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Chicago Trip 2010!



China Town, Second City Comedy Club, Greek Dancing, Millennium Park, and much, much more! Be sure to watch for info about the 2011 trip!

Advice From Abroad

By Leah Myhre

As my semester abroad in Madrid, Spain comes to a close, it has become common amongst my friends and me to discuss how we plan to describe our overseas experience to friends and family back home. We have agreed upon the fact that while we have so much to share, the actual process of doing so will be no easy feat. Faced with the task of condensing several months of life in a foreign culture into a few short stories or inadequate comparisons is

both challenging and overwhelming.

However, as a wise friend of mine who is also studying overseas recently told me, when you begin to travel to as many places as she has, you come to realize that there is no "better or worse" and that there is no use in comparing people or places, because when you accept everything for what it is—different—only then you can begin to appreciate each culture and each place in an entirely new and profound way. This is undoubtedly some of the best advice I have received

while living abroad, and reflecting upon it now, I realize that perhaps one of the most significant ways to describe my overseas experience is to share some

advice of my own.

To all students who plan on studying abroad in the future, I assure you that at times you will feel frustrated, homesick, and utterly confused. But I also promise that you will feel confident, empowered, and accomplished after having navigated both the literal and figurative pathways of a new city and culture. And best of all, there will be moments when you will feel passionately young and invincible, as if absolutely nothing in the world is impossible. You will

look out over brightly lit cities and know that life has just begun.

Always be open to new things, new people, and new experiences, and know that there is no "better," only different. You will encounter change in more ways than you can imagine, and most profoundly so in your own self. Finally, I encourage you to go out and embrace the world with an open mind and a passion to explore—I guarantee you, it'll be worth it.



Leah will be returning to the GV as a Peer Instructor in the Fall.

The Global Village Living-Learning Center is a residence hall located in Indiana University's northwest neighborhood. The GV is home to 160 globally minded undergraduate students who share a common interest in learning languages, cultures, and studying or traveling abroad. Each semester the Global Village is host to numerous internationally themed events including language hikes, cultural celebrations, ethnic dinners, lectures, and workshops. This year there are over 20 languages being studied at the Global Village. To learn more about the Global Village Living-Learning Center, check out our website at www.indiana.edu/~college/global.

What Do you like about living in the GV?

"That everyone who lived there shared at least one interest with me."

-Marie Queen

"I liked the communal feel of living in the Global Village!"

-Audrey Moore

"I liked the laid-back atmosphere. After the first few weeks or so everyone became really comfortable around each other. There was very little social stress involved and that helped everyone focus on classes a lot more."

-Daniel Broderick

"The opportunity to live amongst globally minded people with a real interest in life outside of the US."

-Caitlin Ryan

"There are activities for everyone. The people are amazing and helpful."

-Olivia Miller



Students participating in Polynesian Culture Night learn the traditional greetings of the Ancient Hawaiian past.

Stewardship of the Preserve

By Benjamin Ivers

One fateful day during the fall semester of my freshman year, I received an email from Lauren asking if I would like to be the GV's helper with the Student Stewardship of the Preserve (SSP). I was not really sure what I was signing up for, but I decided to go with Lauren to learn about the program.

The past two years I have been the GV's go-to guy for the SSP. This has sent me on great adventures hiking through the woods and taking in

nature. It has also meant hours of picking up trash and pulling invasive species out of the ground, all in the pursuit of preserving the environment.

Although the organizing, hiking, trash-picking, and log-cutting has been very fun, I would say the best part about being the organizer of the Griffy Lake trips is the time that I get to spend with my fellow GVers. If it's cutting a log in two with a group of six people, or picking up glass with fifteen people, the Griffy Lake trips have been a fun way to get to know other people in the GV.

Polynesian Culture Night

By Dillon Smith and Jenny McDougall

On March 10th local group Indy Hula transported the residents of Global Village to the Polynesian Islands. The event featured local Hawaiian dishes, such as Kalo, an important type of root-vegetable in the Polynesian Islands, lomilomi salmon consisting of raw salmon with tomatoes and onions, and li-hing mui pineapple, consisting of a powder made from preserved plums. The students were then given a presentation about the Polynesian people and Hawaii's rich cultural diversity which students on the mainland are not normally exposed to. Participants also enjoyed a glimpse into Hawaiian

dance, otherwise known as hula. As the cultural backbone of Hawaiian tradition for over a millennium it has transported orally and visually the Hawaiian epics, familial genealogies stretching as far back as the gods, and other important traditional values.

From a modern perspective, hula represents the hallmark of modern Hawaiian culture and identity, and supports the revival of the Hawaiian language in local media and schools. The performance portion began with an 'Auana Hula, which is the modern style of Hula. Ipo Lei Momi, translated as "Precious pearl strand" in English, is a song speaking poetically about certain "actions" people take when in love, alluding through motions that which is otherwise left unsaid. A Keiki Hula, or children's hula, followed, illustrating a boy's dreams of visiting Palisa, the Hawaiian name

for Paris.

Traveling back to a time before European contact, participants learned the traditional Hawaiian Haka, or war-chant, in which our GV warriors proudly shouted their names and the tallest mountain of their island! To end the show, Indy Hula transported partakers to the South Pacific island of Tahiti, where participants learned taumo, a side-to-side motion with the hips, and fa'arapu, meaning to mix around a full around motion. Men learned the Pa'oti, a scissor-like motion with the legs. The performance ended with a fast-paced Tahitian 'Ote'a or drum dance.

As one of most successful GV events this year, Indy Hula has been invited back for another performance, so make sure to catch them during Welcome Week at the GV/FIN Cookout!

Israeli Food Night

By Mallory Schreier

I love to cook almost as much as I love to eat, so in mid-April I decided to host, along with Indiana University Hillel, an Israeli food night. Dozens of GVers gathered in the lounge to listen to Hillel talk about Israel and Israeli food for a half hour then helped themselves to a buffet of home-cooked falafel in pita with all the trimmings, hummus, and Israeli salad. While falafel and hummus are generally classified as

Mediterranean dishes and not just strictly Israeli, those two chickpea dishes are a common staple in Israeli food culture. Every other food vendor on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem sells falafel and its chickpea counterpart, attracting tourists and native Israelis alike with its delicious array of spices that fill the air in downtown Jerusalem. Hosting this event allowed me to share some of my Mediterranean culture, get Hillel involved with the Global Village, and make the first floor lounge smell like cumin and chilies for a week.

Meet Your Fall 2010 Q-Instructors

Q-199 Intro to the Global Village is a peer-led course which focuses on global issues, current events, and becoming a part of the Global Village.

Leah Myer



Leah is a senior majoring in Political Science and Spanish, with minors in English and West European Studies. She spent spring semester studying in Madrid, Spain.

Chelsea Lovv



Chelsea is a junior majoring in International Communication and Portuguese. Her summer plans include traveling to Brazil with her family and working.

Ross Smith



Ross is a sophomore majoring in Spanish Education with a minor in the History of Rock and Roll. He will be traveling around the USA this summer, spending two large hunks of time in Georgia and Pennsylvania.

Caitlin Ryan



Caitlin is a senior majoring in Biology with minors in Spanish and Studio Art (Photography). She spent the year studying in Canterbury, England.

Claire Rocco



Claire is a sophomore majoring in Journalism and Secondary Spanish Education. Claire is a self-proclaimed mom; if you need anything—band aids, socks, or vegetables, she claims to have it all.

David Yano



David is a sophomore majoring in Legal Studies in SPEA. His hobbies include dancing, cooking, and hanging out with his friends.

Kimmie Ziv



Kimmie is a junior double majoring in Jewish Studies and Religious Studies with a minor in Hebrew. She'll be spending part of her summer in Israel.

Kelsey Min



Kelsey is a sophomore studying International Studies and African Studies. Her summer will be spent doing aid work with youth in Nairobi.

Books & Beyond...The Second Year

The Global Village has partnered with TEAM Schools, a KIPP Charter School in Newark, New Jersey and the Kabwende Primary Center in Kinigi, Rwanda to create Books & Beyond, which focuses on increasing access to education for underserved communities in the United States and abroad through English literacy education. Global Village students mentor Newark high school students to create an anthology of children's stories that are compiled and published along with stories from the students in Rwanda. The anthology, along with a teacher's curriculum, assists in developing English literacy and critical thinking skills at the Kabwende Primary Center. This year, 40 Global Villagers participated in the project as writing partners/mentors, documenters, editors, fundraisers, and pen pals, and learned skills in mentoring, photography, videography, interviewing, writing across cultures, writing for English language learners, grant writing, public speaking, and donor development. Here are some highlights:

1. Kicked off the second year of Books & Beyond by bringing 16 Newark Collegiate Academy (NCA) students to IU for a story writing weekend. Thank you to RPS who funded travel and meals for the NCA students and teachers.
2. Held three successful fundraisers, conducted over 15 presentations, completed an on-line fund drive, and received a State Farm Youth Advisory Board grant. Our efforts totaled \$45,000 to help print 2000 books to go to the students at the Kabwende Primary Center and fund travel for IU and TEAM Schools students to travel within the U.S.
3. Continued English language lessons for the teachers at Kabwende Primary Center through April 2010. These lessons paved the way for 75% of the Kabwende teachers to pass the government mandated English pre-test in Fall 2009.
4. Presented at two conferences: The First Year Experience Conference (Indiana University) in February 2010 and the Peace & Justice Conference (Columbia University Teacher's College) in April 2010.
5. Compiled *The World is Our Home: Volume II* which includes 16 collaborative stories authored by the GV and NCA writing partners including two stories completed by TEAM Schools 6th graders and 31 stories written by 5th and 6th grade students at Kabwende.



Follow the Books & Beyond project:

- ◇ Visit: <http://www.indiana.edu/~college/global/books.shtml>
- ◇ Read the Books & Beyond blog at: <http://booksnbeyond.wordpress.com/>
- ◇ Check out videos about the project at the Books & Beyond You Tube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/iuglobalvillage>
- ◇ View pictures from the Books & Beyond 2009 trip to Rwanda at <http://booksnbeyond.shutterfly.com/>

Optimism=Money

By Ross Smith

Being part of the Fundraising Team allows you to see the Books & Beyond Project take shape. The project thrives on the money that comes from the grants you write and the presentations you give. With that in mind, you must remain optimistic about every grant and every presentation. Do not think for one second that Books & Beyond does not stand a chance of receiving support from some impressive groups and organizations. When we were filling out the application for the State Farm Grant last autumn, I was skeptical of our chances. State Farm, which has such a recognizable presence nationwide, was distributing large sums of money to service projects around the country. At the time, I viewed Books & Beyond as just a small volunteer project at IU. However, when I heard the news in the spring that we had received a grant from State Farm totaling over \$25,000, I realized anything is possible for Books & Beyond because Books & Beyond is more than just a small volunteer project. Anything is possible if you set your mind to it. That's a good way of thinking.



From Beyond the Grade...

By Frances Friedl, GV Alumna

During these rough economic times, it is increasingly difficult for recently graduated college students to find jobs. This I and many of my fellow graduates can attest to. However, I have been lucky enough to land a highly sought-after internship with the Indianapolis Children's Museum this summer. Why am I sharing this you ask? Because I firmly believe that what gave me a leg up over the competition was my association and experience with Books & Beyond.

As a student, volunteering your precious study time to work with Books and Beyond should be considered not only a fun and adventurous experience, but also as a worthwhile investment in your future. For me, it was both the experience I had as a writing partner working with the teens in Newark and leading the writing workshop that kick-started the books for my fellow B&B peers. Of course, there is also experience to be had in Grant Writing (a very impressive and attractive resume-builder), and working as a Coordinator can give you experience in leadership and project management.



“Mmm... Smells Good!” *Cooking in the GV*

By Zach Richardson

One of the first things to get used to in college is the food...it's not that great. Coming from a small family where I was the designated chef, I found myself with a lot of spare time. Wanting to share a few of the dishes I had learned to prepare, I adapted them to college cooking equipment. You would be astounded at the dishes you can create with a hotplate, a toaster oven, and a little creativity. One of the best ways to learn how flavors interact is to try ethnic dishes from around the world and see what works, so I made a few events to share with my classmates that were



Zach Richardson—the GV's resident chef!

explicitly themed around a certain cultural dish. No frills, no fluff, just delicious ethnic food. The two most successful of these were Mexican lime soup (sopa de lima)—a lime chicken rice soup with chunks of queso and avocado—and kofta kebabs, where I prepared 3 different variations of the Arabian-style kofta, which consists of ground lamb or beef mixed with many different spices (depending on the region) and then roasted on a spit (I used bamboo skewers in the toaster oven!). It was a busy year for me, but the simplicity of the Green Sheets, (the GV event planning forms) really made everything easy and quick to put together. As they say in France, bon appétit!

No LLC is an Island

By Rabi Abonour

Everyone knows how great the Global Village is, but Indiana University has seven other Living-Learning Centers (LLCs) on campus. In the 2009–2010 school year, I represented the GV on the LLC Student Advisory Board (SAB), a committee comprised of representatives from each center. It was a great experience, teaching me both about our school's other LLCs and the housing system here in general.

The Global Village is a fairly new establishment, and definitely not the biggest. The SAB gives the larger, older LLCs like Foster International and Collins the chance to give the rest of us a few pointers. Their representatives were able to give great advice on things such as budgeting and event coordination, some of which I was able to take back to the Global Village. Thanks to coordinator Denise Gowin, I gained an invaluable insight into how the dorms are run.

Of course, it wasn't all work and no play. I was able to meet fantastic people representing the other LLCs. There is a lack of cross

-center interaction, and that is a shame. We tried to change that; a bowling night brought together residents from every center. Similar events will certainly happen in the future.

The Global Village is in good company here at IU. The other Living-Learning Centers on campus can offer both advice and companionship. We would do well to remember that, and to reach out to those in a similar position to our own. When it comes down to it, no LLC is an island. We exist in a rich environment. The potential for cross-LLC interaction is one of the many reasons to live in the Global Village.

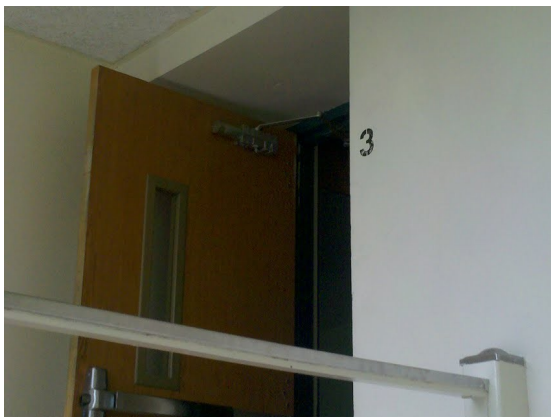


GVers interact with Foster International students at the GV/FIN picnic.

Big News: The GV is Expanding!

Finally, six years after the opening of the Global Village Living-Learning Center, the GV has officially been granted the coveted 3rd floor of Foster Martin. Why is this a big deal, you ask? Because it is thanks to you, the former/returning GVers who spread the word about our LLC and to you, the new students, whose growing numbers have helped us finally achieve our goal! While unfortunately we can't knock out the rooms and turn it into a café, this allows us to fully occupy the building, and with more space and more students we can hold a lot more events and have a wider range of people to interact with and learn from.

- ◆ The Global Village opened in 2004 with approximately 54 students, occupying the ground and 1st floor.
- ◆ In 2006, we had a total of 104 students and expanded to the 2nd Floor.
- ◆ In the fall of 2010, the number of students will rise from 110 to 160, allowing us to get the top floor.
- ◆ With three lounges instead of two, we will have more options for study, movie, and cooking space across all three floors.
- ◆ And now we will have three lounges vying to be the home of the coveted holiday tree.





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Welcome Week 2010!

By Sarah Mosier

Our Welcome Week this fall is expected to be better than ever, as the Welcome Week leaders have been working hard to put together a mix of fun events for new and returning GVers. Everyone will be very busy with moving in on Wednesday, August 25, 2010, but don't forget to stop by the ground floor classroom to grab some snacks and pick up your schedule and free mug (with designs by Kim Trippi, Jenny McDougall, and Daniel Avon). We will also be selling compact fluorescent light bulbs for just \$1 to jumpstart our energy conservation goals. The first night will end with a Progressive Dinner at 7 pm, offering delicious dishes from local ethnic restaurants: start on the top floor and work your way down!

On Thursday afternoon we'll be heading to the College of Arts and Sciences Major Expo in Alumni Hall, (a great way for anyone to learn about courses, minors, majors and special programs!) and then to the Auditorium to check out the free food and live music performances at IU's annual Culture Fest. Join your Welcome Week leaders in the lounges later on for some down time and mingling with fellow residents. The GV's campus scavenger hunt is on Friday, followed by the Hunger Banquet that night in the Harper formal lounge. On Saturday residents can explore the Farmer's Market downtown (the largest in the state!), enjoy lunch with the Q instructors, and listen to some great music at the 3rd International Coffee House hosted by Jeff, followed by an open jam session for the musicians in the crowd. In a new twist on a classic event, we will be hosting the Indy Hula dance group on Sunday for a Polynesian cultural cookout with our neighbors in Foster International, followed by games and a water balloon fight on the Tundra. Don't forget the floor meetings at 8 pm that night to elect your floor's Central Council representatives.

Check the schedule under "Beyond Welcome Week" for the dates and times of various meals and fun GV events in the following weeks. Some classics include Bad Movie Night, pancake breakfasts, a night of Indian foodlore with Mathers Museum coordinator Deeksha Nagar, and an excursion to Bloomington's internationally renowned Lotus World Music Festival. Keep an eye out for informational meetings about the GV's Language Clusters, Books & Beyond, as well as the wildly popular International Chocolate Tasting Night. And if you have an idea for an event, please let us know! These events are planned and hosted by GVers and for GVers throughout the year.

