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Explore the World



SPAIN



David Carter
ILAP 2007
Seville



"In Spain, I gained maturity and practical work experience, improved my language skills and made new friends in Europe who showed me a different perspective on the world. With its rich culture and ancient cities, Spain encourages one to think more deeply about life - who we are and where we came from."

CHINA



Nick Johnson
ILAP 2007
Guangzhou



"It was a great experience to learn the culture and to contribute to the operations of a global energy provider. My understanding of Chinese culture was also enriched by living with a host family. My host family was very accommodating and made my transition to Chinese society easier. Traveling to China has changed my life and opened my mind to understand how other people live throughout the world."

GREECE



Natasha Lagoudas
Greece Leadership
Program



"This trip gave us a chance to experience Greece's contemporary and historical culture, develop communication skills, gain confidence, and be further encouraged to study abroad and become actively engaged in the international community."

Former Program Highlight

International Scholar Lecture Series

The International Scholar Lecture Series is a potentially on-going program of the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness intended to highlight important scholars at Texas A&M who have an important impact internationally. We hope to highlight one scholar per semester, and this began in the Spring of 2007. We hope to increase Texas A&M community's awareness of and interest in international affairs in their fields of study.

On February 22, 2007 Dr. Edwin Price became the first speaker for the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute's International Scholar Lecture Series Program. Dr. Price is currently the the Associate Vice Chancellor for International Agriculture and the Director of the Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture. Throughout his speech in the Wayne Stark Galleries, Dr. Price shared his experiences of working abroad to help others with their agricultural needs. Throughout the lecture Dr. Price explained the difficulties of working in international agriculture, but he also displayed how rewarding his work is for the world.

During Texas A&M's participation in USAID's Agricultural Reconstruction Development Project for Iraq, he assisted with initial assessments of agricultural needs and selection of demonstration sites, put together the three-year and following 1-year plans for agricultural demonstrations and subsequent crop introductions, and worked with other Texas A&M and project personnel to develop a series of in-country agricultural marketing workshops. The day after the ISLS lecture Dr. Price left for Iraq to continue his work.



Former Member Highlight

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to an individual who the Jordan Institute should be very proud to call one of our very own. Ms. Colleen Crenwelge (pictured below), Class of 2002, is a native of Fredericksburg, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in Economics and Political Science. During her time at Texas A&M, Ms. Crenwelge also served as the Chair of the Jordan Institute from Fall 1999-Spring 2000. Ms. Crenwelge is currently serving as a Foreign Service Officer with the United States Department of State. Foreign Service Officers advocate American foreign policy, protect American citizens, and promote American business interests throughout the world. They staff embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions devoted to strengthening peace, stability, and prosperity. After joining the Foreign Service in January 2003, Ms. Crenwelge served at a post in Lagos, Nigeria for two years and has currently been serving at a post in La Paz, Bolivia since July 2005. In the future, she plans to return home to the U.S. and continue her work in Washington D.C. When asked how participation in the Jordan Institute helped prepare her for experiences after graduating from Texa A&M, Ms.

Crenwelge responded: "As a Foreign Service officer, I rely heavily on time and people management skills developed during my time as chair of the Jordan Institute, when I worked with ten executives and dozens of committee members. I also rely on project and budget management skills honed while overseeing a wide range of Jordan Institute programs and initiatives. My experience as chair was invaluable." Ms. Crenwelge fondly remembered the rigorous process of interviewing candidates for the Jordan Institute Fellows Program. As she recalls, "We started the first round of interviews mid-afternoon and finished hours later...making our final selections was a long, difficult process." The former chair describes the Internship & Living Abroad Program to be one of her favorite initiatives of the Jordan Institute. When asked about the future of ILAP Ms. Crenwelge commented



that she "would like to see it expand still further, to include countries crucial to U.S. trade and investment, such as Canada and Mexico, and regional powers like India and South Africa. As these and other developing countries grow and prosper, knowledge of their societies and customs will become increasingly important." In light of her experiences both at Texas A&M and abroad, Ms. Crenwelge offers these words of advice to current Jordan members, "acquire as much international experience as possible before graduating. Time spent learning about new cultures is an invaluable means of ascertaining whether life overseas is appealing, and college is by far the best time to experiment." I am very grateful for Ms. Crenwelge being so willing to share these thoughts with the readers of this newsletter.

Trivia



1. This leader earned a doctorate of Physics before becoming involved in politics
2. She is only the third woman ever to serve on the G8.
3. Forbes magazine most recently declared that this female leader was the most powerful woman in the world.



1. This leader has a master's degree in Arabic literature.
2. In 1980, the Saddam Hussein government sentenced this man to death because of his political activism.
3. This leader has been quoted as saying, "I consider myself a friend of the U.S., but I'm not America's man in Iraq."



1. This leader authored the Eight Do's and Don'ts considered to be the ideological solutions to the moral problems in modern China.
2. He has attempted to move his country away from a policy of favouring economic growth at all costs and toward a more balanced view of growth that includes factors in social inequality and environmental damage.
3. Since the outbreak of SARS in his country, this leader has worked to steps to increase the transparency of reporting to international health organization.

Answers (in descending order): Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany; Nouri Kamel al-Maliki, Prime Minister of Iraq; Hu Jintao, President of China

Recipe

Bourtheto

This baked fish recipe comes from the Greek Island of Corfu which lies to the north of the Ionian sea at the entrance of the Adriatic. Bourtheto comes from the Italian brodetto, for broth. Traditionally, it was reddened with paprika, but since the arrival of the tomato over 100 years ago, it takes its color from the New World fruit. Any firm, white fish can be used for this recipe.

Ingredients:

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large white onion, grated
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 cup dry red wine



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