
*Friends of the International Center,
at UC San Diego*



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President's Message

New members contribute new ideas and new energy! I have written several times in the last year about our efforts to increase the Friends membership, and I'm happy to announce that a new committee has been formed to devise ways and means of publicizing our programs and attracting new members to support our work. Our triangle of activities—**Hospitality** programs for international visitors, **Scholarships** for study-abroad and international students on our campus, and special events that foster an **International Community** on the campus—all are made possible by your membership and your volunteer efforts.

Last year we produced a beautiful new brochure, and now we have a new tool called "Invitation to Volunteer" that describes these activities and spells out volunteer needs. Please check it out on our website <http://icenter.ucsd.edu/friends>, and share it with your friends. And be sure to invite them to our events so they can see the Friends in action.

Here are some of the latest examples of new ideas and new energy in action—I'm very happy to announce that our long-established cooking classes are alive and well, taking a new direction. **Jennie Chen**

and **Mary Woo** have stepped up to the plate (literally!), leading new International Cooking Experience classes one Thursday a month (see page 11).

Our first Members "Just-for-Fun" event was a great success, with perfect food, setting, and company. Great kudos to **Candace Kohl**, **Barbara Fitzsimmons**, **Kristine Kneib**, and **Arline Paa** for putting it together, and to **Ruth Newmark** for inviting scholarship recipients **Miranda Conway** (2010) and **Milan Dang-Vu** (2012) to share some of their experiences with us.

The Resale Shop is also alive and well, continuing to generate funds for our scholarship program. But here too, new ideas and new energies are welcome. Shop volunteers love their interactions with the wide variety of people who come in every day, and so will you! Tell us you would like to volunteer.

Be sure to mark your calendar for these special November events:

- **International Education Week** on campus, November 13-16, will include our participation in the I-Center's annual **P.I.E. Awards (Partners in International Education)** on Tuesday 11/13, where we will serve pie (of course).
- On Friday 11/16 all are invited to the **investiture** of our new



Louise Arnold, Elisabeth Marti, and Louise Keeling at the Just for Fun party

Chancellor, **Pradeep Khosla**, at 11:30 a.m., in the campus Town Square.

- Once again the International Center encourages us to share our family traditions by hosting two international students for Thanksgiving dinner in our homes. Please call (858) 534-0603 or e-mail **Shelly Taskin** at <iprograms@ucsd.edu> if you are interested in the **Thanksgiving Exchange Program**.

Looking ahead to December, note the Friends sponsorship of the

- **International Café** and our annual **Resale Shop Holiday Sale** on Friday 12/7, and reserve
- Tuesday, 12/11 for our annual **Holiday Lunch** for members, staff, and guests.

Best wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

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Some Unusual Ways Friends Help Staff



Icebreaker: the student with the backpack is holding a bean bag

In September, **Shelly Taskin**, our International Center's Program Coordinator, asked if Wednesday Coffee could make 25 beanbags for an icebreaker she was planning for incoming international students. Reported **Georgina Sham**: "As requested, we sewed the bags and filled them with pellets, and thought it fun to have our own sweat shop! We are now continuing our main sewing project of making stuffed animals to be given out in December as holiday presents to our many Wednesday Coffee youngsters."

Katie Palumbo, Coordinator of the AFS English and Culture Program at UC San Diego—and a member of the Friends—was in charge of a group of 39 high school exchange students over the summer. She asked if these AFSers could participate in some craft activity with the Friends of the International Center. As **Jennie Chin** describes the event: "Georgina originally suggested Wednesday Coffee, because that's when and where

we do most of our craft projects, but that got nixed since the kids were in classes all morning during the week, so our next option was the Tuesday Knit-Along. Georgina was able to contact the **San Diego Creative Weaver's Guild**, which very generously provided us with *kumihimo* disks, used in a simple art form of Japanese braiding, in sufficient numbers for all the students. The session turned out to be quite successful, and from all accounts the kids really enjoyed it."

One of the Knit-Along participants, **Yuka Yamaguchi**, a pediatric dentist (D.D.S. from Nagasaki University School of Dentistry, Ph.D. from Osaka University, volunteer researcher in the UC San Diego lab of **Victor Nizet**, Professor of Pediatrics and Pharmacy) and, according to Jennie, "one heck of an incredible crocheter," was an AFS student in 1996, spending the year in Malaysia. Yuka introduced herself to the Japanese contingent to talk with them about her, as well as their AFS experiences. Commented Jennie: "It was nice that the Friends could provide an outlet and support staff in their efforts." Equally pleased, Katie wrote: "Jennie and Georgina were so wonderful and such a great help to us for our program. My thanks go out to them and all the Friends who were involved for all they did to make this activity so successful."

Wednesday Morning Coffee

—by *Georgina Sham*

- November 7: **Art Walk with Bob Starkey**: Bob will lead us again on a campus tour to see some of the sculptures known as the Stuart Collection.

- November 14: **Thanksgiving Feast**. We will prepare a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner with roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry relish, green peas, squash or yams, salad, and, of course, pumpkin pie! Please meet us in the kitchen at 9:30 to help prepare the feast, which will be served at noon for \$5/person.



- November 21: **Holiday Crafts**. We will knit some fun Christmas ornaments and make small pincushions as gifts.

- November 28: **Holiday Crafts**. We will continue to make ornaments, but we also need to finish sewing the many stuffed animals that we started to make at the end of summer, so that they will be ready in time to present them to our many Wednesday Coffee youngsters at our Holiday Party on December 12.

Note: Please check the bulletin board on the wall by the International Center kitchen for additional information.

November Calendar

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23: **International Café**, Noon-1:15

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27: **Knit-Along**, 1:00-3:30

Nov. 7, 21: **Family Orientation**, 9:15

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28: **Wednesday Morning Coffee**, 10:00-Noon

Nov. 8: **International Cooking Experience**, 9:30-1:00

Nov. 13: **Executive Board Meeting**, 10:00

Nov. 12: **Veterans Day Holiday**

Nov. 13-16 **International Education Week**;

Nov. 13: **P.I.E. Awards**, 3:00-5:00

Nov. 14: **International Kitchen**, Noon

Undergraduate Scholarship Recipients

—by Ruth Newmark

In the September and October *Newsletters*, we featured the 2012 Friends Scholarship Awards Ceremony and told a little about the backgrounds and interests of our 14 graduate student scholarship recipients. In this, the November issue, you will read about our 31 undergraduate scholarship recipients.

As those who attended the May 22 Scholarship Awards Ceremony may recall, our Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Dr. Penny Rue, spoke to us about her strong belief in the importance of an international education. In her remarks, she alluded to her own study-abroad period as an undergraduate. I thought that it might be of interest to find out where she had studied and what had prompted her to do so. This is Dr. Rue's response:



Vice Chancellor Rue

"In the Fall of 1973, I embarked upon my study abroad adventure. My older sister and brother had participated in AFS to Mexico in high school, and my brother studied in Spain in college. Both of them urged me in the strongest possible terms to make it happen for myself. I worked extra summer jobs to help create the possibility. As an English major and a lover of all British literature, there was no question I was going to England. The experience of immersing myself in the modern day equivalent of a world whose cultural capital I had been absorbing since my first literary love affair with the Bronte sisters in junior high school was profound." Dr. Rue



Wroxton College

also attached a photo of Wroxton College, in Oxfordshire, where she studied. Who would not fall in love with this quintessential English manor house?

Undergraduates Studying Abroad on the UC Education Abroad Program

☛ **Isabella Blasi** is an ERC student majoring in Urban Studies. Because the Language and Culture program fulfills requirements for her minor in International Migration Studies, she has chosen to enroll at the University of Cordoba this fall, leaving open the possibility of extending her stay in Spain for a year. "I believe a global perspective is essential for making informed decisions on immigration policies and reform."

☛ **Yu-Ting (Jenny) Cheng** is heading to Britain "because the experience will give me the necessary perspective I'm seeking in order to become a world citizen. I was raised in Taiwan, and immigrated to the U.S. when I was eight years old." At the University of Manchester, Jenny will continue to pursue her passion for international studies.

☛ **Kristi Cheng**, who has her career all staked out (medical school in pursuance of becoming a pediatrician) has chosen to study at the International Christian University in Tokyo for two main reasons: she wants to add Japanese to her knowledge of Taiwanese, Mandarin, and Cantonese, and ICU being on the quarter system like UCSD, it will not hamper her plan to complete her undergraduate studies in four years.

☛ **Stephen Dailing** will spend a year in France at the Paris Institute of Political Studies. "I have never had the opportunity to travel abroad. Simply getting by has often been a struggle in my life. I chose International Studies to be my major, because I wanted to understand peoples and societies in the broadest scope possible, both interdisciplinary and internationally. The program at Sciences Po fits perfectly into my academic field."

☛ **Daniel Hernandez** moved to the United States from Mexico at age 14. While he had taken some basic English classes, he soon noticed that by living in the country, his knowledge of the language accelerated by leaps and bounds. Learning a new language and culture opened new opportunities, an experience which Daniel now wants to repeat at the UC Center for Language and Culture at Florence, Italy. As a Revelle Human Biology major, he is also excited about visiting the birthplace of science and seeing the contributions of Italian figures such as **Galileo Galilei** and **Vincenzo Tiberio**.



EAP students going to Australia, China, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Russia, Spain, the UK, and Thailand

☛ **Nicholas Johnson** is majoring in History with a special focus on Hispanic studies. He has chosen to spend a semester at The Complutense University in Madrid, “one of the best universities in the Spanish-speaking world, with a rich history since its establishment in 1293.

☛ **Peter Jombick** was born and raised in Slovakia. “After the fall of communism, I looked up to positive examples of countries that had successfully transformed their governance. Hong Kong, in particular, has an incredible record of socio-economic transformation, successfully achieving a peaceful multicultural society and thriving economy.” Peter will spend the fall at the University of Hong Kong taking political science and sociology classes that are specifically themed around governing Chinese and Hong Kong societies.

☛ **Avi Kabani**, a drama student, chose to study in England during the summer, in part to learn more about international business practices at the University of Sussex, in part to help promote a non-profit organization that he is passionate about. Sponsored by the Jamaican musician **Ziggy Marley**, whose performance at the Olympics would give the NGO essential visibility, U.R.G.E. helps underprivileged children in Jamaica by sending them books, money, and building schools.

☛ **Rebecca Kennedy** describes herself as “hapa,” Hawaiian slang for people who are ethnically half-and-half—part Japanese, part European in Rebecca’s case. A student of Literature with plans to pursue a Ph.D. in that field, Rebecca has earned a remarkable cumulative GPA of over 3.9, and says that of her experiences at UCSD, her participation in the Nikkei Student Union and in her Russian language classes stand out. She will continue her study of Russian at the St. Petersburg State University this fall.

☛ **Veronica Lin** believes that it is essential for a student majoring in Chinese Studies to visit China. She has chosen to spend the summer and fall in Beijing, hoping to explore China through the lens of a photojournalist,

to become culturally and linguistically fluent, and to connect with her roots.

☛ **Cory Pallanck** is a returning student, an experienced backpacker, a videographer, and, as he puts it, “currently a student of Political Science majoring in International Relations with focus on Latin America.” He will spend the fall at the National Autonomous University of Mexico taking courses in line with his professional background in fine arts.

☛ **Seo Park** has a clear goal in mind: he wants to spend part of his senior year abroad to experience a new environment, people, and culture and to conduct meaningful research. He has chosen to do so at the Frontier Lab at Osaka University that offers international students the opportunity to become members of working lab teams and participate in hands-on scientific investigations.

☛ **Alexa Rocero**, a Communications and Political Science major, is heading to Bangkok, Thailand to study at Thammasat University, one of the country’s oldest institutions of higher learning (established in 1934). The EAP program “offers UC students a chance to examine the evolving relationships of the different economic sectors, political factions, and shared socio-cultural principles of Thailand, while gaining perspectives into key issues of the broader Southeast Asian region.”

☛ **Chapman Seto**, like many of UCSD’s students, is a first generation Asian-American, He has his sights set on experiencing a new culture, and has chosen to study computer science in Scotland, well aware that computer science is a universal language, but greatly interested in how the teaching style in the U.K will differ from that in the States.

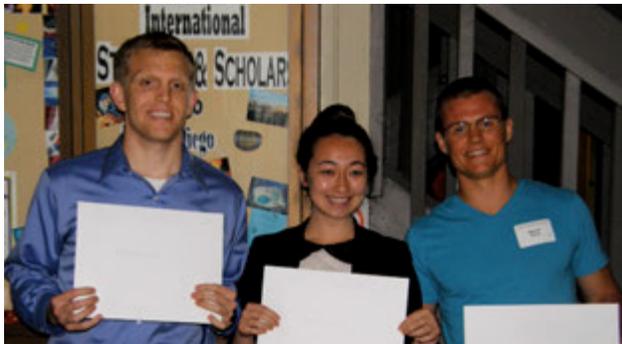
☛ **Daniel Vollmer** has chosen to study in the UK, where his chosen field of linguistics is not dominated to the same degree by disciples of **Noam Chomsky** or influenced as heavily by cognitive scientists as it is in the U.S., but especially here at UC San Diego. “For

example, the University of Kent, Canterbury, my host institution, offers classes in historical linguistics and typology.”

☛ **Sarah Yang**, whose field of concentration is Political Science-International Relations, has chosen to study at the University of Lyon to strive for French language fluency and nurture a greater world perspective. Her career interests lie in international social justice work, and she would like to explore this interest “in relation to immigration, within the greater case study of France.”

☛ **Andrew Yeung** has two OAP experiences (five weeks each in Australia and Costa Rica) behind him. He is now looking to spend time in Asia, at the University of Hong Kong, where he intends to take courses in Chinese music, history, and Cantonese. This may lead one to believe that Andrew’s primary interests are in the humanities, but in actuality his major is Biology, and he is planning a career in the health services.

☛ **Won Yim** is a U.S. Air Force veteran, having been deployed to Kirkuk for “our mission of ‘Fight for Iraqi Freedom.’” Presently a Revelle College senior majoring in Economics, with a commendable GPA of 3.83, Won will spend a year studying at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, expanding his interest in business, first acquired while serving in the military as a journeyman for vehicle management, ultimately scheduling for routine maintenance 2,666 vehicles valued at \$119 million.



OAP students going to Argentina and on Semester at Sea

Undergraduates Studying Abroad on Opportunities Abroad Programs

☛ **Young-Mi Ashworth** is a student of Human Development. In coordination with her major, she has chosen a Semester at Sea, a program that visits multiple countries, with a one-time cruise ship serving as its academic campus. Wrote Young-Mi: “I will be exposed to multiple cultures that can provide much insight into diversity and can change the way I see people.”

☛ **Gerrit Davis** is described as a student who is a joy to have in one’s class, something that may well go together with his 3.82 GPA. He perceives his OAP study in Argentina as a dream come true, a dream that

will allow him to become fluent in Spanish. “Whether I choose to become a firefighter-paramedic or pursue the medical field as a doctor, having command over the Spanish language will allow me to serve my community at a higher standard.”

☛ **Brett Rasmussen**, who has a near perfect GPA, says that a stint with Medlife in a poverty-stricken area of Peru, carrying heavy bags of cement to help the locals build a simple set of stairs, instilled in him not only a proper respect for manual labor, but also a desire to study abroad. He learned that “one needs more than book knowledge to really understand and help a population.” The fall will see Brett at Semester at Sea.



Global Seminar students going to Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, and Spain

Undergraduates Studying Abroad on Global Seminars

☛ **Emily Deng**, like many of our Friends Scholarship recipients, is high achiever, who has already seen significant parts of the world—China (and more briefly other countries in Asia), Canada, and Mexico. This summer she went to Berlin, Germany, to participate in a course on 20th Century World History. Says Emily, “As an ERC student and an International Studies / Economics major, studying abroad is highly recommended.”

☛ **Bethany Hamrick** knew from the moment that she learned of the Global Seminar program that she was going to go to Greece. “I just needed a way to get there. Being a Theater major, I specifically chose a program that would take me to Athens. The experience of seeing the Theater of Dionysus, and being where theater began, would awaken in me indescribable feelings of gratitude and humility.”

☛ **Ligia Hernandez** is a Sociology major and so it is not surprising that she was attracted to Cadiz for its different cultural practices. “It will be interesting to learn how the Spanish dialect spoken serves as a source of unity and how it effects class status. It will also be interesting to learn how much of the traditional flamenco folklore has remained intact and what has changed over time.”

☛ **Patrick Mullen** describes himself as a non-traditional student. "I am 26 years old and have been exploring the globe on the little time off that I have between work and school. Most of my travels have been to Central America, where I have spent time getting to know the local people while searching for surf along the rugged coastlines. I have driven to Panama twice from San Diego." No doubt these experiences have prepared Patrick well for the Global Seminar in Cadiz, Spain.

☛ **Scott Natsuhara** explains in his scholarship application that his only international experience has been in International House through interaction as a resident advisor for Eleanor Roosevelt College. He has, however, prepared himself exceptionally well for the Renaissance in Rome program by taking courses on Ancient Rome, the Northern Italian City-States, and Fascist Italy. "

☛ **Lauren Sawyer** received such a strong letter of recommendation from a member of the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry with such a precisely formulated statement of Lauren's reasons for selecting the Athens' program on Drugs, Behavior, and the History of Neuroscience in Greece that I quote: "She is interested in Greece in particular in order to gain an appreciation of the history of psychopharmacology in the region of its origin; to learn about different approaches to psychology around the world; and to gain a broader worldview of other cultures to promote her own personal growth. I have no doubt that she will meet these goals and benefit tremendously from the travel abroad experience."

☛ **Aaron Tumamao** writes: "Majoring in history, I am excited to travel to Greece, the center and origin of Western civilization. By traveling to Athens this summer, this will be the first time that I have left the country. I hope that from this experience, it will be an exciting story to tell my students if I were to pursue my career path as a high school history teacher."

☛ **Roxana Wiswell** is only 19 and, according to her, is the youngest person to be accepted into the Public Health program in Jordan. "Independence, Impartiality, Innovation: Bringing Emergency Care to People in Crisis. These are the words I see each morning as I open my eyes, in bold red font on a poster taped to the ceiling of my room. Médecins Sans Frontières, or Doctors Without Borders, sent it to me, as a thank-you gift for donating. It hangs above my bed where I'll see it at the start of each day, reminding me of all that I am working toward: I want to be a surgeon, and my dream is to join MSF or a similar organization. I am studying Public Health in Amman, because I think it embodies a career I want to have, and will help me achieve it."



Awards Ceremony photographs by Lou Adamo

Mark Your Calendar Holiday Lunch

Tuesday, December 11, Noon

International Café

Fridays continue to bring a large crowd to the International Center, eager to sample an internationally flavored lunch menu at \$5 a person. Café hours are noon to 1:15 p.m. Café Coordinator **Martin Lahtov** has chosen some exciting dishes that represent the cuisines of four different countries:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Nov. 2:	Spain	Division of Social Sciences
Nov. 9:	Jamaica	Del Mar Rotary
Nov. 15:	Morocco	International House
Nov. 30:	England	To be determined

Martin also reports that the new chef, **Ia Yang**, started work in September. "She is a Cordon Blue graduate and very eager to join the Friday Café team."

Membership

Please welcome our two newest members: **Cynthia Leal** (cleal@ucsd.edu) and **Irene Allison** (iallison@ucsd.edu), both of whom actively help in our Resale Shop.

We are saddened to report the death of **Roy Harvey Pearce** (1919-2012), founder and first chair of the UCSD Literature Department. Roy and **Marie** were instrumental in the building of the International Center and life members of the Friends. On campus, Roy championed our organization, most importantly during his time as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies. He is survived by Marie, who sadly suffers from Alzheimer's.

On September 25, we lost yet another good member of the Friends. Wrote **Gayle Barsamian**: "**Huizhu Xuan** was a former Resale Shop volunteer and a loyal Wednesday lady for many years. She dealt with her illnesses [multiple cancers] with a great attitude and wonderful smile." It was nice to hear from **Maryruth Cox** that Huizhu's experience and friends at the International Center meant a great deal to her. We extend our condolences to Huizhu's husband, Dr. **Zhengxu Qian**.

Additionally, we learned of the death in September, at age 94, of **Susan Scholander**, an early Friend.

Thank you, Gayle!



Gayle Barsamian at the I-Center

How does one recognize someone for her many contributions to the International Center? More specifically, how does one honor **Gayle Barsamian** for her six years (2006-2012) of being the Coordinator of the Friends Resale Shop?

First by expressions of thanks. Wrote Scholarship Committee Chair, **Ruth Newmark**: "As a former shop owner, I am fully aware how much time and effort you have put into making the Resale Shop viable, and I thank you. I thank you most of all for seeing the Shop as much more than a money maker, but as a safe and friendly place for people of different ages, backgrounds, and outlooks to get together, and as a place where some of our foreign visitors can experience volunteering in action, and practice English, should they wish to. That the Resale Shop has been the bulwark of the Friends scholarship program goes without saying; that the Shop helps to further the international education of many UCSD students (45 this year alone) is something of which we—above all you—can be very proud."

In the summer, President **Joan Adamo** convened a meeting to discuss the future path of the Shop without Gayle Barsamian at its helm. Also discussed was having a luncheon to thank Gayle for her many years of

service. However, when Joan asked Gayle about possible dates, Gayle replied that it wasn't necessary and she would rather see the money be spent in other ways. The Friends Board then came up with another idea—that a scholarship be awarded this year in Gayle's name.

Explained Joan in a thoughtful note to Resale Shop volunteers: "Since the proceeds from all your labors go to our scholarship program, this seemed to us to be a fitting tribute. Gayle writes that she appreciates this acknowledgment of her contributions, and requests that the recipient be an anthropology student. And so, happily, the Friends will award a *Gayle Barsamian Scholarship* this year. I thought you would all like to know."

No doubt speaking for her fellow Shop volunteers, **Fran Doolittle** replied: "What a great idea! Leave it to Gayle to think of the students rather than herself."

Alma Coles' immediate response was to send a donation to the Gayle Barsamian Scholarship!

Additional contributions to Gayle's scholarship are welcome. Please send your donation to Friends of the International Center.

HELP NEEDED!

- Nov. 12: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Dec. 7: 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

In preparation for the Resale Shop's Annual Holiday Sale on Friday, December 7, **Jeri Abernathy** is organizing a sorting party of holiday merchandise. Scheduled for Monday, November 12, Veterans Day at UCSD when we will have the Center to ourselves, this is an excellent time to sort and tag the holiday items. We need helpers for both the Sorting Party and the Sale; please contact Jeri at <jalaw9@sbcglobal.net> or call her at (760) 632-9895 to volunteer.

Jeri also reports: "Due to volunteer staff attrition, we have had to reduce hours, but we are still open five days per week. And we are making great money for scholarships."

*Looking for that perfect gift? Come to the
FRIENDS RESALE SHOP HOLIDAY SALE*

—Proceeds go for UCSD international scholarships—



Friday, December 7, 2012: 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

on the walkways outside of the Resale Shop

*Holiday decorations, greeting cards, and
treasures from around the world*

In case of torrential rain on Friday, the sale will be held on

Monday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

International Center Dining Room

SCHOLARSHIP LETTERS

Dear Friends,

I am a Friends scholarship recipient for the Global Seminar in Athens, Greece for the Summer of 2012. I'm writing to thank you so much for contributing to my experiences this summer!

Since coming to Athens, I feel like studying abroad has really changed my perspective not only about the world, but about myself and my capabilities as an individual. I have grown stronger, more independent, and have developed a wanderlust for world travel now that I have experienced life abroad. What a great way to get an education through UCSD! I have made so many new friends and will continue to expand my travels as I go on after UCSD. I would do all of this again in a heartbeat! Again, thank you so much Friends of the International Center for helping me in discovering the world.

Lauren Sawyer

Bethany Hamrick also spent the summer in Greece enrolled in UC San Diego's Global Seminar program. For her report, she referred me to her blog. Rather than quoting descriptions of what we have come to expect as the standard things to do and see in Greece, I am sharing here Bethany's account of a visit in Athens to a little known museum located in the former Pouloupoulos hat factory.

The next museum was my favorite one!!!! Can you believe I wasn't allowed to take any pictures? Dang it! We went to the **Melina Merkouri** Cultural Center. Here, the first floor was completely dedicated to the Shadow Puppet Theater in Greece.

BAWWW! I wanted pictures of Karagiozis, the down-on-his-luck fictional character that always out-smarts the boss man and the bourgeoisie of Greece and wins in the end. All the puppets were beautiful and the

advertisements like movie posters. These shows were the main form of political satire, news, entertainment, etc. for the people. This [form of entertainment] was a big deal in Greece. It is so interesting that the use of puppets is coming back today. Using puppets to make a point is really the hot thing to do now among experimental theatre groups.. What goes around comes around!

The second floor of the museum is reconstructed to look like a main street in Athens in the early 20th century. I wanted to take pictures of this too. But alas, none of you will know what Athens might have looked like in the 1920s.

Rare nowadays, this note came via the postal service, on a nice postcard of Santorini:



Hi Friends,

Greetings from the Mediterranean! I have been having a phenomenal summer with so many amazing and memorable experiences, from visiting mosques and a public bath in Turkey to swimming and riding a donkey in Santorini, Greece. I have been having the time of my life. Through my studies I have learned so much about different cultures, as well as from the places I have been visiting. Thank you for all your contributions and making this one of the most enriching summers of my life.

Best,

Young-Mi Ashworth

Friends Scholarship recipient, Semester at Sea participant

Scholarship Connections: *Friends have heard me say more than once that the joy of being chair of our Scholarship Committee is getting to know our student recipients. Over the last four years, **Elena Aronova** has come to **Leonard** and my house a number of times, and we have always enjoyed our talks about her native country, Russia, her family, and her work, which has focused*

September 19, 2012

Some good news to share:

For the last few months, I've been looking for an opportunity to work at the intersection of management consulting and architecture. After a protracted search and a brief East Coast foray, I've accepted a position as a workplace analyst in Washington, DC. I will be working at the DC office of HOK, an international architecture firm, in the firm's consultancy practice.

I'll be moving from Berkeley to DC sometime in the next two weeks (as soon as I can find a reasonably-priced apartment, which may or may not exist.).

Sam Lyon

*In 2008, Sam received a **Kwan and Marion So Scholarship** for study in China, followed in 2010 by a **Friends Scholarship**, this time for a full year's study in Beijing at Peking University.*

most recently on the Cold War and its relationship to the history of science. It has given me added joy to be part of her connections with other Friends Scholarship recipients, such as with **Robert Long** in the History Department, who brought Elena to the 2010 Friends Annual Dinner, when Bob received his own scholarship award to conduct research in Spain for his dissertation on dissident artistic expression under Generalissimo Franco. Similarly, it was good to hear from **Matthew Shindell**, a 2007 Friends Scholarship recipient, who had spent time in Russia looking at material on the Soviet Union's work in space science. In September 2012, I got an e-mail from Matthew, who meanwhile had completed his dissertation (*The New Prophet: Harold C. Urey, Scientist, Atheist, and Defender of Religion*), and was on campus as an NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow (but researching in Washington, DC). Trying hard to stay on the West Coast, Matthew revealed that he was taking up a second postdoc at USC. He concluded his note, "By the way, I heard that a colleague of mine interviewed your husband for her dissertation—Elena Aronova. I went to her defense and she mentioned him there."

So, I was not surprised, but delighted, to get the following kind message from Elena herself, and am now proudly reading her dissertation, *Studies of Science Before "Science Studies": Cold War and the Politics of Science in the U.S., U.K., and the U.S.S.R., 1950s-1970s, with an illuminating chapter on the role of the Salk Institute and its attempts to bridge the cultural divide between the sciences and humanities.* —**Ruth Newmark**

Dear Ruth,

Time started to run very quickly soon after we met last time. I have received a job offer from the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, which I accepted, and since the position starts in September, I had to finalize my dissertation and finish my Ph.D. here very quickly. It's such a pity that I did not have a chance to see you before my departure and to hand you personally a copy of my dissertation as a courtesy—and in hope that you'll find the Salk Institute chapter a somewhat interesting read. I've left the bound copy for you at the International Center; please check it out when you have a chance.

Thank you again for everything you have done for me, for the wonderful conversations, and for welcoming me in your house. My warmest regards to both of you.

Elena Aronova



Poster for a scientific conference that Elena (second from left) organized at the Alfred Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, Greifswald, Germany

UCSD Crafts Center

I just completed my annual thesis committee meeting with professors, and am preparing to give a talk on one of my thesis projects at Salk Institute.

I have also been trying to find a way to improve the situation of UCSD Crafts Center, where I had been taking ceramics classes for over the past three years. UCSD suddenly announced the closure of Crafts Center due to budget cuts and expenses associated with the necessary remodeling. Since classes at Crafts Center used to be offered at night, and we even had access to the studio 24 hours, after a long day of experiments in lab, we got to sit in front of the wheel quietly and unwind. Working on ceramics has been tremendously helpful to maintain the welfare of graduate student life. I cannot stress the importance of Crafts Center and how many times I was saved from difficulty of research by coming to Crafts Center. In fact, I came up with numerous ideas for my thesis projects while I was working on my ceramics pieces.

In addition, UCSD Crafts Center has been a great hub for me to meet people from the local community. As an international student coming from Japan, I rarely have an opportunity to get to know people outside of UCSD community. At Crafts Center, however, I have been able to meet people with various backgrounds. I would like to emphasize the importance of Crafts Center not only to the UCSD student body, but also to the local community. Closing such excellent hub of arts and crafts deteriorates the contributions that UCSD has been making to the La Jolla community.

With these ideas in mind, some fellow graduate students and I are trying to see if there's any way we could possibly reopen Crafts Center. If you happen to know anyone who would be interested in this issue and improving the situation, and if you could spread the word, I would be sincerely grateful.

Marito Hayashi

Biological Sciences Graduate Program

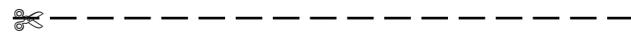
A New International Cooking Experience

Mary Woo and Jennie Chin have begun to offer a new International Cooking Experience (formerly known as Cooking in America). They see this Experience as an opportunity for participants to sample different dishes from around the world, including the United States. They stress that the cooking class will involve hands-on participation, so please bring an apron.

Classes will be held once a month on the second Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person per class. One may sign up for a single session or for a quarter's worth of sessions (no guests permitted, no substitutions); payment must be received in advance, but no later than two days preceding the class. Sessions must have at least six students, otherwise they will be cancelled and money refunded.

Do not expect full course meals, but rather expect to learn how to prepare one or two dishes followed by a chance to sit down with your fellow participants to taste them. Emphasis will be on teaching our foreign visitors the varied foods we eat at home. Tentatively planned for October was Caramelized Chipotle Chicken with Rice and possibly a dessert. The November 8 class will feature Pot Roast with Roasted Vegetables, and the December 13 class will showcase two soups: Butternut Squash and Tomato Basil. Unless specified, dishes will not be gluten-free. Also in the works may be a shopping trip to Ralphs to initiate our international visitors into the mysteries of the American supermarket.

If you are interested, please contact Jennie Chin at <enjen1@hotmail.com> or call her at (858) 755-2348. And please do share this information with our international students, scholars, and their spouses.



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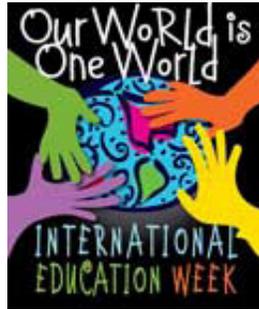
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