In This Issue

50th Anniversary Concludes in Rome

UCEAP Leads to Career in State Department

From Russia, with Awe

Arab Spring in Cairo

Goals of Transnational Education

Quick Links

UCEAP Website
UCEAP Programs
Contact Us

Follow Us

As a flagship program of the University of California, UCEAP provides once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for students to discover new worlds, new perspectives and new career paths.

In this quarter's newsletter, you will find highlights of UCEAP's final 50th Anniversary event held in Rome, learn how one UCSB student went from Japan to South Africa to the State Department, how a UCSD student discovered a talent for writing about Russia's complexities and contradictions, and how students in Cairo learn first-hand about the events evolving around them. Finally, I'd like to share with you a wonderful lecture given by Jeffrey Lehman at UC Berkeley's Center for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE) last October, which highlights the importance of international and transnational education.

Jean-Xavier Guinard
Associate Vice-Provost & Executive Director
UC Education Abroad Program

UCEAP CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY IN ROME

On November 26, students, UC faculty, friends, and partners of the UC/ACCENT Rome Center gathered for a reception in the magnificent Borromini room of the Biblioteca Vallicelliana.

The celebration of Global Citizenship and Responsibility featured guest speakers Ambassador David J. Lane, U.S. Representative to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome, Dr. Portia Prebys, President of the American
Association of College and University programs in Italy, and Mario Mesquita, UC Davis alum and Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See (pictured above with UCEAP students). Introductions and welcome addresses were provided by Stephen Conger, ACCENT Rome Director, Dr. Julia Hairston, UC Academic Director in Rome, and UCEAP Executive Director and Associate Vice Provost Jean-Xavier Guinard.

Following the event, guests enjoyed an experiential food and wine aperitivo and lecture by food expert and travel writer Katie Parla.

Celebrations concluded the following day with a lecture and round table recognizing Americans in Italy. Highlights included presentations by the former Mayor of Rome and Minister of Cultural Heritage, Francesco Rutelli, Dr. Anne Wingenter, UC Rome instructor, and BBC journalist Emma Wallis.

STUDY ABROAD LEADS TO CAREER IN STATE DEPARTMENT
UCSB Alumni Philip Walker

Graduating with distinction from UCSB in June 2007 marked a milestone in Philip Walker's career path. The Political Science and Global Studies alumni diversified his UC studies through a summer on UCDC and two UCEAP programs. After studying global and regional security issues at Meiji Gakuin University in Japan, Philip focused on development studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa.

Building on his study abroad experiences immediately after college, Philip took his first job at the World Affairs Council of Northern California. Says Philip, "I attribute my time studying abroad with clinching the job interview process. My diverse background of studying both international security issues in Japan and development issues in South Africa clearly helped me get the job." As Program Officer, he identified important international affairs topics and organized 200+ public speaking engagements with heads of state, diplomats, policymakers, military officials, business executives, journalists, authors, and academic scholars.
More recently, Philip earned his Master of Science in Foreign Service with a concentration in international security issues form Georgetown University. He currently holds the position of Regional Analyst at the Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) for the U.S. Department of State. Doing what he loves, Philip reflects: "It's very rewarding to work in a position where I am able to assist UCEAP, especially since I benefited so much from the program. It enhanced my understanding of foreign policy and international affairs, made me competitive in my graduate school applications, opened the door to numerous career opportunities, and most importantly, led to some amazing friendships both in the U.S. and abroad."

FROM RUSSIA, WITH AWE
UCSD Essay Contest Winner Writes From Abroad

"That night, the sky in Kiev was alive with fire and color ..." Mika Kennedy's vivid retelling of a UCEAP program tour to Kiev and Moscow last fall captures a firsthand view of studying abroad that earned her an award in CIEE's essay contest.

The prize, an all-expenses paid weekend trip to the ancient Russian cities of Vladimir and Suzdal, offered the UCSD Literatures of the World and Biology double major yet another opportunity to immerse in the culture. "Being able to see the many facets of Russia was a huge benefit, because 'the real Russia' is not St. Petersburg, it is not Moscow, it is not a small village in Siberia--it is all of these, all at once, and it's impossible to know the contradictions and intersections of these myriad Russias without seeing all of them."

For students planning to participate in UCEAP's Russian Language Program in St. Petersburg, Mika advises: "Russia holds a particular sort of charm few around you understand. Living and studying in Russia is the closest to the Theatre of the Absurd you will ever be. There's something about speed, and temporality, that gets lost in translation. Buildings can come up and go down overnight, colleges double as cathedrals, and the most unassuming alleyway can lead to your most dazzling discoveries. Russia rewards the wanderer. Know that the door you are approaching does not lead where you think it leads. But as a student, remember you are always learning; perhaps you did not know where you truly wanted to go."

Read Mika's full essay of travel experiences in Russia on the CIEE website.

ARAB SPRING IN CAIRO:
FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF HISTORY
UCEAP students from five UC campuses enjoyed breakfast at the Cairo apartment of UCSB professor and Study Center Director Nancy Gallagher. The students were able to meet and chat with Khaled Fahmy (pictured right), chair of the History Department at the American University of Cairo and one of Egypt’s leading public intellectuals.

Fahmy, who participated in the events of the Egyptian Revolution, had just participated in a major event, "The New Arab Debate," in which he spoke against the motion, "This house believes that democracy has had a disappointing start in Egypt." The motion carried, but he managed to persuade a very substantial number in the audience to vote against it. Fahmy explained that in just 20 months, Egyptians managed to get rid of a long entrenched dictator who had been planning to transfer power to his son. Now, the dictator, both his sons, and his Minister of the Interior were in prison. The military, long dominant in all walks of life, had retreated to the sidelines. Egyptians were far freer to express themselves and were collectively taking the opportunity to discuss politics and to generally take charge of their lives.

About a thousand people were lamentably killed in the revolution. Fahmy concluded that the revolution began a process toward greater democracy. We may not see the end of it in our lifetimes, but its importance, in a large and complicated country like Egypt, should not be underestimated. (Excerpt from UCSB CMES Newsletter) Read more.

THE GOALS OF TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION: REFLECTIONS OF A TRUE BELIEVER, by Jeffrey S. Lehman

In October, UCEAP partnered with The Center for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE) and the Berkeley Law School (IELE) to mark UCEAP’s 50th Anniversary with a lecture featuring Jeffrey S. Lehman, Vice Chancellor of NYU-Shanghai and President Emeritus of Cornell University.
Jeffrey S. Lehman gave a thoughtful, lecture entitled "The Goals of Transnational Education: Reflections of a True Believer," which provided thought provoking ideas intended to inform the ongoing debate, discussion, and activities of individuals and groups at all UC campuses as they seek to create more transnational learning opportunities for undergraduates through UCEAP and other program options.

UC Berkeley Executive Vice Chancellor Breslauer welcomed the guests of the UCEAP 50th anniversary celebrations to the Berkeley campus and called on his own campus to aim toward, "tripling the number of undergraduate students who go abroad." The lecture and lunch was hosted by Provost and Sr. Vice President Emeritus, University of California and Director of Center for Studies in Higher Education C. Judson King. Guests included UCSB Executive Vice Chancellor Gene Lucas, Vice Provost Susan Carlson, UCSC Chancellor Emeritus Karl Pister, many faculty and staff from UCEAP, CSHE and Berkeley Law.

For those who were unable to attend the event, Vice Chancellor Lehman's paper can be found here.