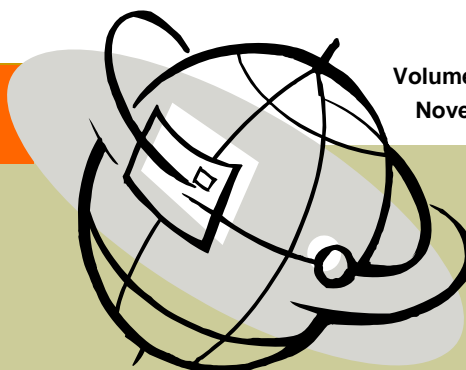


IR Matters!



Greetings from the IR Program

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IR Faculty (from left): Steve Stamos, David Mitchell, Adrian Mulligan, Emek Uçarer, Rose Shinko, Zhiqun Zhu. Not pictured: Richard Waller, Hilbourne Watson



Dear International Relations Students, Alumni, and Friends:

Welcome to our first International Relations newsletter, *IR Matters!* The Program has come a long way since its inception in 1983 when it began offering a major and minor—this year is our 25th anniversary. Since 1983, we have added faculty to the program, developed and offered many exciting new courses, and saw interest grow in both our classes and our major. Over the last 25 years, IR alumni have grown to approximately 1,000. Currently, 84 students in the junior and senior classes have declared International Relations as their major.

These are important milestones which are very exciting indeed! With this newsletter, we hope to bring you up to date on program news and to provide alumni with opportunities for staying in contact with each other and with the IR Program. So, it is with great pleasure that we present you with the Fall 2008 issue of *IR Matters!* In this issue, you will find notes regarding new faculty, events on campus, and updates on the work of our faculty. In this and subsequent issues, we will feature profiles of a student, an alumnus/a of the program, and a faculty member. We would love to hear from both our current students and our alumni, learn what you are doing, and provide you with opportunities for networking with current students and faculty as well as fellow graduates. Please write to us (international-relations@bucknell.edu) so that we can include information on your accomplishments.

In this issue, you will find a faculty profile for Prof. Zhu, MacArthur Chair in East Asian Politics, who joined our ranks this year. He has a dual appointment in the IR Program and the Political Science Department. He brings important expertise to our campus and we are delighted to have him here. Our alumna spotlight is on Laura Romah. Laura graduated in 2006 and is currently serving in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. Jacquelin Kataneksza is our featured student.

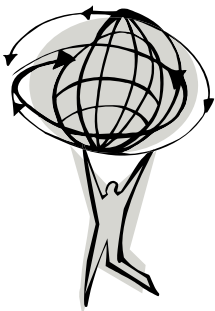
Greetings, Cont'd

Not long ago, we welcomed alumni back to campus for Homecoming 2008. It was great to catch up with those of you who could come and learn where your paths have taken you after Bucknell. Our alumni, like our students, are famously broad-minded and embark on diverse careers after graduating, including in public service and government work both nationally and internationally, private corporations, nonprofit organizations, law, and the academe. Although you are no longer walking our halls, you choose to return to Bucknell and remain in contact with us. When you contact us with updates in your lives, we read with gratification how you are making your own mark on our world. We would like to take this opportunity to extend special thanks to our alumni who have generously supported the IR Program. With the help of your donations, we have been able co-sponsor campus speakers, supplement faculty travel to research sites and conferences, bring back Bucknell IR alumni to connect with our current majors, and support attendance in off-campus conferences for current students and campus leaders working on issues that have important connections with the mission of the IR program.

We would like you—students, alumni, and faculty—to help shape this newsletter into a tool that connects, informs, and showcases. So we look forward to hearing from you with suggestions and comments. In the meantime, in the words of Garrison Keillor, “be well, do good work, and keep in touch.”

Emek M. Uçarer
Director, International Relations Program

Stay connected! Visit [B-link](#) and follow the link to International Relations Connection under Clubs and Networks Academic Interest Groups. Current seniors should be able to access B-link. Students and alumni alike should also find useful and interesting information on the International Relations Program's own [website](#).



Homecoming 2008



Bucknell's Homecoming 2008 took place the weekend of October 24, 2008. The International Relations Program had a tent, which alumni could visit, in the Academic Village from 11am – 1pm on Saturday in the Gerhard Fieldhouse. The tent showcased the new IR b-link page and travels of students abroad and provided a great opportunity to connect with fellow Bucknellians – alumni, faculty and students. Attendees enjoyed lunch and drinks, and the football game afterwards. Several recent IR graduates visited our table. We hope that, even if you could not make it to the IR table during the Academic Village or

the other homecoming festivities, you will stay tuned for our newsletter with updates and reports on how these events went, and the alumni who attended, as well as perhaps some stories of what they have been up to.

Bucknell's B-link community is finally off the ground and up and running as of this week. If you have not already registered yourself, please visit <http://www.b-link.bucknell.edu/>. Be sure to read and add comments to the discussion boards and check back weekly for new and upcoming events!

Faculty Profile: Prof. Zhiqun Zhu



A new addition to the International Relations Program, Professor Zhu contributes several new classes focused on China and East Asia - important areas of study for International Relations students. He is the MacArthur Chair in East Asian Politics at Bucknell. Before coming to Bucknell, he was the Chair of the International Political Economy and Diplomacy program at the University of Bridgeport, CT, and he taught for a year at Hamilton College in New York.

Professor Zhu was born and raised in Shanghai, China. He attended the Shanghai International Studies University where he earned a B.A. in English. He then taught English grammar in Shanghai. Following his time of teaching, Professor Zhu worked at the U.S. Consulate General as Senior Assistant to the Information Officer for three years. He then came to the U.S. as an exchange graduate student at Slippery Rock University, and decided to continue his graduate education at Indiana State University on a full scholarship. There he earned his master's degree, and a few years later he earned his PhD from the University of South Carolina. He wrote his dissertation on global power transition and U.S. - China relations in the 21st century, which was later turned into a book published by Routledge.

Professor Zhu considers the most important aspect of his research to be China's new diplomacy, as well as East Asian political economy. His latest projects include a booklet on East Asia's economic miracles and an edited book entitled *Global Studies: China*. In his classes, Professor Zhu constantly challenges his students to explore different perspectives and angles of a situation in order to come to a more thorough and critical conclusion. He asks students not to accept what they read easily, but to form conclusions only after their rigorous research.

Professor Zhu says he loves being a professor because he can keep interacting with his students who provide fresh ideas and perspectives. He has an open door policy and welcomes students to stop by and discuss relevant topics with him. Professor Zhu finds Bucknell to be very welcoming and says that "it has lots of programs for new faculty, a beautiful campus, great food, well prepared students and a very responsive staff".

In his spare time Professor Zhu enjoys spending time with his two daughters and wife, who are adjusting nicely to life in Lewisburg. He plays ping pong, badminton, and jogs. He is also an avid reader and particularly likes works by Thomas Friedman and Fareed Zakaria. In addition to these pursuits, he enjoys traveling and has lived in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, and Canada. Of all the places he has visited, Professor Zhu said that the demilitarized zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea stands out in his mind as the most memorable. In his words, "People thought the Cold War ended years ago, but you can see right there that it is actually still going on. And then you ask yourself why is it still happening? Why hasn't anything been done to prevent it?"

Before leaving, we asked Professor Zhu what piece of valuable advice he would give to his students. He responded with a timeless and wise statement - "In general, study hard and enjoy life, of course. Prepare for the future and for a good job. But at the same time, keep in mind what your social responsibilities are. Make lots of friends because the people you meet in college will be the basis of long-lasting friendships. And make sure to visit your professors because they like talking to you." Well put, and we definitely enjoyed speaking with Professor Zhu.

Kay Miyoshi '09 and Cheryl Hutnikoff '09



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IR Faculty News



The IR Faculty teach a wide array of courses and engage in interesting research—this summary will give you a sense of what we are currently working on.

Professor Mitchell continues to teach Introduction to International Relations, Theories of International Relations, American Foreign Policy and continues to participate in the Global College as a Senior Fellow. He is looking forward to teaching Comparative Foreign policy in the coming semesters. He has recently published an article in *India Review* examining the leadership style of Indian prime ministers and he has published a review in *International Studies Review* titled "Perceptions and Preventative War". In more recent research, Professor Mitchell presented two papers at the 2008 International Studies Association conference in San Francisco: The first, "Does Context Matter? Advisory Systems and the Management of the Foreign Policy Decision Making Process," examines variations in presidential management of the foreign policy process on two different issues. Professor Mitchell also presented, with Professor Massoud of Political Science, another paper analyzing the Bush Administration's preparations for war in Iraq. In the future, Professor Mitchell looks forward to developing a new project on the impact of prime ministerial leadership on the ability of coalition governments to develop foreign policy.

Professor Mulligan is teaching Political Geography (GEOG211) at the moment and is also preparing to co-teach a brand new introductory geography class, 'From Earth to Home' in the Spring. He will be leading the Bucknell in Ireland Program in the Spring. Professor Mulligan is continuing his research on issues of nationalism, transnationalism and diaspora studies. He is currently revising a scholarly article examining an incident which took place in the mid-nineteenth century, aboard a steamship in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, involving the abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Described as a 'riot', it was an incident which

Mulligan argues was formative in the development of his thinking regarding the intersection of race and American nationalism. He also recently published a scholarly article, "Countering Exclusion: the 'St. Pats for All' parade" in the journal *Gender, Place and Culture*, and has another one forthcoming in *Historical Geography*, which examines gender, space and Irish nationalism historically.

Professor Shinko, an IR postmodern theorist, is currently working on an article on Sovereignty for the International Studies Association Compendium Project, and is preparing a paper on Postmodern Subjectivities in IR for presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Conference to be held in New York City in February 2009. She recently published an article "Agonistic Peace: A Postmodern Reading" in *Millennium Journal of International Studies* special issue on Peace. In addition to her scholarship, she just concluded a two year appointment as ISA-NE President, which was highlighted by her stewardship of ISA-NE to the successful conclusion of its first independent regional conference in October of this year. She also continues to serve as the Chair of ISA's Professional Development Committee. This semester she is teaching Theories of International Relations and is a senior fellow of the Global Residential College. In conjunction with her Modern World Systems class she is overseeing a mock presidential election and various student organized activities relating to the election.

Professor Stamos is teaching a new course on Globalization (IREL 200) and new Capstone on "Making Globalization Work." He is writing a book with Patrice Franko (Professor of Economics, Colby College, and BU alumna) on *The Puzzle of 21st Century Globalization*. He is also doing research on the Central American Free Trade Agreement: DR in Costa Rica and planning to spend part of his sabbatical leave in Costa Rica in Fall 2009.

Tom Travis is Professor Emeritus of International Relations and Political Science and was the Director of the IR Program from its origin in 1974 through 2001 and a long-time senior fellow and instructor in the Global College. Tom has been enjoying his post-2002 retirement with many activities. He has been traveling the globe, visiting Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania, France, Switzerland, Japan, China, India, Bhutan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Guatemala, Peru, Chile,

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Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Mexico, Brazil, Turkey, Jamaica, the Grand Caymans, Bahama, Virgin Gorda, Tortola, and Hawaii. He lived for several months in India and taught a course at a university in Kerala. He stays active in the Lewisburg area; volunteering with the Jackfruit Project (a local organization that supports an orphanage in India), as a trail steward of the local nature conservancy and for hospice; socializing with friends and family; and visiting and playing with his two grandchildren.

Professor Uçarer is teaching Human Rights. She recently published a chapter entitled "Safeguarding Asylum as a Human Right: NGOs and the European Union" in *Multi-Level Governance and Civil Society: Comparing the Role of NGOs in the United Nations and the European Union*, a volume edited by Jutta Joachim and Birgit Locher (Routledge 2008). She analyzes the strategies of NGOs to gain entrance into a policy field that is regarded as highly sensitive. She has also just completed a manuscript on the rights of non-European Union nationals in the territory of the EU, which will be included in a volume edited by Markus Thiel and Elisabeth Prügl—the volume explores diversity issues within the context of European integration. She is now working on a chapter on Justice and Home Affairs, in the EU. This chapter will appear in the 3rd edition of

European Union Politics edited by Michele Cini and forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

Professor Waller is currently working on aspects of crime and the law in colonial East Africa.

Professor Watson is currently on sabbatical leave and returns to campus in Fall 2009.

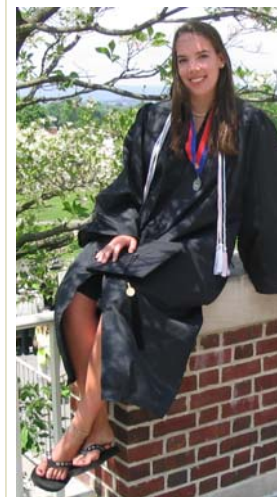
Professor Zhu will offer a new seminar course on US-China relations in Spring 2009. He just finished a booklet entitled "Understanding East Asia's Economic Miracles" for the Association for Asian Studies, and an edited book entitled "Global Studies: China" for McGraw-Hill. Both are scheduled to be published in early 2009. Professor Zhu attended the American Political Science Association annual conference in Boston in August 2008 and chaired an IPE panel on inequality in developing economies. He'll lecture on China's new diplomacy at the 4th International Forum on Sinology to be held in Lisbon, Portugal in February 2009. In February 2009, he plans to deliver a paper on China-Southeast Asian relations at the International Studies Association annual conference in New York. As part of the MacArthur Chair programming, Professor Zhu hosted Professor Young Whan Kihl who spoke on US-North Korea relations on Oct. 23, 3008.

Alumna Returns to Campus to Discuss Graduate School, Volunteering, and Work with NGOs

On October 30, Janelle Nodhturft, a recent IR alumna, returned to campus to converse with IR majors on life after Bucknell and all the options that graduate school and practice in international relations present. Janelle is currently working on her Master's Degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution at the School of International Service at American University in Washington D.C. She will graduate in May of 2009 and plans on working with international NGOs focusing on post-conflict processes, based either on the ground or in DC. Her current interests within her program include the particular conflicts in Uganda and Colombia, as well as peacebuilding, post-conflict social reintegration and marginalized groups in conflict, and issues relating to youth, women, and indigenous and displaced persons. She spent time last year with Witness for Peace in Colombia, and in Washington has volunteered as a statement taker for the Diaspora Project of the Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission and worked with Women Thrive Worldwide, an organization that focuses on economically empowering women and engendering development. While pursuing her master's she is also currently consulting for The Initiative for Inclusive Security, an NGO that works with women leaders in conflict and post-conflict zones to increase their participation in all

phases of the peace process.

She advised students to make the most of Bucknell by "going on a proactive search for diversity on campus, seeking out new opinions and backgrounds different from your own, traveling to areas that excite you, and harnessing the power of learning and speaking other languages." She also encouraged students to read critically, diversify their news sources and find ways to connect to grassroots communities and the worlds of NGO work, politics, diplomacy or other related fields, as per their interests. Additionally, Janelle reflected on how she was able to develop her interests in peace and conflict resolution while at Bucknell and how she drew on courses she took in IR and in Psychology to broaden her understanding of the societal and personal consequences of living with conflict. Students and faculty alike were delighted to see Janelle again and wish her well on her various pursuits. If you have questions or comments, send her an email at janelle.nodhturft@gmail.com.



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Alumna Spotlight: Laura Romah

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When did you graduate?

I graduated in 2006.

What did you like most about Bucknell?

I liked the international relations major very much. Bucknell's small size makes it very possible for students and faculty to interact quite a bit, and I appreciated the fact that I could form great relationships with the IR faculty and other students. The interdisciplinary approach of the IR Program gave me a lot of flexibility, which allowed me to pursue those courses and themes that best fit my interests and goals.

Could you please describe your Bucknell experience?

As a freshman, I was in the Global Residential College, which is when I really started to become interested in IR, in addition to making lasting friendships. My sophomore year, I made my first trip to Nicaragua with the Bucknell Brigade, which was probably the single most important experience for me both personally and academically during my time at Bucknell. My involvement in the Brigade, which I maintained through my senior year, influenced my decision to work in international development after graduation. I spent my junior year abroad, one semester in London and one in Madrid, which was an invaluable experience. I liked the fact that Bucknell encourages its students to study abroad. It's an essential experience for any major.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love to read, which I've had much more time to do with my flexible schedule in the Peace Corps. I also like to go to coffee shops with friends (the 7th St. Café was a second home at Bucknell) and see movies. And since I've been in the DR, I've learned to dance merengue and bachata, which is a new favorite activity.

Where are you currently living?

I live in La Gina, a rural town in the Dominican Republic.

What is your current career/what jobs have you had since you graduated?

Soon after I graduated, I joined the Peace Corps. I was assigned as a community economic development volunteer in the Dominican Republic. For almost two years, I've been working with different community groups, providing business skills education to people in my community, and realizing other community development activities. I plan to pursue a

development activities. I plan to pursue a graduate degree in international development when I finish my service.

How do you use your IR background in your job?

Even though I work at the community level, the things I learned about international organizations, development, and poverty reduction have helped me understand the dynamics of the kind of work I do.

Do you know of any other jobs/career paths that other IR majors have taken?

I know of fellow graduates who have done or are doing the following: studying international education in graduate school; working for a university; teaching English abroad; Teach for America.

What is the most valuable lesson you learned while at Bucknell?

I learned that it's important to study what you're passionate about.

If you could come back and teach one lesson to current IR majors, what topic would you cover?

I would teach a lesson about women and micro-enterprise in developing countries.

What advice do you have for current Bucknell students?

Take advantage of all that Bucknell has to offer, but make sure you break out of the “bubble.” Get to know Lewisburg and the surrounding area, study abroad, join a campus organization that opens up new opportunities. It will make your Bucknell experience even more meaningful.



Meet an IR Major: Jacquelin Kataneksza



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Where are you from?

Harare, Zimbabwe

What activities are you involved in on campus this year?

Bucknell University Field Hockey, Bucknell Brigade to Nicaragua, Seventh Street House (Studies of the Black Diaspora Residential Programming).

Why did you choose Bucknell?

I chose Bucknell because I was seeking a school that would offer me both an eminent academic and a rigorous athletic experience.

Why did you choose to be an International Relations major?

I have always been captivated by the workings and intricacies of the world. I was interested in understanding the inter-connectedness of the global community experience and ascertaining my own position within that community. My intention has always been to learn as many valuable lessons while being here so I can return home and put them to good use.

So what has been your favorite IR class so far at Bucknell?

My favorite IR course is actually the one I am taking presently. It is a senior seminar class entitled “Making Globalization Work”. I think this course allows me to think more deeply about the challenges of globalization in this century, and what they mean in terms of the global poverty and public health crises, environmental sustainability, global governance, and my role as a global citizen.

What is the most important thing that you have learned at Bucknell thus far?

I have come to appreciate the opportunities that I have been presented with. It’s rare, in my opinion, to come from the kind of background I come from and to be as fortunate as I have been. I have learned that I have the capacity to put myself in a position to do very meaningful things. That kind of knowledge is empowering.

What do you like most about the IR Program?

The professors in the IR department are what make it distinctive. They are so engaged, not only with the material they teach but with the students whose opinions they mould and challenge. Most classes are focused on challenging previous perceptions and allowing us as students to grow intellectually and personally.

What do you want to do when you graduate in May?

I am hoping to spend one year working both in the US and in the field.

I am looking forward to interning with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in the field and hopefully to work extensively with internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Africa.

If you were President of Bucknell, what is one thing you would change?

If I were to be President of Bucknell, I would strive to ease the struggles that many international students face when spending so much time away from home. Many international students do not have the financial resources to travel home regularly and the result is that they experience a disconnection from the culture and way of life at home. This is particularly the case when students come from countries with volatile political and economic situations, or, are the only student from their home country at this institution. Only a few of us will fully assimilate into the American culture; but the longer we stay away from home, the more we essentially become like tourists in our own countries and guests to our own families. If I were President of Bucknell, I would implement a program that incorporates funding for International Students to return home once a year as part of their financial aid package.

If you could add a class to the IR department, what would it be?

I would add a Global Public Health course that would assess the global health crisis (its background and contributing factors), how the crisis affect different regions and people, various assessment and critiques on current health organizations, and evaluations of possible solutions to these crisis.

What advice do you have for potential IR majors?

Be open to new perspectives and new areas of concentration. Strive to gain as much breadth and depth in your knowledge about the complexities of this world we live in. Constantly think about your role as a global citizen and maximize on the opportunities presented to you by Bucknell.





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We'd love to hear from you. Send your updates and/or your short submissions on projects or perspectives to international-relations@bucknell.edu.

The IR Matters! newsletter highlights events and people in the Bucknell IR community. The publication appears once a semester and welcomes feedback and submissions from students, alumni, and faculty.

Alumni News

In this section, we hope to highlight news from our alumni. Let us know what you are doing by sending us an email to international-relations@bucknell.edu. Here are the first few. We would also welcome short submissions on projects or perspectives.

Tom O'Toole (2000). I currently serve as the Executive Director for Professional Development at the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA), which is Cornell's two-year Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program. We train students to work at the intersections of the public and private sectors in government agencies, national and international non-governmental organizations, private sector firms, and bi-lateral/multi-lateral organizations. I am also a PhD. student at the pre-dissertation stage in the Cornell Department of Government (American Politics subfield). My research concerns civic engagement, political participation, and the political anthropology of criminal organizations. I am married and have three children, Ellie (5 years), Kyra (3 years), and Henry (1 year).

Bozena M. Morawski (2004) is currently in the second year of a Master of Public Health program at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is the Department of Epidemiology, focusing on infectious disease

in the developing world. Her B.A. from Bucknell in International Relations, African region concentration, and with a French minor, has served well in her current academic pursuits. This summer, Bozena held an internship position in Dakar, Senegal, with a Senegalese NGO, le Réseau Africain de l'Education pour la Santé, designing health communication program evaluation tools and conducting a maternal and child health survey.

Denis Kennedy (2005). Upon graduating, I enrolled in the Ph.D. program in Political Science (IR and Theory) at the University of Minnesota. As of this spring I am ABD, have my masters, and am currently working on my dissertation prospectus. My dissertation—as it now stands—will entail a critical reexamination of humanitarianism, using the lens of power to investigate the ways in which images of victims and of suffering produce subjects ripe for intervention and reform. I've had the good fortune of presenting papers and attending workshops in a variety of venues, from Cairo to Helsinki to San Francisco."

Of Note: Campus Events

[Nobel Peace Prize-winner F.W. de Klerk to lead off new Bucknell Forum series:](#) F.W. de Klerk, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize who as president of South Africa freed Nelson Mandela and helped end apartheid, will be the inaugural speaker of the new Bucknell Forum series, "Global Leadership: Questions for the 21st Century."

[Ornstein to discuss election and the presidency:](#) Political scientist and commentator Norman J. Ornstein will give the final talk in the Bucknell Forum's "The Citizen and Politics in America" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 in Trout Auditorium.

[Political science professors to appear on live PCN talk show on campus:](#) Two Bucknell political science professors will serve as faculty experts during a live call-in talk show with PCN on Oct. 30 in Trout Auditorium.

[Doris Kearns Goodwin, David McCullough talks at Bucknell to air on WVIA:](#) Bucknell University talks by Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential historians Doris Kearns Goodwin

and David McCullough will air on WVIA-TV, the PBS affiliate covering central and northeastern Pennsylvania, beginning later this month.

[Schwartz '76 to discuss why geography matters:](#) Lee Schwartz, the Geographer of the United States, U.S. Department of State, will give the talk, "Why Geography Matters: Geographical Awareness and Global Diplomacy," on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Elaine Langone Center at Bucknell University.

[Samek Art Gallery: 'Peace & Resistance':](#) The Samek Art Gallery will mark the 25th anniversary of Bucknell having an art gallery with the yearlong series, "Peace & Resistance." The season begins Aug. 25 with an exhibition of works by Yoko Ono. || Related coverage: [Dan Mills talks with Yoko Ono](#)

[Weis Center welcomes global artists:](#) A Celtic Christmas. A Korean tea ceremony. A Latino dance company. The Weis Center for the Performing Arts at Bucknell University will host performances by artists from around the globe during the 2008-09 season.