

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
International Studies Committee
Annual Report, 1996-97

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Highlights

Among the highlights of the 1996-97 academic year in International Studies were:

First Borgenicht Scholar-in-Residence (Fall Semester 1996),
Professor Yair
Hirschfeld of Haifa University (Israel)

"Negotiating Peace in the Middle East," a special course
offered by Professor
Hirschfeld in cooperation with Professor Jim Bill and Dr.
Michael Clark

International Studies Committee approves a new program at
Universidad
Iberoamericana in Mexico City scheduled for summer 1998

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence grant awarded to William and
Mary to support a
Russian scholar of contemporary Russian art and culture
(Spring 1998)

New academic exchange agreement concluded between the
Department of Applied
Sciences at the College of William and Mary and the Centre
des Sciences
Appliquées de Lyons in France

From Summer 1996 to Spring 1997, more than 200 William and
Mary
undergraduates participated in study abroad programs

William and Mary scholarship funds for study abroad continue
to grow. Thirty-two William and Mary students received partial funding
for 1996-97 programs
abroad.

Members of the International Studies Committee, 1996-97

Arts and Sciences representatives: Brian Blouet (Chair), Clyde Haulman (Chair,
Academic Programs Subcommittee), Hans von Baeyer (Chair, Programs Abroad
Subcommittee), Stephen Ndegwa, Sue Peterson, George Strong, Ronald Hallett,
Waldemar Eger, John Williams, Representatives of the Schools: Rakesh Bhala (School of
Law), Charles Gressard (School of Education), Jesse Tarleton (School of Business
Administration). Ex officio members: James Bill, Craig Canning, Michael Clark, Mark

Fowler and Ann Moore. Student representatives: Joseph Colao, Moira Campion and Lola Rodriguez.

Committee members are elected by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Representatives of the Schools of Business, Education, Law, and Marine Science are appointed by the respective deans of those schools. Student representatives are appointed to the committee by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences upon recommendation from the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Responsibilities of the Committee

The International Studies Committee (ISC) advises the Director of International Studies, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and the Provost on international education at the College. The committee also supervises the curriculum in international studies and makes recommendations to the Educational Policy Committee.

Two subcommittees advised the International Studies Committee during the 1996-97 academic year: the Academic Programs and Programs Abroad Subcommittees. Summaries of the subcommittee activities appear below.

I. PROGRAMS ABROAD

New Programs

A new undergraduate program in languages, Hispanic Studies in Mexico, was approved in March, 1997 for a trial run as a Topics Program in the summer of 1998. Students will enroll directly in a range of courses at Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City under the supervision of a William and Mary faculty director. Assistant Professor Jonathan Arries will serve as the first director. By the summer of 1998, William and Mary students will have approved language programs available in all of the languages offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures except Portuguese. Moreover, if the Mexico program eventually develops into a permanent summer offering, William and Mary students will have at least one affordable study abroad opportunity in each of the world regions presently targeted by International Relations and International Studies degree programs--Latin America, East Asia, Russia, Europe and the Middle East.

In addition, 1996-97 saw the development of a new exchange program between the Applied Sciences Department at William and Mary and the Centre des Sciences Appliquées in Lyon, France. The International Studies Committee also agreed to a request from the Provost to consider expanding possibilities for collaboration with the University of Exeter.

Exchanges

In 1996-97, the Greenwich Hospital Exchange entered its first year of operation with the arrival of Sam Fairclough, a recent graduate of the Royal Hospital School in Ipswich,

England who spent one semester at the College through a scholarship provided by Greenwich Hospital (a Royal trust which funds and administers the Royal Hospital School, a boarding school for the sons and daughters of naval personnel). In return, Forrest Christian, a Government concentrator, became the first William and Mary student to serve as resident tutor at the Royal Hospital School. Christian's report on the experience provided valuable background information to the next set of applicants for the resident tutor position. In April 1997, Andrew Schneider, a Government and History double concentrator, was selected to serve as the second resident tutor from William and Mary during the 1997-98 academic year.

All the College's graduate and undergraduate exchanges saw continued interest and participation in 1996-97. The tuition exchanges presently include two MBA exchanges with institutions in Norway and Costa Rica; one undergraduate business exchange with the University of Manchester Institute of Technology in Manchester, England; one undergraduate history exchange involving five European institutions; and three exchanges which may involve either undergraduates or graduate students with Kanazawa University in Japan, the University of Adelaide in Australia, and McGill University in Canada. In 1996-97, three students received scholarships to participate in the US/EU comparative history exchange: Jennifer Ladenheim attended Leicester University in England in Fall Semester 1996, while Dennis McLoughlin attended Leicester and David Lawson attended Humboldt University in Germany in Spring Semester 1997. Two more students were selected in 1996-97 to participate in the US/EU exchange in 1997-98.

William and Mary and Exeter have had a long-standing exchange scholarship program. In 1996-97, Mark Klingman received a scholarship to study physics at Exeter, and Rajarshi Roy attended the College of William and Mary as a candidate for the M.A. in History. Charlotte Ryland, a visiting scholar from St. Andrews University, was also a candidate for an M.A. in History. In addition to the St. Andrews scholarship, she received an assistantship from the History Department.

Finally, a faculty exchange between William and Mary and Leiden University in the Netherlands continued with visits to the College in July 1996 by Secretary General and Registrar Mr. Wilbert van den Berg and in September 1996 by Mr. Henk Hendrix, Coordinator of Education, Research, and International Programs in the Faculty of Arts. During the 1996-97 academic year, Professor Frederik Beukema was appointed visiting professor in the Department of English at William and Mary while Associate Professor Susan Donaldson temporarily joined the faculty at Leiden University.

Student Achievements

Once again, William and Mary students proved successful in winning competitive scholarships. Melody Westmeyer accepted an award from the James A. Bill scholarship fund and an additional scholarship from the Association of International Educators of Japan (AIEJ) to attend Kanazawa University in Japan in 1996-97. Hyun Paek became the fifth William and Mary student in succession to receive a Mombusho Scholarship from the Japan Ministry of Education and used it to enroll in Kanazawa University. As part of

the academic exchange which was established in 1991, William and Mary welcomed two Japanese students from Kanazawa University in 1996-97: Ms. Yukie Date and Mr. Yasushige Sano.

In 1996-97, the Parents' Association again supported study abroad with a generous allocation of scholarship monies which, although available to all qualified applicants, were of particular benefit to multicultural students who might not otherwise have the funds to study abroad. In addition to the scholarships for study in Japan and the Parents' Association awards previously mentioned, scholarships included awards from the James A. Bill Fund, the US/EU Exchange Scholarships, the Elsa M. Diduk Fund and the Siemens Corporation Scholarship Fund for summer study in Muenster, the University of Muenster Scholarship for a junior year of study in Muenster, the German-American Friendship Association, the Exeter Exchange Scholarship Fund and the National Security Education Program.

Enrollments

Enrollment levels increased steadily in 1996-97, with more students pursuing semester or academic year programs (Appendix 1). Currently, students appear to believe that longer stays abroad now make more sense economically, academically, and culturally. The availability of scholarships and tuition exchanges may also provide an incentive to students to extend their stays. In the spring of 1997, a record number of 26 students enrolled in the Junior Year in France and a 27th was added in July. The Summer in Cambridge Program was the most successful in many years, when 31 students accompanied Director Joel Schwartz and Professor John Conlee to England to study British Political Thought and Medieval Literature.

International Students

Programming for international students improved as new community groups came forward to suggest activities for incoming foreign students. A bus tour of Tidewater Virginia was introduced in Fall Semester 1996 and the traditional group dinner at the conclusion of orientation week remained a popular event. Transfer and exchange students who arrived at the beginning of Spring Semester were also invited to a welcome dinner. Friendship International and the Christopher Wren Association continued to participate actively in orientation activities for international students.

English as a Second Language

The Programs Abroad Subcommittee, after two years of study of the feasibility of offering the courses required to obtain State Certification for Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), opened discussions with the School of Education about the possibility of offering a summer school ESL course.

The committee's ESL initiative stems in part from opportunities integrated into academic exchanges for William and Mary students to teach English abroad following graduation.

As part of an exchange with Beijing Normal University (BNU) in China, for example, BNU hires a recent William and Mary graduate with interest and experience in ESL teaching to teach at Beijing Normal University. Sharon Dansereau, a 1996 graduate in English, taught at BNU in 1996-97. In the spring of 1997, Josh Goldberg, a double concentrator in History and Elementary Education, was selected to teach at BNU in 1997-98.

1996-97 Program Directors

Summer in Cambridge, 1996 Professor of English	David Essex, Adjunct Assistant (director) William Davis, Professor of English Roy Mathias, Associate Professor of
Mathematics Summer in Florence, 1996 of Italian	Franco Triolo, Associate Professor
Summer in Montpellier, 1996 of French	Maryse Fauvel, Associate Professor
Summer in Urbino, 1996 Art History	Marlene Jack, Professor of Art and
Tropical Biology in Costa Rica, 1996 Biology (director)	Martin Mathes, Professor of Ruth Beck, Associate Professor of Biology Xiaobin Jian, Associate
Summer/Fall in China, 1996 Professor of Chinese	
Junior Year in France, 1996-97 Professor of French	Maryse Fauvel, Associate
Summer in Cambridge, 1997 Government (director)	Joel Schwartz, Associate Professor John Conlee, Professor of English Theresa Johansson-Santini, Lecturer
Summer in Florence, 1997 in Italian	
Summer in Montpellier, 1997	Don Monson, Professor of French
Summer in Münster, 1997 of German	Günther Klages, Associate Professor (Vassar) Merry Feyock, Adjunct Instructor in
German Summer/Fall in China, 1997 Professor of Chinese	John Yin, Visiting Assistant

II. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In 1996-97 the subcommittee continued to oversee the concentrations and minors in International Relations and International Studies, and to organize standing faculty committees for each of William and Mary's six degree programs: East Asian Studies, European Studies, Latin American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Russian Studies and International Relations. Concentration Faculty Advisory Committees (CFACs) in East Asian Studies, African Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, and Russian Studies were active during the 1996-97 academic year. The Academic Programs Subcommittee and the Reves

Center continue to encourage the development of CFACs in European Studies, International Relations and Latin Americans Studies.

The East Asian Studies CFAC recommended modifications to East Asian Studies concentration requirements, which included the addition of several new courses. The committee's recommendation was approved by the Academic Programs Subcommittee and the full International Studies Committee (ISC). The committee also co-sponsored a conference entitled "East Asia: 1997 and Beyond," which was held on campus February 8, 1997.

The Russian Studies CFAC worked closely with the Russian Club throughout the year. Professor Bela Ginzburgsky-Blum once again served as faculty adviser for the Russian Club, which organizes films, lectures, receptions for alumni, and other special activities, and also distributes a newsletter about Club-sponsored events several times each year.

The Middle Eastern Studies CFAC met several times to discuss curricular issues and to prepare, under CFAC chair Professor John Eisele's leadership, a brochure describing William and Mary's program in Middle Eastern Studies.

The African Studies CFAC submitted a proposal for a concentration in African Studies which the Academic Programs Subcommittee and the full ISC approved. The proposal is currently under review by the Educational Policy Committee (EPC).

In 1996-97 Professors Terry Kleeman and Abdollah Dashti accepted joint appointments in East Asian Religion/International Studies (Kleeman) and Anthropology/International Studies (Dashti) and introduced new courses into the International Studies curriculum in support of the Non-Western History and Culture (GER-4B) requirement in the new General Education Requirements in Arts and Sciences.

At the recommendation of members of the International Studies faculty, the diploma award ceremony for graduates in International Relations and International Studies in May 1997 was scheduled at a later time to allow faculty members to participate in both their departmental and the International Studies ceremonies.

In 1996-97 a total of 71 students received B.A. degrees in International Studies, 51 in International Relations and 20 in Area Studies.

III. REVES CENTER ACTIVITIES

Borgenicht Peace Initiative

In Fall Semester 1996, Professor Yair Hirschfeld of Haifa University (Israel) became the first Borgenicht Scholar-in-Residence. Professor Yair Hirschfeld, along with James Bill and Michael Clark, taught a special course entitled "Negotiating Peace in the Middle East." In accordance with the terms of a recent endowment for peace studies from Mr. Jack Borgenicht, Israeli and Palestinian graduate students participated in the course in its

final weeks and assisted William and Mary students in organizing special "people-to-people" projects aimed at furthering the peace process.

In addition, with Professor Hirschfeld's assistance, the Reves Center organized the third Borgenicht International Peace Conference, "Investing in Peace," which was scheduled to be held on December 12-13, 1996. At the final hour, however, the conference was canceled due to a series of logistical and diplomatic complications which prevented key Palestinian and Israeli representatives from meeting at that time.

United States-European Union (US/EU) Comparative History Exchange and Scholarship Program

Student tuition exchanges continued among some members of the United State/European Union (US/EU) consortium of universities which was begun in 1993--Leicester University (England), Leiden University (The Netherlands), Leuven Catholic University (Belgium), Ghent University (Belgium), Cantabria University (Spain), and Humboldt University (Germany). In addition, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as Professor Leisa Meyer of the History Department represented William and Mary at a special intensive workshop on the comparative history of private and public space held at Leiden University in April 1997.

Faculty Support

The Reves Center assisted many faculty members whose professional activities support International Studies by providing them with minor grants for research, travel, conference participation, guest lecturers and other special programs. Reves Center funding was often combined with financial assistance from other sources, including departments or programs, the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Charles Center, and the Office of Academic Advising.

Lectures and Symposia

In 1996-97, the Reves Center and the International Studies Program sponsored or co-sponsored a wide range of lectures, symposia and other activities. The Reves Center once again organized a one-day international forum for teachers in the James City County and Williamsburg and Newport News School systems. In 1996 the topic was "From Africa to the Americas: Cultural Connections and Continuities in the New World." For a selected list of activities, see Appendix 2.

Reves Center Advisory Council

The Reves Center Advisory Council, a group of more than a dozen individuals of diverse international backgrounds and experience first organized during the 1994-95 academic year, continued to assist the Reves Center with program development and funding initiatives. Council member Marie-Therese Arango, for example, was instrumental in the early stages of planning and negotiation which led to the organization of the new William

and Mary program abroad at Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. The Council's third annual meeting, originally scheduled for April 1997, was postponed to October 1997 due to schedule conflicts.

Submitted by the International Studies Committee, 1997-98

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