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21st Annual International Festival

The Center for Global Education will host its 21st annual 'Around the Corner, Around the World' festival on **Sunday, February 26th from 12 - 4 PM in Merner Fieldhouse.**

Educational exhibits, international cuisine, continuous performances, and cultural immersion rooms fill out the afternoon's agenda.

Four 'immersion room' sessions will be conducted entirely in German, Japanese, Spanish, and Arabic.

Campus faculty, staff, family, friends, and community members are invited to attend. Tickets are \$6 at the door or \$5 in advance

Save the Date!

International Festival

Sunday, February 26th

Merner Field House

12 - 4 PM

at the Center for Global Education,
Abe House (48 E. Jefferson).

All proceeds go to international student and study abroad scholarships.

For more information, please contact Ms. Rebecca Pugh, Program Assistant for the Center for Global Education, at (630) 637-5132 or rjpugh@noctrl.edu.

2016-2017 Focus on Globalization: Winter Term Events

This 2016-2017 academic year—the final year of a three-year series on *Globalization*—the Center for Global Education is sponsoring events and offering courses focused particularly on the “contested concept” of globalization. This term, four events are planned:

Children of Iraq, Children of Israel

**Tuesday, January 24th, 7:30-9:00pm
Smith Hall, Old Main**

A look back to the 1950's when newly arrived Iraqi Jewish children were placed in Israeli transit camps and, despite adverse conditions, found ways to challenge and resist the state. This lecture depicts situations all too familiar to contemporary refugee children across the globe.

The Middle East & North Africa Since the Arab Spring of 2011

**Wednesday, February 15th, 7:30-9:00pm
Smith Hall, Old Main**

This talk updates the politics of the MENA region, focusing on the Tunisian success story, the traumas of Egypt and Libya, the relative calm in Morocco and Algeria, the sectarian wars in Syria and Yemen--all in light of the volatile intersections of religion and politics, ISIS extremism, and the recent terrorist attacks in Europe and the U.S.

Exploring the Middle East in Chicago

**Saturday, February 18th,
10:00am-8:00pm, (Students meet at Metra station at 10:00am)**

This Verandah experience includes round-trip train transportation to Chicago, lunch at a MENA regional restaurant, a visit to the

Islamic Art collection in the Art Institute, and a dramatic reading, at Silk Road Rising Theatre, of "The Zionists," a play by Zohar Tirosh-Polk, exploring the effects of relocation, war, and loss on an Israeli family across multiple generations. All expenses are covered. To enroll, students must contact Prof. Tasdelen or Prof. Shindler by Friday, February 10, 2017.

Reel Bad Arabs: How Hollywood Vilifies a People

**Wednesday, March 1, 7:30-9:00pm
Smith Hall, Old Main**

This 2006 documentary, directed by Sut Jhally and featuring author Jack Shaheen, traces the history of Hollywood's depiction of negative stereotypes of Arab people, analyzes these images, and attempts to explain the filmmakers' motivations.

English Language Institute (ELI)

In summer 2016 and fall 2016, the English Language Institute (ELI) continued to build on the momentum of the 2015-2016 academic year. The ELI hosted three summer programs, serving 30 students from 10 different countries. Course offerings included an eight-week academic term, a summer camp for high school students, and a three-week August Immersion program. Notably, the 8-week student population doubled in size from eight students in 2015 to 16 students in 2016. Many of the students joined the summer term to prepare for their undergraduate studies in the

fall. During the multiple programs, NCC students here hired as program counselors and gained valuable intercultural and leadership experience. Counselors primarily worked with ELI students by serving as resident assistants and activity guides.

In August, the ELI welcomed Graduate Assistant, Namiki Tanaka, to the team. Namiki hails from Japan, is a graduate of North Central, and has an interest in pursuing a career in international education. Namiki will assist with program outreach and communication and activity planning.

The fall 2016 class welcomed 21 full-time and part-time students from 13 different countries, a 16% increase in students served when compared to fall 2015.

For more information on the ELI and its programs, please contact Kate Pope, ELI Director, at kbpope@noctrl.edu.



Comings and Goings of Study Abroad

Please Go Away!

Study abroad applications
for fall 2017 due

**Tuesday,
January 31st
by 5 PM**

Students planning to study abroad in fall term 2017 are currently working to compile and complete their applications.

Incomplete applications will not be considered; late applications will be accepted through February 17, 2017, with a \$50 late fee enclosed.

Decisions will be made and announced in late February. Please refer to the *Study Abroad 2017-2018 at North Central College* brochure for details on our 50+ education abroad opportunities, including details on our **three new programs in Granada (Spain), Lille (France), and New Zealand.**

Study Abroad Applications are available in the Center for Global Education and on our website: <https://www.northcentralcollege.edu/getting-started/application-forms>

Last Call!

Study Abroad Ambassador Presentations

Thank you to those faculty who invited our **2016-2017 Study Abroad Ambassadors** into their classrooms this past term to speak to students about our study abroad opportunities!

To make one final push for study abroad before our application deadline (Jan. 31st), the Study Abroad Ambassadors are ready and willing to visit your classroom this month.

Please email Kimberly Larsson at kmlarsson@noctrl.edu, if you are interested in having an Ambassador or Study Abroad Advisor speak to your classes.

Thank you for your continued support!



Photo: Students studying abroad in Canterbury, England for the fall 2016 semester.

Welcome Home!

North Central College welcomed back to campus this winter term 90 students who studied abroad fall 2016 on 28 programs in 16 different countries. Three students will be returning after winter term, and two more will be returning to North Central in the spring after spending a year abroad.

Research shows that returning to one's home country and campus is often a harder transition than going abroad. A successful transition back to North Central and the U.S. requires both time and opportunities in order to fully support individuals during their readjustment.

To aid students during this transition, the Center for Global Education has planned a variety of programs focusing on both thoughtful discussion and practical application of their study abroad experience.

For details of our re-entry programs and events, please visit our website: <https://www.northcentralcollege.edu/study-abroad/returning-students>.

Faculty Development Opportunities

Save the Date!

D-term Info. Sessions

In the ongoing process of expanding the dimensions of international education at NCC, we are pleased to announce that students will have opportunities to enroll in 12 different classes and study in Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea (W. Africa), England, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Scotland, or Spain during D-term 2017.

There will be an information session for each course on

Thursday, March 2nd

12:15-1:45 PM

in Goldspohn classrooms

Study Abroad D-Term 2018 Course Proposals

Faculty who are interested in proposing a course to be taught out of country in December 2018 should discuss their intentions with Jack Shindler. Meetings will be set up in spring term, and final proposals are due Week 8 of fall term 2017 to Jack Shindler (jhshindler@noctrl.edu).

Group Programs: Costa Rica & China/Japan Fall 2018

Faculty members interested in leading the Costa Rica or China/Japan in fall 2018 should contact Jack Shindler (jhshindler@noctrl.edu) by **February 24, 2017**.

Applications are available on-line at <https://www.northcentralcollege.edu/global-education/faculty-opportunities>.

Faculty Development Opportunities: Summer 2017

The following programs can be partially funded through FPDC grants.

CIEE Summer 2017 Seminars

Sixteen seminars in 14 countries meet in 1- or 2-week sessions; most are scheduled for June summer 2017, and include programs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. The application deadline is in **March 2017**; for detailed descriptions of the seminars visit : <http://www.ciee.org/international-faculty-development-seminars/>

East-West Center Program, Hawaii: Summer 2017 Seminar

June 12 - July 17, 2017: *Islam in Asia: Traditions and Transformations*. NEH-funded five-week institute at East-West Center in Honolulu, HI. Directors: Nelly van Doorn-Harder and Peter Hershock. Website: <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/education/asian-studies-development-program/upcoming-programs/neh-islam-in-asia-traditions-and>

July 31-August 11, 2017: *Infusing Chinese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum*. East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. Directed by Peter Hershock.

Website: <http://www.eastwestcenter.org/education/asian-studies-development-program/upcoming-programs/infusing-chinese-studies-the>

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International Club Update

International Club's winter schedule includes meetings and several events open to all NCC students interested in fostering cross-cultural understanding between American and international students. High-lights include ice skating, paint night at Pinot's Palette, volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, the International Festival, Glo-ball, and a farewell party.



Photo: International students volunteering at Feed My Starving Children during winter 2017.

For further details please contact Jesús Velasco, International Student Advisor (x5299) or either co-president:

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Please find an updated schedule of the Club's activities online at: <https://www.northcentralcollege.edu/internationalclub>

Students may join the club at any time during the year.

Welcome!

**North Central College
welcomes 11 new
international students to
campus:**

Hoang Lam Do (Vietnam)
Keiying Li (China)
Yukiko Ito (Japan)
Julia Elaine Marteja (Philippines)
Adriana de Avila Costa
Abrantes (Brazil)
Xitu Lin (China)
Prissana Terhaag (Thailand)
Kazune Toyama (Japan)
Peiwen Zhou (China)
Emma Lindberg (Sweden)
Kuan-Yu Shih (Taiwan)

Meet Namiki Tanaka, the ELI's New Graduate Assistant

Join us in welcoming the ELI's Graduate Assistant, Namini Tanaka, to her new role at North Central College! Here is how Namiki answered some questions in a recent interview:

Where does your passion for international education come from?

My experiences! Traveling different places but especially staying with host families in different countries, including the U.S. (Vermont and Illinois), Germany, and Canada. These experiences made me want to study abroad in the future. My first trip abroad was to NYC in middle school, which was a life changing experience. I was amazed with how different cultures could be. Thus, I would always like to encourage people to study abroad and step out to a new world.

The struggle that I could not express my appreciation to my host families in English was my biggest motivation to study English. As I started studying English more seriously, I got more opportunities to learn about the world and its issues, which made me realize that education is a valuable opportunity.

All of the experiences of being abroad and beliefs about education brought me where I am today, at the Abe house!

What are some of your responsibilities as a graduate assistant with the ELI?

My main responsibility is to assist my supervisor, Kate and the ELI students.

When new students arrive, my job is to make students feel safe and comfortable on campus. There are different kinds of duties because all students have different needs of assistance. As an assistant for this program, I try to communicate with students and hear what they really feel about our program.

For incoming students, I answer their questions through email and make sure they are ready to start their new lives here. To make our program known, I also utilize social media, Twitter, and Instagram to let the world know about our fun and educational ELI program!

What is your dream position or career?

My dream career is to work where I help students. Wherever I will be, I always want to work for students.

If I go back to Japan, I want to help students explore different cultures; if I have



opportunity here, I would like to work for international students.

What is your favorite place you have traveled? Or, where is your dream place you'd like to visit?

(Hard question! haha)

I loved Victoria in Canada, Mexico City, Hong Kong, and Kyoto in Japan!

My dream place was always the U.S., but now I would like to visit South America, especially Peru to see Machu Picchu and Africa where I haven't landed yet!