (ELL)

### **Darby Halloran, Canterbury Christ Church University in England**

Majors: International Business and Economics  
Minors: Finance and Anthropology

### **Kristen Harpster, University of Limerick in Ireland**

Majors: Global Studies and French

### **Amanda Heidorn, Universität Heidelberg in Germany**

Major: German



### **Alexis Marsh, University of Birmingham in England**

Major: Psychology  
Minors: English and Sociology

### **Taylor Mithelman, University of Ghana**

Major: Interactive Media Studies: Graphic Arts  
Minor: LEV: Social Change

### **Jack Ryan, University of Glasgow in Scotland**

Majors: Mathematics and Theatre  
Minor: Computer Science

### **Madeleine Snyder, University of Limerick in Ireland**

Majors: Art and Small Business and Entrepreneurship

### **Briana Tobin, LASALLE College of the Arts in Singapore**

Majors: Theatrical Design/Technology and Religious Studies

## International Programs Committee

The following faculty, staff, and students will be serving on this year's International Programs Committee (IPC), a faculty administrative committee that advises the Office of International Programs and helps oversee international education at North Central College:

Prof. Alberto Fonseca (Study Abroad/ARL)

Prof. Luke Franks (GLS/HTB)

Prof. Xiaoye Chen (ECB)

Prof. Marco Martinez (SCI)

Prof. Beverly Richard-Cook (ARL)

Kimberly Larsson (Director of Study Abroad)

Whitney Ewing (Study Abroad Advisor)

Jesús Velasco (International Student Advisor)

Megan Otermat (Assistant Dir., Int'l Admission)

Katherine Pope (Director, ELI)

Enrique Velasco, international student

Marie Butnariu, study abroad student

Faculty are encouraged to forward ideas, concerns or questions to divisional representatives or to Jack Shindler (chair).

## The ELI: Past, Present & Future

The English Language Institute (ELI) continued to grow through the summer and into the fall term. During the summer, the English Language Institute ran eight-week and four-week academic sessions for new and continuing ELI students. Eleven of the 13 students in the summer sessions continued into the fall as NCC undergraduates, exchange, ELI students in the fall term. The second annual ELI summer camp doubled in size and hosted 14 high school-aged students from China and Taiwan. To serve the incoming summer students, eight

NCC students were hired as counselors, who gained valuable intercultural and leadership experiences leading these students in activities and serving as their resident assistants.

The ELI is looking forward to continuing the momentum gained in the 2014-2015 academic year. The incoming fall 2015 class welcomed 14 full-time students and four part-time students from 13 different countries, a 33% increase in the fall student population from the previous year.

With a wide range of linguistic diversity,

the ELI staff are planning to reach out to Spanish, Arabic, and Chinese language classes to promote the Conversation Partner Program, which would enable American students to connect and practice their second language skills with a native speaker in the ELI.

### English Language Institute Students

Ali Abualshaikh, West Bank

Ijaz Ali, Pakistan

Osama Alkhadar, Saudi Arabia

Lama Alkhader, Saudi Arabia

De-Kai Cheng, Taiwan

Geumseong Jang, South Korea

Sirinapa Khawaen, Thailand

Joan Massot, Spain

Kevin Silva Mercado, Nicaragua

Jinyu Guo, China

Kotaro Komori, Japan

Ngoc Thu Nguyen, Vietnam

Priyankaden Patel, India

Sirui Chen, China

Xiaojia Miao, China

Saja Alomari, Saudi Arabia

Sangmi Kim, South Korea

Lucero Niño Anzures, Mexico

## International Students

Bringing the world to North Central College are **99 new and returning international students from 40 countries**, the highest number of students and countries represented in the College's history.

With this vast increase in the number of international students, the Office of International Programs wants to insure a full and satisfying experience for all students, an experience that is greatly enriched by forming friendships with local families. If you'd like to become a Friendship Family and welcome an international student into your home for occasional

visits, please consult our website at <http://northcentralcollege.edu/academics/international-programs/friendship-family-program-0> or email Abigail Caprio, International Programs Graduate Assistant, at [alcaprio@noctrl.edu](mailto:alcaprio@noctrl.edu).

**International Club:** The club's fall schedule includes bi-monthly meetings and several events open to all NCC students interested in fostering cross-cultural understanding between American and international students. For further details, please contact Jesús Velasco, International Student Advisor, at x5299.

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International Programs!

## Who We Are & Where to Find Us



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