



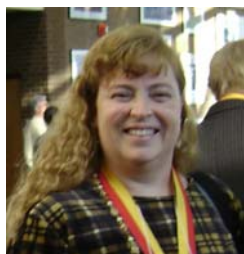
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Planning for the 2009 Conference April 2-3, 2009

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Annual Conference for 2009:
April 2-3
Miami Beach, Florida



Greetings, Phi Beta Delta Colleagues!

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write to you as the 2008-2009 President-Elect of the Society to let you know that we are now requesting paper/presentation proposals for the 2009 Annual Conference: **Coming together at the Water's Edge: Cooperation and Collaboration in a Changing Global Environment**, which will take place **April 2nd and 3rd, 2009**, at the Newport Beachside Hotel & Resort, located in Miami Beach, Florida. Hotel and conference registration will be made available at the end of the summer.

We invite academicians, students, and professionals from all fields to submit proposals for presentation at the conference. The emphasis is to engage in discussion and professional growth with others inside and outside one's own particular discipline. Consequently, we encourage submissions representing all areas of study; ones that offer insights from multiple disciplines and perspectives will be particularly welcome.

The goal of the conference is to explore what it means to be a member of the community of international learners faced with the challenges-and opportunities-that arise out of a changing global environment. This exploration includes but is not limited to examining questions like these: (continued on page 3)

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Board Changes



At the 2008 Conference new officers were elected and Board changes were made. (left, Gene Egger, confers the President's Medallion on Monica Freeman)

Newly Elected:

Sr. Vice-President elect: Richard Deming, Beta chapter, CSU-Fullerton

Assuming New Positions:

President to Past President: Gene Egger
President-elect to President: Monica Freeman

Regional VP to President-elect: Judy Smrha, Delta Pi chapter, Baker University

Regional VP to Sr. Vice-President: Marcy Glover, Epsilon Delta, chapter, George Mason University

Sr. Vice-President to Past Sr. Vice-President: Fernando Leon Garcia

Retiring from the Board:

Past Sr. Vice President: Anita Gaines

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES



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The Board of Directors of Phi Beta Delta continually look for opportunities for its members to present and/or publish their papers and research. Our current opportunities are described as follows:

Phi Beta Delta Annual Conference Papers: These papers will be published on the Society Website at the authors' request. The authors will be responsible for all factual data and editing. At the present time, the conference papers section of the Society website is open to the public. In the coming year, the Board of Directors will discuss a variety of options for access to this information. At this time the contact person for issue is: Michael Smithee, Director of Publications at <ms@smitheeassociates.com>.

Juried Papers: These papers be featured on an occasional basis in a special section of such journals as *Politics and Policy* published by Wiley-Blackwell. The special section will be devoted to Phi Beta Delta papers. A call for papers will be forthcoming. At this time the contact person for this publication avenue is: Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes. (jdelosreyes@uh.edu)

More information on these and other publication opportunities will be forthcoming in PUBLICATION section of the Phi Beta Delta website



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Scenes from 2009 Conference Site

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2008 NAFSA CONFERENCE Scenes



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Executive Director Captain with Sr. Vice-President Garcia at City University - Phi Beta Delta Booth



Joy Stephenson and Michael Smithee wearing their medallions at the General Business Meeting



Executive Director, Yvonne Captain describing the benefits of Phi Beta Delta at the booth.



2009 Conference Continued



Get Ready for the Conference

- How can cooperation and collaboration expand our ability to overcome these challenges and avail ourselves of the opportunities that exist?
- What do these new challenges and opportunities mean for those of us who seek greater cooperation and collaboration within our community of international learners?
- What lessons have we learned from the past and what insights can we gain from our artistic and literary expression of the human experience that can help us face the challenges of a changing global environment?

Further details regarding the paper submission process are described in the "[Call for Papers](#)." Please feel free to distribute this Call to others within your academic community. Paper/presentation submissions by Phi Beta Delta members and non-members are equally welcome. Please plan to submit these no later than **November 15, 2008**. For more information regarding the submission process, please contact:

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2008 ANNUAL AWARDS



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- **The Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education:**
Dr. Glen White, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Alpha Pi chapter
- **The Edward S. Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award:**
Dr. Joe Potts, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Alpha Pi chapter
- **The Domestic Student Award for International Achievement:**
Brian Berry, California State University, Sacramento, Omicron chapter
- **The David Merchant International Student Award for Achievement:**
Jitendra Sunil Motwani, California State University, Fullerton, Beta chapter
- **The Outstanding Regional Chapter Awards** went to:

Delta Sigma	Mount Ida College	Northeast Region
Delta Nu	Columbus State College	Southeast Region
Zeta Gamma	Northern Illinois University	Midwest Region
Beta	California State, Fullerton	West Region
- **The Eileen Evans Outstanding Chapter Award** went to the **Beta** Chapter.



(l to r) Dr. Joe Potts, Brian Berry, Deborah Pierce, Susi Rachouh (for Northeast Region), Linda Wiley (for Dr. Glen White), Marcy Cohen (for Southeast), Jitendra Sunil Motwani

Scenes from the 2008 Phi Beta Delta Conference



Chapter Development Workshop Attendees



Executive Director, Dr. Yvonne Captain with two members of the Zeta Omicron chapter of the Petro Mohyla Mykolaiyiv State University, Mykolaiyiv, Ukraine, Dr. Oleksandr Meschaninov and Dr. Yuriy P. Kondratenko



President-elect, Dr. Judy Smrha with Dr. Michael Smithee at the Mershon Center



An Evening in the Middle East, sponsored by the **Alpha Epsilon** Chapter of The Ohio State University



Viewing the a variety of Middle Eastern rugs at the Mershon Center for International Security Stud-



Distinguished dancers provided entertainment for the assembled conference participants, some participants even joined in...



Megan Lawther, Local Arrangements Chair, and Chapter Coordinator of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter at The

What is an American?

A Personal Geography Examining Why American Expatriate Writers Lived in Paris and Madrid by Stan West



(This is an article drafted from a speech delivered April 18, 2008 before the Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars' Conference in Columbus, Ohio)

I think every scholar has started research in one direction only to turn around and go in another after new data changed their perception about the problem and solution. That was my case. I initially sought what we sometimes in creative non-fiction talk about as the *public* story. I began probing the intersection of American expatriate writers in Paris and Madrid, who were trying to carve out new literary territory on a variety subjects. They often found themselves talking about and writing about what it means to be an American. Well, somewhere along this circuitous journey of inquiry into the noble nomads, perhaps when I had the bright idea of taking my young sons with me to Paris and Madrid to give me perspective, I found myself more interested in the *private* story, which was how we defined what it is to be American. We did so on the heels of their great uncle, a famous jazz saxophonist, who found a happy home abroad while still struggling to make ends meet in the United States. He and I along with my sons seemed to be drawn to each other as well as to the noble nomads many have come to know as American expatriate writers in Paris and Madrid.



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The most famous American expatriate writers such as Ernest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and Langston Hughes lived in Madrid or Paris between World War 1 and World War II. They were called the "Lost Generation" first by Stein, who coined the phrase, then by literary scholars who sought a way to describe disaffected American writers who fled to Europe between the two world wars seeking a freer environment. There were others, too, like James Baldwin, Pablo Neruda, Aime Cesaire, the Nardal Sisters, and Richard Wright. They came from different races, ethnicities, genders, sexual and political persuasions. They were rebels with perhaps good cause. They seemed to shun the seemingly homogenous White Anglo Saxon Protestantism of the West for a more diverse European cultural and literary milieu.

I wrote about them while also writing about myself. I was trying to tell the story of American expatriate writers in a way that I did not think has ever been done before— from the viewpoint of a middle-aged, African-American writer, his twin teen-age sons, and Marshall Allen, their great uncle, a pony-tailed, 84-year-old leader of the avant garde jazz Sun Ra Arkestra that played stadiums in Europe and "dives" in the States. He was one of the Black soldier-musicians during World War II who stayed in France after the war and introduced bebop to this jazz-starved nation. When I was a wayward youth writing political epithets on Chicago alley walls, Uncle Marshall was the first person extolling the virtues of the American expatriate artists of color and encouraging me to put down the paint, pick up a pen and ply my trade in Europe "where Black artists get respect, not regret." I did.

Since then I have encouraged my sons to consider college in Europe where their global education could be enhanced. To test-market this idea, I took them with me in the summer to live in European college dorms while they were still in middle school. In Europe, my twin sons said they felt emancipated from most of the usual racial stereotypes felt in America. The word they used was "freer." They said they felt comfortable in global society while also learning of the unique ways some Europeans discriminated against racial and religious minorities. While race and religion played a role in our story, I believed there were some common themes shared with White American expatriate writers such as the need to run to. This is the sub-text of my original thesis— that our story is universal. In search of the public story, my private story took over.

What is an American

The main part of my journey took me to Spain, France, Holland, and Belgium, from June 2005 to August 2006. On these trips, I thought mostly about American writers of color who lived abroad, and how their White counterparts eclipsed their stories. I also imagined how and why writers of color and White writers connected abroad and not at home. The short answer I guessed was that the strict racial codes of the United States in the early 20th century prevented such multicultural encounters. I wondered if perhaps it could be more than that, though. I also wondered if my sons and their great-uncle might have views other than my own. In the case of my sons, I took them with me and listened to their responses to foreign stimuli. I noticed that I was hearing them in different ways than at home. Maybe I heard them for the first time. It was as if they were maturing right before my eyes. Travel emancipated them. Me, too.

My work comes three centuries after famous expatriated Frenchman J. Hector St. John de Crevecoeur in "What is an American?" asks: What then is the American, this new man? ...He is an American, who leaving behind him all his ancient prejudices and manners, receives new from the new mode of life he has embraced, the new government he obeys, and the new rank he holds. He has become an American by being received in the broad lap of our great Alma Mater. Here individuals of all races are melted into a new race of man, whose labors and posterity will one day cause great changes in the world, Americans are the western pilgrims. ("Letter III," 1782)



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This new, enlightened global citizen envisioned by de Crevecoeur seemed to be borne out in my travels. I visited France in 2006 with one twin teen son, Amman, 13. I visited Spain in 2005 with his brother, Jordan. "What IS an American?" Reasonable people conclude there are no right or wrong answers, merely reflections and definitions where some sources offer more reasons and evidence than others. This article includes commentary by me and my sons on our role as "witnesses to our world." In *Tell It Slant: Writing and Shaping Creative Nonfiction* editors Brenda Miller and Suzanne Paola say a witness narrative is one way "the individual provides the ultimate record" (84). This *literature of witness* appears to be one of the things connecting my sons and me. We *witnessed* phenomena. With their help, I ascertained commonalities and differences in the experiences of American expatriate writers.

In this personal geography, I seek both emotional and factual truth, perhaps one indication of how I mediate creative nonfiction and journalism and my own ethos. Like most writers, I struggle with the difference between fact and truth. History verifies that many well-known writers from the Americas lived in Paris and Madrid between the two world wars, but the "truth" of why they lived there is interpretative. What is truth for some is a lie for others.

Once I came back, a University of New Orleans creative nonfiction professor named Patrice Melnick challenged me to think out loud on the page as I recalled my trips with my boys. Reminiscing, we had positive recollections. The general consensus was that in the post-9/11 era, people from the U.S. did feel more scrutiny – writers and non-writers alike. Jordan said he felt it in Spain. Amman said he felt it in France. I felt it both places, though more my nationality than my race.

Overall, Amman felt welcome. "I feel more at home in France than I do in America because French people are nice to me, which makes me be nice to them." He started a French club at his middle school to encourage other kids to embrace French language. He earned an A in French. In high school, he was placed in Advanced French. My oldest son (by one minute) loved French culture. According to Amman, "I want to be an expatriate in France."

On the other hand, Jordan said, "In Spain, I don't always feel welcome as a Black or as an American. Still, I like it here in Spain, and I plan to come back with my brother when I'm in college to goof off a little." He's abandoned studying Spanish in eighth grade, focusing instead on reading American novels for one year. In high school, he took Italian.

What is an American

Both of our sons agree that racism in Europe seems less overt than in the United States. When I pressed Amman for a definition of what an American is, he said, "An American is a person who cares about other people wherever they are. I love France. I feel less racism here than I do in the United States. The only three times I felt racism was when the White, block-head, conductor on the French railway tried to throw us off the train in Antwerp, suggesting that our rail passes were old. They were not. The loud, rude way he spoke to us was racist. He clowned you, Dad! Then it was the White lady who would not get in the cab with us in Montpellier. And then, there was that nasty, North African lady in the Paris metro station who was mean to us, not so much because we were Black, but more because we were Americans. I do feel prouder to be an American in the States. Here in France, to be proud to be an American seems like a crime." Jordan's definition had a similar political bent. "An American is just like a Spaniard. We believe in families, fun, and freedom. No one likes Bush!"

They both were fond of Gypsies in Europe, partly because of the warmth members of the Roma community displayed. My sons said Americans and Europeans "dis" Gypsies.

I felt more comradeship with my American writer-colleagues in Spain than I did with American writers in France. There were simply more of us. Similarly, I felt more solidarity with the French writers, particularly the writers of color. There were more of us. We seem to have more in common than in conflict. It was possible that American expatriate writers felt the same camaraderie. Perhaps this cosmopolitan citizenship evolved out of the noble nomad experience. All of these reflections remind me of my own American connection (both Black American and Native American). All of these memories help me recall de Crevecoeur's definition of an American as a more tolerant person, who has abandoned his/her "ancient prejudices and manners." As I reflect on three generations of my family's views of Americans abroad, I'm reminded of our role to ourselves. While we embrace a more global view of what we should call ourselves, we respect the views of those who disagree with our definition, which is neither jingoistic nor hemispheric. I hope readers respect my right to disagree with theirs. As citizens of several discourse communities, we learned that by increasing our tolerance for ambiguity we simultaneously increased our abilities to mediate different viewpoints. We learned that because we were born Black, we were also born citizens of the world. We accepted and embraced both roles. In sum, that's how we defined "What is an American?"

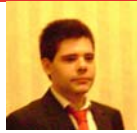
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The Value of Study Abroad



By Brian David Berry, recipient of the Phi Beta Delta 2008 Domestic Student Award for International Achievement

I was twenty-four years old when I left the United States to study abroad in Tokyo, Japan. I was older than most students were when they first studied abroad as I had changed majors after my transfer to California State University Sacramento. My new major of Asian Studies was a far cry from the business-oriented area of Computer Science, but I always had held a strong interest in Japan since I was a child. I had decided to follow my dream as the phrase goes; to peruse my interest in Japan and other cultures, and walk the long arduous road towards the career of a college professor, a career I had grown deep respect for during my first few years in college. My priority shift from a career of sitting behind a computer screen programming to exploring Asia and focusing on the more human aspects of the world, rather than financial, was a life-changing decision that I will never regret.



Domestic Student Award for International Achievement

I still remember the moment when my interest in Japan was first sparked. I was six years old and my parents and I were staying with a Japanese American friend during our move back to California from Washington. While in the kitchen, she received a call from her mother and started making weird noises. I had never heard a foreign language before and I remember being quite confused by what was going on. For years after, she would explain to me various aspects of Japanese culture and always invite me to family events that allowed me to learn more about Japan and Japanese Americans. It was from that experience that my interest in Japan and the world outside the United States was born.

When you are born, your "world" is miniscule, consisting of a room with your parents and a desire for milk. As you grow up your world expands, sometimes slowly and sometimes by leaps and bounds. By the age of five or six, the boundaries of your world are no longer restricted to one house and your immediate family, it now consists of a neighborhood or small community of which you are becoming a part and contains others who are similar or entirely different in comparison to yourself. You begin to communicate between others and begin to gain a limited sense of self in relation to those around you. Later as you mature, the world continues to expand, and no longer are you one person in a neighborhood or small community but you now belong to a part of a larger population that lives within a politically defined country. If you are lucky enough to have been born in a modern society, you most likely have obtained a basic education in math, language, science, a collection of your country's stories as a basic version of history, and have been exposed to a regional religious belief system. Around the time of high school or college, the choice to study abroad becomes available to a small percentage of students. It is an opportunity that allows one's world to continue to expand in a way that is too broad and intricate to explain with words. For others and myself, it was life changing opportunity.

Although I had studied the history books, cultural practices, and the Japanese language, it is honestly impossible to fully prepare for the shock of your entire perception of the world being stretched far beyond its previous size and to be instantly transplanted into a completely foreign culture. It is as if you are reborn as a large adult baby wandering through a new world entirely ignorant and helpless. Everything is different, everything is new, and every aspect of life, no matter how simple, becomes a trial of frustration and patience. Even doing laundry can become a personal triumph after hours of jumping communicative hurdles to find detergent or figure out how to operate the washing machine. It is a physically and emotionally exhausting experience, but life is never boring, as everything becomes a constant stream of experiences you were entirely unaware of even existing.

The United States is a cultural melting pot; however, it is still a separate country and culture in and of itself. It may contain the various aspects of outside cultures via immigrant communities, but it cannot contain a foreign culture and country in its entirety. Each culture and society must adapt their life style to their environment, including to life in the United States. Each culture carries with it, its own views of history, ethics, methods, and beliefs; each unique in intricate ways that histori-

The Value of Study Abroad (continued)

ans, anthropologists, and political scientists still struggle to define and understand. Exposure to each and every aspect, sometimes hidden in the guise of something seemingly familiar, is a daily experience while living abroad, carrying all positive and negative aspects associated in kind.

It is by living in a foreign country that you begin to learn far beyond the contents found in the pages of a book. Personal experience will always trump text on pages in regards to gaining a deeper understanding of the world. Reading and analysis are only part of learning; it is personal experience that gives everything meaning and purpose. Living with another family for a year and growing close to them, living in a society where you are sometimes dependant solely on the kindness of others, and learning to truly listen to another without being able to understand most of the words said; living outside your home country is a brutally humbling experience but not without its life long rewards. Not only are you exposed to new experiences hourly, your knowledge of your own country and personal identity is directly challenged as well. The often held and dangerous, "One question, one answer," way of thought is usually the concept first to take a mortal blow. Versions of history can be radically different, as well as opinions on what defines an ethical solution to a situation at hand. You must not only question and struggle to gain an understanding of a sometimes radically foreign way of thinking, but you must at times question and dissect every aspect of what you held dear and were taught from birth. Nothing and everything is sacred at the same moment, and this can be a very frightening and unsettling experience. Ultimately, you will often be left with a deeper understanding of the world and yourself along with more questions than answers.



David Merchant Outstanding International Student Award

I feel that the importance and need of such an experience is growing every day. Economies around the world are growing more entwined, and global politics are increasingly more sensitive. Communication and interaction between foreign countries and risk of misunderstandings resulting in incidents go hand in hand. It is critical that there be a sense of compassion, patience, and understanding gained from experiences such as study abroad. I believe that such experiences will grow beyond a glowing mark on a resume and will eventually become a mandatory requirement in the near future. Even in one's own country, compassion and tolerance for difference is critical to maintaining a peaceful society. When you have been on the other side of the fence, experienced life in another country, through the highs and lows, it can be much more difficult to condemn and disregard another human being whose situation you may have experienced yourself.

I was told at the start of my first year abroad by my study abroad advisor that, "Your time will be what you make of it." These are probably the best words to describe the experience. Studying abroad or any international experience in a foreign country that involves dealing with an outside culture is an opportunity – a very rare and valuable opportunity. It is up to you how much you want to gain from the experience, how much you wish to learn, and how far you wish to open your mind to the world. Few receive such an opportunity and I was very fortunate. It was people such as Kazue Masuyama, Monica Freeman, and Janis Silvers of the Phi Beta Delta Omicron Chapter who first showed me the path to studying abroad and the methods of financing such a major experience, and I will forever be grateful to them. They quite literally opened the world to me. I believe that this opportunity to expand one's world further is the value of studying abroad. This is what Phi Beta Delta represents to me: It is support of the opportunity to continue growing as a human being.

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED at NAFSA

The following chapters of Phi Beta Delta were represented at NAFSA: Association of International Educators conference held in Washington, DC, May 23-30, 2008. (Note: If anyone has been missed, please let me know. It will be corrected in the next issue of the Medallion).

Beta, Cal State-Fullerton

Bob Ericksen (formerly of Cal State-Fullerton now at UCLA), *Visa Challenges of International Students and Scholars in the US: Implications for Public Policy and Advocacy*

Delta, San Diego State University

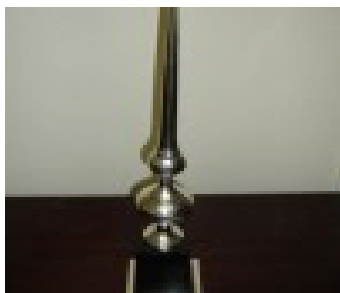
Robert Carolin, *Orienting Students Online-Best Practices*

Eta, University of Nevada-Reno

Scott Slovic, *The Environment Knows No Borders: Environmental Literature, Public Awareness, and Opportunities for International Cooperation*

Susan Bender,

- *Toolbox for the Intercultural Future*
- *Enhancing the Work Environment with Feng Shui and Concepts of Flow*
- *The Environment Knows No Borders: Environmental Literature, Public Awareness, and Opportunities for International Cooperation*



Edward S. Blankenship
Outstanding Staff
Member Award

Alpha Alpha, Michigan State University,

Amber Cordell, *Region IV Highlight: Naming Practices or How Many Ways Can You Spell Mohammed?*

Christine Bargerstock, *F-1 Employment – Shaping Your Student's Options*

Julia Friend, *Be Prepared: Education Abroad Security, Health, and Liability*

Peter Briggs, *(1) CIBERs and International Offices as Partner Recourses in Global Workforce Development and (2) Iraq's Sponsored Student Initiative*

Alpha Eta, Texas A&M University

Gale Wagner, *Study Abroad for All: Attracting Underrepresented Fields and Specialties*

Alpha Nu, Northeastern University

Scott B. Quint, *Breaking Down Barriers: Building Relationships Between University Police and International Students*

Todd J. Leach, *Building a Successful Dual Degree with an International Partner*

Alpha Pi, University of Kansas

Kathryn Algren, *Region II Highlight: Helping Gulf Arab Students Succeed in IEPs*

Alpha Sigma, Syracuse University

Elane Granger and Patricia A. Burak, *Predeparture/Reentry/International Student Orientation: Hidden Opportunities for Collaborative Global Leadership*

Michael Smithee, *Internationalization: Are We Talking the Same Language?*

CHAPTERS REPRESENTED at NAFSA (Continued)

Beta Nu, University of Alabama-Birmingham

Helen Ruth Colive and **Stacye Fraser**, *Region VII Highlight: NAFSA Center (Weekly Talk Show) presented by ISAN: International Student Advising Network*

Beta Pi, Lehigh University

Bill Hunter, *The United Nations, Your Institution and You*

Rajan Menon, *Fighting World Hunger: A University Partnership with the UN World Food Program*

Delta Iota, University of Houston

Anita V. Gaines, *SEVIS Song and Dance-Staying on our Toes*

Delta Lambda, Rowan University

Craig Katz, *Ignorance is not Bliss: Basic Immigration for Non-Foreign Student Advisers*

Delta Sigma, Mount Ida College

Jane Howard, *The History of Jazz in Washington, DC*

Epsilon Kappa, Arcadia University

Jane Gunn-Lewis and **Sue Richardson**, *Strategies for Managing Student Expectations for Study Abroad*

Epsilon Lambda, Elon University

Larry Basirico, *Internationalizing the Campus: Four Award-Wining Perspectives*

Paul J. Geis, *Diverse Identities: Personal Challenges for International Education Professionals*

Epsilon Omicron, Drexel University

Kathleen Trayte Freeman, (formerly of Drexel University)

Update on the Educational System of France

RAP: We Like the Sound of That

Gamma Omega, Virginia Tech

Jonathan McCloud, **Kim V. Beisecker**, **Jenny Wagstaff**, *Virginia Tech: A Tragedy that Involved the World*

Zeta Alpha, Florida International University

Ted Randall, *Effective Organizational Models for Large International Offices*

Zeta Kappa, City University of Seattle

Fernando Leon Garcia, *Internationalization: Are We Talking the Same Language?*

Zeta Chi, Coastal Carolina University

Hiroyoshi Hiratsuka, *Contrast Culture Method: Confronting Cultural Memories of War and Peace*

Zeta Omega, Kennesaw State University

Barry J. Morris and **Ed Rugg**, *Multiple Perspectives on Utilizing Institutional Reaccreditation to Improve Global Learning*



Faculty Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education

In Memoriam

In honor of the passing of two of our long time members we include our remembrances of them

Ron Moffatt, Director of the San Diego State University, Office of International Student Center, passed away peacefully at home on the morning of April 18, 2008 at the age of 61 after an extended illness.

Elsa M. Ochoa-Fernandez, former Director of the California State University—San Bernardino International Center, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2008. She had been very ill and in the hospital for several weeks, entering almost immediately after retiring.

Ron Moffatt: Strong Leader- Gentle Spirit

In memory of our dear friend and colleague by Bob Ericksen

Leader, peacemaker, friend, colleague, gentle spirit, story-teller, devoted father and husband, world adventurer, photographer.....my mind floods with too many words, hoping that one of them can fully capture the essence of Ron Moffatt. No one word can do so. Nor can a thousand words suffice to capture the essence of this great man.

Ron served Phi Beta Delta beginning in 1987 as the Coordinator of the Delta Chapter at San Diego State University. Through the years, Ron assumed a variety of leadership roles including National Vice President, Western Regional Vice President, and served as founder and Editor of the first Phi Beta Delta website. Ron is to be credited with leading the charge to raise funds to support awards and scholarships for the benefit of students. His chapter consistently raised the highest level of funds to support student scholarships; Ron brought this interest to his involvement with the Board and was instrumental in establishing a development position on the Board.

As a board member for all of those years, I always took great inspiration by Ron's leadership style; when tough issues or tough times came along, Ron would always be the man who would step forward to find common ground. His inspiring words would remind us of how our work as international educators is grounded in values and aspirations far beyond our leadership responsibilities on a campus or in an organization. I always knew after a visit with Ron, I'd leave feeling both "grounded" and inspired.

Ron's leadership in the field is truly legendary. He served since 1984 as the Director of the International Student Center at San Diego State Univer-

sity and led a fundraising effort to construct the International Center in which the office is now housed. He served as President of NAFSA: Association of International Educators in 2007. During his tenure at NAFSA, Ron oversaw the development of a revised strategic plan and is to be credited with challenging his colleagues in NAFSA to consider our role as citizen-diplomats and peace-makers. Ron also led the movement to engage the Association in global workforce development; this is now part of NAFSA's Strategic Plan and has been a leading force in NAFSA's growing stature and visibility.

One of my fondest memories of Ron was traveling together on a bus from Puebla, Mexico to Mexico City, returning from the annual Phi Beta Delta conference in Cholula. Watching the colorful and busy life outside the bus windows, our conversation ranged from our youthful days overseas to the challenges of campus bureaucracies. I remember bounding out of the bus to get to the airport, feeling re-engaged and energized for facing the stacks of work awaiting me on return to campus.

At the wishes of Ron's family, a memorial fund has been established to continue his life work.

To make a contribution, checks should be made payable to:
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Attention: Ron Moffatt Memorial Fund

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Elsa M. Ochoa-Fernandez: A Woman with a Vision

In memory of our dear friend and colleague ***Elsa M. Ochoa-Fernandez*** by Monica Freeman

I first met Elsa at a meeting of the California State University International Programs Coordinators. I was immediately impressed with her enthusiasm for international education and her high level of energy. Over the years, this first impression held true. Elsa was dedicated to providing international



In Memoriam (continued)

experiences for students and believed that such experiences would change their lives for the better and would contribute towards better world understanding. When I saw Elsa at NAFSA Conferences and meetings, we often chatted about the challenges and rewards of the international education profession. She had a vision of what internationalization could do for a university and its members, and she worked hard towards realizing this vision at California State University, San Bernardino. Her international newsletters were well-known in the CSU for their high quality.

Elsa was highly dedicated to Phi Beta Delta. She was convinced of the important role that PBD can play at an institution of higher education, and she was committed to having a strong chapter. She was also committed to the Honor Society at the international level and served on the Board of Directors. As a result of her commitment and efforts, she earned the Edward Blankenship Award, which she certainly deserved.

I shall always remember Elsa fondly as a caring individual with an infectious smile. Phi Beta Delta and international education have lost a great friend and supporter. In Elsa's memory, let us all re-dedicate ourselves to the goals in which she believed so strongly.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the *Elsa Ochoa Phi Beta Delta Memorial Scholarship* and forwarded to:

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Monica Freeman
President, Phi Beta Delta

From Rosalie Giacchino-Baker

Elsa was a treasured friend and colleague who made enormous contributions to the internationalization of California State University, San Bernardino. She also worked tirelessly and energetically to expand the roles of international education around the world. Phi Beta Delta held a very special place in her heart because she believed so strongly in its mission. Above all, she was a student advocate who did everything she could to welcome international students to the U.S. and to encourage U.S. students to study abroad.

After working with her for fifteen years, ten of which we served as Co-Directors of the CSUSB International Institute, I have lots of great Elsa stories. She loved music (and would dance as soon as the Latin beat started); she loved good food and wine (especially French and Cuban specialties); she loved traveling (her favorite adventures took her to China, Cuba, Korea, Thailand, Japan, Turkey, Germany, France, and Mexico, to name a few favorites). She loved life; she left us too soon.

Elsa would be so pleased to know that her memory will be honored through contributions to Elsa Ochoa-Fernandez Memorial Phi Beta Delta Scholarships that will benefit both international students at CSUSB and CSUSB students in study abroad programs.

Warmly,
Rosalie

From Paul Amaya

I am also happy to report that when the Gamma Lamda Chapter, held its annual scholarship banquet, \$8000 in scholarships were awarded; among the recipients are domestic students that will study abroad, and also international students. Needless to say, this is part of Elsa's legacy at CSUSB.

Paul Amaya
Phi Beta Delta, Coordinator
Gamma Lamda Chapter



Student-Athletes Across Borders



Alpha Sigma Chapter

Scholarship in Action is a signature concept at Syracuse University. Initiated by Chancellor Nancy Cantor (who has been named to receive one of two 2008 Carnegie Corporation Academic Leadership Awards) it has inspired a wide variety of initiatives on the campus. One such initiative this past Spring was **Student-Athletes Across Borders**. This seminal initiative recognized the many international student-athletes at the University. The international culture night at Manley Field house, the locus for nearly all sports teams at the University, took place amid widely diverse food from the many countries represented by the athletes. In addition, there were talent presentations that were varied and lively. Coaches and other volunteers in the Syracuse athletic community help to make this event a success. Advisers from the Slutzker Center for International Services, including Dr. Patricia Burak, director, who is the adviser to SAAB and chapter coordinator of the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Delta, attended and enjoyed the international ambience. The event was supported by through a Feinstone Grant from the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

This was a wonderful accomplishment for the athletic department to show the university and our community the great diversity of our student-athletes. It was an opportunity for students on campus to learn about their team-mates and peer's different cultures, said Jullian Drouin, a member of Phi Beta Delta class of 2008, and the SAAB President.

Adopting Service-Learning in Universities around the World

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON DC

Beta Omicron Chapter

The conference, entitled "**Service Learning projects: Implementation, Impact, Visibility**" will take place in Sarajveo on August 27-31, 2008. Dr. Stuart Umpleby, Phi Beta Deltan at George Washington University, will be making a presentation. Below is an abstract. If you are interested in this conference, please contact Dr. Stuart Umpleby.

Abstract

In the United States service-learning has proven to be an effective means both for education and for community development. It seems logical to assume that service-learning would be similarly effective in other countries. However, universities in other countries operate quite differently from universities in the U.S. Discussions with professors from the former Soviet Union and Southeast Europe produced a list of obstacles to transferring service-learning to other countries. The paper suggests some ways to reduce the obstacles. As service-learning is implemented in universities around the world, universities will probably change their methods of operation to permit the use of this effective teaching method. We anticipate funding for 24 participants from: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia. **Fellows who are currently in the US are eligible to apply.**

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CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Zeta Alpha Chapter

The Zeta Alpha chapter will be host chapter for the 2009 Phi Beta Delta Annual Conference and Business Meeting. The chapter is located in Miami, Florida. The Conference will be held a short distance away in the Newport Beach Resort.



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BENNETT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Founded in 1873 in Greensboro, NC, Bennett is one of the only two historically black colleges in the U.S. exclusively for women.

Eta Beta Chapter

The Eta Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Delta at Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, North Carolina held its inaugural induction ceremony on April 24, 2008. The chapter inducted eight (8) students, nine (9) faculty, and two (2) honorary members, including Dr. Julianne Malveaux, Bennett's president.

Two (2) members of the Bennett chapter, Dr. Marilyn Mobley, the Provost, and Dr. Gwendolyn Bookman, Associate Provost, held previous membership in Phi Beta Delta chapters at George Mason University and Spelman College, respectively.

The induction ceremony featured two (2) honored guests: Dr. Chery McQueen, on leave at Bennett as a visiting school in residence for the spring semester from the Commerce Department's Office of the Chinese Economic Area, served as the speaker, and Ms. Marcy Glover, Senior International Vice President and Southeast Regional Vice President of Phi Beta Delta, administered the oath to the inductees. Bennett looks forward to being an active and an engaged chapter of the society.

Gwendolyn M. Bookman, Esq.
Associate Provost
Bennett College for Women



THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

Beta Nu Chapter

Beta Nu Chapter, University of Alabama at Birmingham held their induction ceremony on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Smolian International House on campus. Seventeen new members were inducted. Over 30 guests and members attended. Mona Eason, President, H. P. Whiteside, Past President, Carol Argo, Chapter Coordinator, and Doretta Potts, Secretary/Treasurer gave information about Phi Beta Delta, our chapter, and made the presentations of the medallions and certificates. New members were as follows: Beta Nu Chapter sponsored a Brown Bag Lunch Seminar on Friday, April 11, 2008 at the Smolian International House featuring three Fulbright Fellows, Keokunthea Dg, Kathryn Roa, and Emmanuel Makasa speaking about their experiences.

Our annual Holiday Open House Luncheon, sponsored by International Scholar and Student Services, and Beta Nu Chapter, Phi Beta Delta, was held on Friday, December 7, 2007 at the Smolian International House. We served over 125 students and scholars a wonderful lunch to celebrate the upcoming holiday season.

Beta Nu Chapter, the Alabama/Germany Partnership and International Scholar and Student Services also co-sponsored one of the events during International Education Week at Hill University Center. On November 12, 2007, Trish Coghlan, Executive Director of the Alabama Germany Partnership, presented an "Easter Island Travelogue", photographic images and personal reflections of her trip to exotic Easter Island.

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