

**COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY**  
**International Studies Committee**  
**Annual Report 1997-1998**

**Major Events**

**Among the major events of the 1997-98 academic year in International Studies were:**

- African Studies approved as an International Studies concentration in Spring 1998
- William and Mary wins Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Award, bringing Ekaterina Degot to campus to teach Russian Art in Spring 1998
- William and Mary Summer in Mexico program launched in 1998 with Professor Jonathan Arries as its first director
- Reves Center founding director James Bill steps down in June 1998 after eleven years as Director of International Studies
- Reves Center Advisory Council funds on-site director of 1998 William and Mary in China program
- William and Mary's Model United Nations team, sponsored by the International Relations Club, wins first prize at a competition at McGill University in January 1998, and places second in the World Model U.N. competition in Brussels in March 1998.

**Members of the International Studies Committee, 1997-1998**

*Arts and Sciences representatives:* Hans von Baeyer (Chair), Susan Peterson (Chair, Academic Programs Subcommittee), Ron Hallett (Chair, Programs Abroad Subcommittee), Jonathan Arries (Spring 1998), Kathleen Bragdon, Waldemar Eger (Fall 1997), Lewis Leadbeater, Stephen Ndegwa, Anne Rasmussen, Brad Weiss

*Representatives of the Schools:* Rakesh Bhala (School of Law), Brian Blouet (School of Education)

*Ex officio members:* James Bill, Brian Blouet, Craig Canning, Mark Fowler, Ann Moore

*Student representatives:* Thomas Brown, Moira Campion, Jonathan Pierce

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 1997-98 academic year: the Academic Programs and Programs Abroad Subcommittee. Summaries of the subcommittee activities appear below.

### **I. PROGRAMS ABROAD**

The College of William and Mary continued to rank among the top ten doctoral universities sending students abroad, as reported in *Open Doors*, a publication of the Institute of International Education, which last fall published the figures for 1996-97. This ranking, first achieved in 1994-95, does not reflect students from other universities who participate in William and Mary programs. The figures for 1997-98 are almost certain to place the College in the top ten once again because they show that 41 William and Mary students spent a full year abroad, 57 studied abroad in Fall Semester 1997, 99 studied abroad in Spring Semester 1998 and 163 William and Mary students earned credit abroad in Summer, 1998. These figures do not include 96 non-William and Mary students served by the College's programs (75 summer 1998 law students, 12 other summer students, and 9 who participated in the 1997-98 Junior Year in France). Neither will the numbers reflect students who may have received Monroe scholarships or other awards to support non-credit bearing research projects or those who choose to travel or do volunteer work abroad solely for the purpose of personal development.

A total of 341 degree-seeking William and Mary students were served by the Reves Center and 19 were served by the law school while earning credit in another country between August 1997 and July 1998; with non-William and Mary students included, the total number served by the College is 456. In addition to serving these students, the Programs Abroad Office staff handled visa matters for over 200 international students and made arrangements for approximately 20 exchange scholars who studied at the College in 1997-98.

The William and Mary in China program was offered in 1998 with a full-time resident faculty director on site with the group for the duration of the program for the first time,

thanks to a special grant from the Reves Center Advisory Council. Jonathan Noble, a 1993 graduate of the College of William and Mary and a Ph.D. candidate in Chinese literature at Ohio State University, departed for Shanghai in June with a group of 11 students. In addition to William and Mary students, the group included students from Amherst, the University of Vermont, and Johns Hopkins.

In 1997-98, a record number of students, 27 in all, participated in the Junior Year in Montpellier, France, under the supervision of Resident Director Don Monson. Extraordinarily large numbers were seen in some of the summer programs as well. Twenty students participated in the 1998

Summer in Florence program under the direction of Carole Gallucci, while 37 students signed up to study English literature and British politics with Director Alan Ward and Professor Thomas Heacox in Cambridge.

The most significant new program development in 1997-98 was the inauguration of a summer program in Mexico. Jonathan Arries accompanied the first group of fifteen students to Mexico City to spend five weeks at the Universidad Iberoamericana taking courses in Spanish language, Hispanic literature, and courses on the history of Mexican art, anthropology, international relations and a variety of other related subjects. Given the healthy application pool for the first program, the International Studies Committee tentatively approved the program for a second summer in 1999 and also approved a director's course to be offered in subsequent years on the program. Since this was a pilot program, approval was given subject to careful review after the first program concluded.

An exciting new feature of the summer programs was the fact that all the one-month summer language programs offered homestays. The 1998 Summer in Montpellier offered homestays for the first time as a pilot project, as did the 1998 Summer in Florence. Students on the Hispanic Studies in Mexico program lived with families in Mexico City, and students on the Summer in Muenster Program continued to stay with families as they have always done in the past. Students reported that the homestays helped to improve their language skills and offered them an excellent perspective on the culture of the countries they were studying.

## **Scholarships**

Thanks to the Parents' Association, the Reves Center Advisory Council, and the efforts of James Bill in the course of his last several years as Director of International Studies, the Reves Center was once again able to award over 30 full and partial scholarships from the James A. Bill Study Abroad Scholarship Endowment to young men and women who applied for financial assistance to help meet the costs of study abroad. Among the awards were full-year scholarships arranged through the efforts of the host universities which enabled students to attend Kanazawa University in Japan, the University of Westphalia in Muenster, and the University of Exeter. Partial scholarships provided assistance to summer program participants, and students enrolled in the Summer/Fall in China program and the Junior Year in France.

In Spring, 1998, three graduating seniors were selected for international appointments which, it was anticipated, would lead to future international career opportunities for all three. Christopher Gatto was chosen to spend a summer as a corporate intern at Canon Inc. in Japan before beginning law school, Abigail Sines was selected to teach English for one year at Beijing Normal University, and Bryant Etheridge was appointed as the 1998-99 resident tutor at the Royal Hospital School, where he will teach American Government.

### **Exchange Scholars**

1997-98 brought twenty talented students from other countries to enhance the William and Mary community as exchange scholars. The 1997 Frederica Lord Scholar, Cressida Finch, studied Buddhism and American History at William and Mary during Fall Semester 1997 then returned to England for six months of volunteer service before enrolling in an undergraduate degree program at Oxford. Victoria Pilley, who came from her home in Saudi Arabia to enroll in William and Mary as the 1997 Greenwich Hospital Scholar, began the study of Arabic as well as taking an American History course. Other exchange scholars who came to the College in 1997-98 included Kathryn Thomas from Adelaide who was invited, at the January orientation dinner for new international students, to join the William and Mary Model UN team. Thus, on her first full day at the College, Kathryn became a member of the now-famous William and Mary team which was to rank second only to Cambridge University in the world Model UN competition.

The US/EU exchange continued in 1997-98 with one William and Mary student spending a semester in Leiden, one in Leicester and one in Cantabria. In return, Helen Skidmore from the University of Leicester and Dior Van Nieuwenhuizen from the University of Leiden each spent one semester at William and Mary. Matthew Hammond from Exeter and Caroline Burns from McGill each chose to remain for one semester and then returned home because of academic obligations at their home institutions.

In 1997-98, William and Mary also welcomed Viktoria Varga, Sandrine Fabie, Brice Chaulet, and Albane Assante as exchange scholars from Montpellier. Dhanusha Sivajee and Rebecca Tickle attended business classes for a full academic year as participants in the tuition exchange with UMIST, and the 1997-98 Draper's Scholar, Maryse Selit, completed her LLM degree. The MBA exchanges continued to be very strong with three students from Norway and one from INCAE in Costa Rica attending classes during Fall Semester 1997.

William and Mary's study abroad programs continued to gain strength in 1997-98, and the Committee anticipates continued growth as programs are developed to complement the new African Studies concentration and support increasing international awareness in other areas of the College.

### **Program Directors**

#### *1997 Summer Programs*

Montpellier -- Don Monson

Florence -- Theresa Johansson-Santini

Cambridge -- Joel Schwarz/Faculty Member John Conlee

1997-98 Junior Year in France -- Don Monson

1997 Summer/Fall in China -- John Yin

*1998 Summer Programs*

Cambridge Alan Ward/Faculty Member -- Thomas Heacox

Florence -- Carole Gallucci

Montpellier -- Beatrice Guenther

Summer/Fall in China -- Jonathan Noble

Hispanic Studies in Mexico -- Jonathan Arries

## **II. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

In 1997-98 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 seven degree programs: African Studies, 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 1997-98 academic year. The Academic Programs Subcommittee continued to encourage the development of CFACs in European Studies, International Relations and Latin American Studies. In response to this encouragement, Professor Brian Blouet, 1997-98 Reves Scholar-in-Residence, and Professor Ann Marie Stock began to organize a Latin American Studies CFAC.

### **African Studies**

During the 1997-98 academic year, the African Studies CFAC submitted an African Studies concentration proposal first to the International Studies Committee, then to the Educational Policy Committee. After both committees had revised and endorsed the proposal, the faculty of Arts and Sciences approved the new degree program in March 1998. The African Studies CFAC began work on a brochure describing the new concentration, and on finalizing revisions on a core course for concentrators.

## **East Asian Studies**

Five speakers were brought to campus by the East Asian Studies CFAC in 1997-98. The group also organized a conference on Korea entitled "Korea Today: Economic, Political and Strategic Challenges," and were invited to participate in the official welcome for Jiang Zemin, President of the People's Republic of China, on his visit to Williamsburg in October 1997.

## **Middle Eastern Studies**

The Middle Eastern Studies CFAC supervised a number of curriculum issues throughout the year, and worked on a brochure describing the program that is aimed at high school students. The CFAC is also exploring the possibility of a Study Abroad program in Morocco.

## **Russian Studies**

The activities of the Russian Studies CFAC included expanding relevant Swem holdings as well as on line resources. Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Ekaterina Degot taught in the Spring semester two courses on Russian art. The major activity of the year was the conference "Reimagining Russia: Cultural and Artistic Transformations in Post-Soviet Russia," held April 3-4, 1998. This involved ten speakers, a film screening, and roundtable discussion. Professor Tony Anemone is now editing the proceedings for publication.

## **Joint Appointments**

Kris Lane, a joint appointment in History and International Studies, joined the faculty in 1997-98. Abdollah Dashti, Anthropology/International Studies, and Terry Kleeman, East Asian Religion/International Studies, each completed his second year on the faculty.

At the recommendation of members of the International Studies Committee and faculty, a reception was held in honor of graduating IR/IS students in PBK Hall on May 16, 1998, the day before the Diploma Award Ceremony itself on Sunday, May 17, in the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. In 1997-98, a total of 53 students received B.A. degrees in

International Studies: 33 in International Relations and 20 in Area Studies.

## **III. REVES CENTER ACTIVITIES**

### **Borgenicht Initiatives in International Peace**

In 1997-98 the Reves Center continued to organize programs as part of the Borgenicht Initiatives in International Peace. In November 1997, the Center in cooperation with *Middle East Insight*, a Washington, D.C.-based journal, sponsored a conference entitled

"America and the Middle East Peace Process: Interests, Responsibilities, and Limitations" which featured representatives of Israel, the Palestinian National Authority, Syria, and the United States. In addition, during the summers of 1997 and 1998 William and Mary students Rocky Weitz, Laura Pinnow, Taha Haidermota, Richard Oulahan, Rodolphe Costanzo, John Sheehan, and Lauren Frayer taught English to Palestinians and provided community service as part of a continuing "people-to-people" project in Bethlehem.

Planning for a second major Borgenicht Peace Initiative, this one focused on Bosnia and the Balkans, continued throughout the 1997-98 academic year. Five scholars were invited to campus during the year to deliver a public address on the Bosnia problem and meet with the project steering committee. One of the scholars, Dr. Mihailo Crnobrnja, an economist and former Yugoslavian official, was selected as the second Borgenicht Scholar-in-Residence. Dr. Crnobrnja will offer a special course during the 1998-99 academic year on the disintegration of Yugoslavia. In addition, as part of the same initiative, the Reves Center worked throughout the year with representatives of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law and the Council on America's First Freedom to prepare for an international conference entitled "Bosnia and the Balkans: Conflict and Reconstruction" which will be held at William and Mary on April 8-10, 1999.

Finally, the Reves Center began to plan for yet a third Borgenicht Peace Initiative, in cooperation with the Department of Religion and Department of Government, this one exploring the theme of religion and war.

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

Student tuition exchanges continued among some members of the United States/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 1997-98, three students participated in the exchanges with Leiden, Leicester and Cantabria Universities.

### **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.

### **Conferences, Lectures and Workshops**

In 1997-98 the Reves Center sponsored or co-sponsored a wide variety of conferences, lectures, and workshops, including International Forum VII, "East Asia: The Winds of Change," a one-day in-service conference for public school teachers; a McSwain, Harris, McCoy distinguished Lecture by former U.S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia Warren Zimmermann; an International Roundtable on U.S.-Iranian relations; a lecture by Professor Hans-Jürgen Schröder of the University of Giessen on German perspectives on the expansion of NATO; a conference on cultural and artistic transformations in post-Soviet Russia; a lecture on U.S. foreign policy toward Africa; a conference entitled "Korea today: Economic, Political and Strategic Challenges; and many other events.

### **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. The Advisory Council held its annual meeting at the Center on October 19-20, 1997. The Council received a set of reports on Reves Center activities and developments in International Studies at William and Mary from faculty, students, and the Center's staff. As its main business, the Council undertook to find a means to support an on-site program director for the 1998 William and Mary in China program.

### **Submitted by the International Studies Committee, 1998-99**

Ronald Hallett (Chair), Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Jonathan Arries (Chair, Programs Abroad Subcommittee), Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Brian Blouet (ex officio), School of Education representative

Craig Canning (ex officio), Interim Director of International Studies

Tom Collins, School of Law representative

Hugh Ducklow, School of Marine Science representative

Morton Eckhause, Department of Physics

Waldemar Eger, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

Mark Fowler (ex officio), Dean of Undergraduate Studies

David Johnson, student representative

Lewis Leadbeater, Classical Studies



Christopher MacGowan (ex officio), Acting Associate Director of International Studies

Todd Mooradian, School of Business representative

Ann Moore (ex officio), Head of Programs Abroad

Mayur Patel, student representative

Edward Pratt, Department of History

Anne Rasmussen, Department of Music

Ann Marie Stock (ex officio), Reves Scholar-in-Residence

Talbot Taylor, Department of English

Brad Weiss (Chair, Academic Programs Subcommittee), Department of Anthropology

Kathleen Zvarych, student representative

Appendix 1 Study Abroad numbers

Appendix 2 selected lectures