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UCEAP Celebrates Thanksgiving in the UK and Ireland

Hosted at the heart of London's renowned financial district in the splendor of the Gibson Hall, the annual [UK](#) and [Ireland](#) Thanksgiving Event was successfully attended by over 250 UCEAP students, staff and Alumni on November 16th.



The evening kicked off with a welcome reception for all guests before everyone was seated in the magnificent Main Hall. Proceedings were opened with a welcome from UC London Study Centre staff, Monika Popp and Hilary Noyce, before they were privileged to invite a special guest, Vice Provost Susan Carlson (above), to say a few words on the success of UCEAP and the experiences to be gained by students participating in the program. There were also speeches from Matthieu Duncan (UCSB Alumnus and Scholarship Ambassador), Diana Braunschweig (US Embassy) and Regional Director, Melody Knutson, who presented the competition prizes to students. The London Study Centre was also excited to welcome UCSB Campus Advisor, Ali Kasper, and UCEAP Program Advisor, Liam Brenner to this year's event.

Guests were served a traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner followed by pumpkin pie. The evening entertainment was a traditional pub quiz to test the students' knowledge on British, Irish and American culture, bringing everyone together to celebrate with new faces and friends from their time on UCEAP. The winners were transformed into the Royal Family and members of One Direction. Next Year's UCEAP Thanksgiving will be held in Dublin.



Students in Barcelona Celebrate Thanksgiving Spanish-Style

The UCEAP Study Center in Barcelona organized a Thanksgiving dinner for students on Thursday, Nov. 28. Nearly forty students enjoyed a turkey dinner surrounded by their family in Barcelona: Resident Director, Prof. Elena Losada; Barcelona Study Center Staff; Dean of the Faculty of Philology at the University of Barcelona, Prof. Adolfo Sotelo; Head of the International Relations Area at Autonomous University of Barcelona, Marta Vilalta; and professors teaching UCEAP students both at the [University of Barcelona](#) and the [Autonomous University of Barcelona](#). It was a great night for every student to enjoy the Hotel España, in the heart of Barcelona.



UCSD student investigates feminization of HIV & AIDS in Ghana

"I've yet to take my experimental and field research methods courses back at UCSD, so this was a total baptism by fire," Erina Alejo chuckled, a UC San Diego senior who studied abroad at [University of Ghana Legon](#) through UCEAP in Fall 2013.



Erina conducted field research at West Africa AIDS Foundation (WAAF). Through interviews with HIV positive expecting and lactating mothers at the adjacent clinic, International Health Care Centre (IHCC), she investigated what factors contribute to the disproportionately larger impact of the HIV & AIDS epidemic on women and girls in Ghana. Erina's four months researching at WAAF/IHCC reinforced her belief that health is socially constructed. She examined the intersections between physiology, socioeconomic status, maternal care, nutrition and sociocultural expectations, which all affect her interviewees' perception of their HIV condition.

"My experience of studying and conducting field research abroad reminded me that I see the world through a Western lens," Erina admitted. She is a UCSD Human Development Program and Visual Arts Media student and took courses in social work, sociology, medical geography and archaeology at University of Ghana. Her cross-disciplinary experiences at UCSD and University of Ghana helped her learn to unlearn her bias, essential to her aspirations in medical anthropology. "Beyond being a visiting student, I vicariously experienced the hardship of living with HIV & AIDS in Ghana through these women's personal stories," Erina expressed, adding, "Listening to these women voice their stories helped me discover how I want to use my own voice, which I want to communicate as a future medical anthropologist."

UC Berkeley and UCEAP Alumni Named Rhodes Scholar

UC Berkeley and UCEAP alum Zarko Perovic ([Sciences Po](#) 2012) is among 32 new Rhodes Scholars representing the United States. The prestigious award provides all expenses for academic study at England's Oxford University. Perovic plans to use his Rhodes scholarship to pursue a graduate degree in international relations.



A 2012 University Medal finalist, he majored at Berkeley in political science and classical civilizations, did an independent senior project to raise public awareness of Roma issues, and studied languages. As an undergrad, Perovic was involved in the founding of the student magazine Caliber, a student publication with a current circulation of about 5,000, and also worked at the campus's War Crimes Studies Center. [Read more](#)

UCEAP Students Visit Danish Parliament in Copenhagen

On October 23rd, UCEAP participants and future reciprocity students from the [University of Copenhagen](#) visited the Danish Parliament, Christianborg. The unique opportunity was made even more special by a tour from Member of Parliament, Jeppe Mikkelsen, one of the chamber's youngest, but most experienced members.



The students were able to ask questions about parliamentary procedures and learn interesting insights into Danish politics. As an alumni of the University of Copenhagen, MP Mikkelsen's discussions inspired both the UCEAP and UCPH students.

Reciprocity Alumni Spotlight: Dario Gambarin - University of Bologna/UCLA (1996-97)

As a Reciprocity student at UCLA, Dario Gambarin studied psychology and art. When he returned to [Bologna](#), he pursued both of these fields. In 2004, he began his land art projects on a field in the Veneto area.



These unique projects involve the use of a tractor with a plow. His projects have no negative impact on the land and are produced in the period right after the harvest. The image that Gambarin creates is strictly tied to a personal vision.

The work is visible only for a short period of time, from 1 hour to 1 week depending on the conditions of the land and the weather. In the end, the image is doomed to disappear and the land returns to its normal cycle of production.

Past projects have involved tributes to Presidents Obama, John F. Kennedy, Nelson Mandela, and the current Pope, as well as recreations of paintings by Munch and Picasso. To visit Gambarin's website, go to www.dariogambarin.com See also this feature article from the DailyMail online www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2507198/Artist-Dario-Gambarin-plows-field-500ft-face-JFK-mark-50th-anniversary-assassination.html

UCEAP Rome Students Meet New US Ambassador to Italy

As Gilman Scholars, Rachel Shapiro (left) and Claudia del Valle (right), both from UC Berkeley, were invited to a welcome reception for Fulbright Scholars and Teaching Assistants.



The reception was held at the Centro Studi Americani in [Rome](#) and also served to welcome the new U.S. Ambassador to Italy, John R. Phillips, as the incoming head of the U.S.-Italy Fulbright commission. Ambassador Phillips, who received his J.D. from UC Berkeley in 1969, spoke to the students about the value of education and his commitment to scholarship.

UCEAP London: Fall Careers Event, October 2013

The [UCEAP London Study Centre](#) was delighted to co-host the UCEAP Fall 2013 Careers Event at Winston House in London with the University of North Carolina Faculty of Arts and Sciences (UNC). The evening event attracted over forty UCEAP and UNC undergraduates currently studying in the UK. It featured a diverse range of presentations and alumni activities including the US Embassy.



Former UCEAP and UNC study abroad participants spoke about their experiences of graduate life in the UK from professional and graduate student perspectives. Following a refreshment break, participants split into groups for one of two panel presentations, either commerce and law or the UK creative industries. These panels comprised UC and UNC alumni, offering an ideal opportunity for undergraduates to learn first hand from their rich professional experiences.

Complementing this was the subsequent professional skills and networking activity, led again by alumni. The evening concluded with an elegant reception, permitting the newly informed and enthusiastic students to test their networking credentials and share ideas and questions with others from an array of academic and professional backgrounds. With the support of alumni in particular, this was a memorable and engaging event.

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