Majors, Alumni, and Friends,

Happy Spring! The long and, what seemed at times, endless winter has come to a conclusion and with it another academic year. Before giving an update on Department activities for the year, I would like to give congratulations to the graduating class of 2015. This year, we added 24 majors and six minors to our IR alumni family that is now 1,566 strong. At the risk of sounding overly dramatic, I think it is important that the graduates savor this moment and bask in what you have achieved. You are at the beginning of something wonderful and you should take comfort in knowing that you have prepared yourself well for the future. For many of you this might be the end of your formal education, but you must not treat it as the end of your intellectual development. Continue to build on what you what you have begun here at Bucknell. On behalf of the International Relations Department, we wish you all the best!

This past academic year has been a busy one for the Department, which will result in a number of new faculty faces in the halls of Academic West come the fall. As you might know, Professor Richard Waller is retiring with the end of this semester, which meant International Relations and the Department of History had to conduct a national search to find his replacement for his joint position. At the end of the fall semester, we hired Associate Professor Cymone Fourshey who comes to us with a PhD in History from UCLA and her most recent position was at Susquehanna University where, aside from being a member of the History Department, she served as director of International Studies. Her research is focused on pre-modern Tanzania and she will be offering courses on pre- and modern Africa, Piracy, Historical Methods, as well as others.

This past spring we also successfully hired Ilona Moore to fill the Department's Human Security position, which was previously shared between Professors Jason Cons and Erin Lentz who left Bucknell for the University of Texas at Austin. Professor Moore received her PhD in Geography from the University of Minnesota and is currently the John D. Montgomery Postdoctoral Fellow with the Pacific Basin Research Center at Soka University. Her research interests broadly focus on Human Geography, Development Studies, and South Asia. Her current research explores the geopolitics of food security from international trade negotiations to the impact on urban poor. In the fall she will be teaching Human Security and Globalization and in the spring she will offer a slate of new courses not previously taught in the Department.

Last, we will be joined by Visiting Professor Emma Gaalaas Mullaney who will complete her dual degree PhD in Geography and Women's Studies at Pennsylvania State University in 2015. Her research areas include Feminist Political Ecology, Biodiversity Conservation, and Agricultural Development. In the fall she will teaching Globalization and World (Dis)order, Political Economy of Global resources, and International Inequality and Poverty.

The Department is excited about these new additions and we are certain they will make an immediate impact on the Department, students, and the campus community. In the next addition of the newsletter we will have all of these individuals introduce themselves to you, as well as discuss their research and teaching interests in their own words.

The 2014/2015 academic year was not all about hiring. In the spring, we held a well-attended alumni panel with Nicole Meyers ’11 (McKinsey and Company), Wes Pyron ’12 (Center for American Progress), and Joey Ross ’09 (graduate student, Columbia University MPA Development Practice. All three shared their experiences of life beyond Bucknell and their respective career trajectories since graduating. Importantly, they were able to provide the attendees with some valuable career advice on how to position themselves for the jobs they want and how to navigate a professional environment.
Aside from this event, the IR honors society Sigma Iota Rho was active during the year organizing and sponsoring a number of events on campus (see below).

Lastly, we just bid farewell to our friend and colleague Richard Waller, who is retiring at the end of this semester. He will be missed!

As we head into the summer, all of us at Bucknell wish you and yours the best. Please stay in touch.

Best regards,
David Mitchell
Chair, Department of International Relations

Professor Richard Waller Retires

After 25 years of dedicated and distinguished service, Professor Waller will be retiring from Bucknell in July 2015. Professor Waller earned his BA and PhD in history from Cambridge University. He joined Bucknell and the IR program in 1989, holding a joint appointment with History. Since then, he’s educated countless students in courses such as Modern Africa, Europe Imperialism and Colonialism, European State Systems, and African History, especially of the 19th and 20th centuries. Through these courses and his insightful interactions with all of us in IR, he enriched not only our curriculum but our way of thinking about the world, especially from non-Western perspectives. He became known for his dedications to his students and his craft. He’s been recognized numerous times for his research through scholarships and major research awards. As a member of the International Relations Department, Richard has always been the consummate colleague. He could always be counted on to be the voice of reason in meetings and to bring discussions (which can drag on) back down to earth. This may seem small, but it means a great deal as it is indicative of Richard’s dedication, support, and desire to do what was best for the major and the department. We all profited from his presence. Moreover, Richard is true to the teach-scholar model. He has high standards for students and expects them to take the life of the mind seriously and he demonstrated this by way of the quality and quantity of his academic output throughout his career. It will be hard for International Relations to ever fully replace his knowledge and wisdom.

Retirement Thoughts from Professor Waller

Now that I am on the point of retiring, my colleagues in IR have asked me to write a brief valedictory message: I am glad to do so, though less happy that this marks the ending of a very rewarding and, I hope, fruitful association with the department which has been my second home for twenty five years. When I first arrived at Bucknell in 1989, IR was still a program, created and run by a small band of dedicated internationalists, “borrowed” from different departments. Mine was the first position, shared with History, that IR had been allocated. Others, of course, followed. Later, IR became a full department in its own right and began to flourish and grow into what it is now. Yet, in some ways, it still bears the imprint of its origins in its stimulating multi-disciplinarity, its small community feel and in its quietly competent, caring and unpretentious way of going about things. Despite being an (African) historian first and last, I have always felt welcomed and appreciated by colleagues who know far more about “the global” than I and for whom I have great respect and affection. I have been very fortunate. Now that I am about to begin “the great (unpaid) sabbatical at the end of time”, I want to thank my colleagues for their support and collegiality over the years and my IR students for having born with me variously through the Reversal of Alliances, the New Imperialism and the stranger corners of African history. It was always fun to teach you, and being in IR was an education in how departments ought to be run. I will continue to write and research but now it is time to wish you all well as you navigate a changing world. May the next decades be as good as the last.

Professor Richard Waller
Werdegang

Stacey Featherstone ’09

The Germans have a word for the path one takes to become something: Werdegang. Your Werdegang is about personal and professional development. I wish I could tell you in one word—Werdegang—how I got here, but my path twisted and knotted on the way.

It began with my love affair with Europe. After high school, I deferred admission to Bucknell University and spent a year in France. This changed everything from my intended Biology major to the way I saw the world. When I returned, I knew I wanted to go back.

Studying International Relations at Bucknell with a focus on Europe and a new language, German, seemed a logical way to get back across the ocean and make my profession doing it. The manoeuvre was successful: I now live and work abroad in Brussels, Belgium. I traded the Bucknell Bubble for the European Union Bubble (yes, they really call it that). But it wasn’t exactly a clear trajectory.

I am a political consultant for Community Public Affairs. We provide lobbying, strategic counselling and communication services to mostly corporate clients in a variety of sectors. Some clients have us on retainer for long-running campaigns. Others approach us with a problem or opportunity and we strategize how to mitigate or exploit as necessary. It is challenging but rewarding. Sometimes we are successful, sometimes we are not. We work long hours. We rub shoulders with politicians and ministers. We advocate, we discount, we read pages of policy, we try to pre-empt instead of react.

Many paths probably lead here. As Americans, fewer jobs are open to us in Europe. We need visas to stay and work here, making finding a job more challenging by default. But based on my personal experience, you can stack the deck in your favour.

First, we are native English speakers. Exploit this. It can get you your visa and keep you afloat. During my first year in Munich I corrected countless theses, taught English at schools and summer camps, and provided translation services for a search engine. Most companies in Brussels want at least one native English speaker, and given recent British disenchantment with the EU, natives are much rarer in Brussels.

Professional proficiency in a second (third, fourth!) language will make you exponentially more valuable. Europeans ‘our age’ in our field are at least bilingual. I use all four of my languages every day for my job. The EU Institutions require civil servants to speak at least two languages. Consider getting a European degree. My Masters is from Göttingen University. My programme was in German, but English-language programmes are gaining in popularity. Student visas include a work permit and are easier to obtain. Most countries also grant an 18-month visa for your job search after graduation. Another major benefit to higher education in Europe is the cost: my degree cost €2,800 in tuition over four semesters, and Germany has since abolished all fees. An American Masters degree is far from worthless, but a European degree implies to prospective employers that you have basic understanding of how Europe “works” — residency, culture, taxes, language, laws. You can learn the ropes as a student, will save a ton of money, and will not need to adapt to living in Europe and a career at the same time.

Cast a wide net and apply for jobs you do not think you will get. All ads call for job experience, but everyone started somewhere when an employer took a chance.

Stacey Featherstone ’09
Werdegang, Cont’d.

My Werdegang called and still calls for ample patience and perseverance. Yearly battles for a visa. Language barriers and bank accounts circling the drain. Loneliness. So you will have to want it, but there is reason enough. Guaranteed health insurance. Six weeks’ vacation. An hour to the border of four different countries. Five nationalities in a team of ten people. Chocolate. Waffles. Fries.

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My Global Perspective
Sophia Nnadi ’16

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Sophia Nnadi ’16, International Relations and French double major

During Fall 2014, I participated in the Bucknell en France Program. I spent four exciting months in the beautiful city of Tours, France where I met many wonderful people and worked to improve my French. Overall, all the experience was truly eye-opening. It was my first time in Europe therefore I had no idea what to expect. But by the end I gained a new outlook of the country and its people.

My main goal for traveling to France was to improve my French, however, as an IR major, I really wanted to enrich my understanding of the world by absorbing as much of the culture as I possibly could. Through my interactions with the people, I found that many differences exist between the French and the Americans. I also tried to learn about different cultures by traveling to other countries during my stay, including Spain, Switzerland, and England. I attempted to take more of a comparative approach of each place and found that each place I visited was special in its own way.

The most memorable place I visited was Geneva, the international center of the world. The majority of my interest in international relations is humanitarian work and human rights, therefore I felt completely fortunate to be surrounded among the UN’s major organizations. I was also fortunate enough to visit the Red Cross Museum and the UN headquarters. The Red Cross Museum was moving as I watched many exhibits and presentations of all the areas in which the Red Cross participates. I listened to the video accounts of many victims of natural disasters and human rights atrocities, and from hearing their stories and seeing all the work that these organizations do for the world and its inhabitants, I was inspired to do the same. My visit confirmed that this is the area of work I want to do. My experience abroad was life-changing and positively strengthened my passion for international relations.

Sophia (first from left) in Paris. Also pictured Allie Furbay IR ’16 (middle), and Kirsten Wessel IR ’16 (first from right)

Sophia, Allie, and Kristen at the United Nations in Geneva
Photos courtesy of Sophia Nnadi ’16
Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP) Mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The flow of the river never changes,” said our guide, drawing lines in the sand. “The river basin is so big, that when it is the rainy season in one part, it is the dry season in the other part.” I stood at the edge of the Banana Peninsula, on mouth of the Congo River, at the very edge of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Across the mouth of the river, I could see Angola. To my right, there was the Atlantic Ocean. Back up the peninsula lay abandoned Belgian coastal defenses. To the left, the Congo River flowed upstream into the heart of Africa.

Last summer, I went to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) as part of a Cultural Understanding and Language Program (CULP) mission through Army ROTC. CULP is one of the summer training opportunities open to ROTC cadets, where cadets are sent to foreign countries to train with a foreign military, teach English, or conduct humanitarian aid. CULP is a wide ranging program, sending cadets to all continents and taking cadets from a variety of schools. This is a very unique opportunity where cadets learn foreign language skills and familiarize themselves with other countries and their militaries.

I am a double International Relations and History major, focusing on Africa and sustainability in IR and Europe in History. I am also a French minor, WVBU DJ, and ROTC cadet. When I was given the opportunity to apply for CULP, I put down a preference for a French-speaking country in Africa, thinking I would be sent to Senegal or Madagascar. The thought of being sent to the DRC did not cross my mind at all. When I got orders for there, I was surprised and a bit nervous. The Democratic Republic of the Congo is ranked among the least developed countries in the world. Over a hundred years of European colonialism, followed by a brutal dictatorship, and then decades of war, has kept this extremely culturally wealthy and resource rich country impoverished. The Eastern DRC is notorious for the rebel groups and widespread rape. Understandably, my family and friends were nervous but supportive.

I arrived at Fort Knox, Kentucky in late June to meet up with the cadets who would be my team for the next month. I had never met any of them before, but we quickly bonded over card games, long briefings, and the humid Kentucky weather. We were from widely different universities, from military academies, like the Citadel and Norwich, to small liberal arts school, like Bucknell and Southern University. We also met our team leader—Lt. Col. McMorrow, a tall, Kentucky native in the Kentucky Air National Guard. After 6 days at Fort Knox, we were ready to fly to Paris, where we met our team sergeant, SFC Willis, and then to Kinshasa, the capital of the DRC.

My experiences in the Congo ranged from sightseeing to teaching English. After a few days in the capital of Kinshasa, during which we went to the US Embassy and the ambassador’s house for a Fourth of July party, we flew out to Muanda, on the Atlantic Coast. We were to spend the majority of our time there, working at the nearby Kitona Base, a major FARDC (Forces Armées de la République Démocratique du Congo) training center. While there, we were absorbed into a larger US military training mission: Lion Rouge II.  This joint mission, led by a US Army Civil Affairs team, helped to “train the trainers,” teaching such diverse topics as battlefield medicine, veterinary medicine, agriculture, military intelligence, ordinance storage and disposal, and military law. Our primary task was to teach English to FARDC officers, but we also observed and sometimes participated in these other training events. Our efforts were part of a much larger process, by the US and other nations, to build up the FARDC into an effective and stable force capable of restoring order and rule of law in the East by defeating the rebel groups that have plagued the region for over a decade.

However, it’s not the grand themes that stick with me about this trip. It is the smaller, personal experiences, both with Congolese nationals and US military members, which stick out in my mind… We also saw the unfortunate reality of life in the DRC. In Kinshasa and Muanda, people lived in houses made of scrap wood and corrugated iron.”

Will Christner ‘16
Congolese officers, dutifully practicing simple English sentences (What is your name? My name is ________). We played pickup soccer with local kids, who would yell “M’dele! M’dele!” (“white person”) as we passed by. However, we also saw the unfortunate reality of life in the DRC. In Kinshasa and Muanda, people lived in houses made of scrap wood and corrugated iron. There is no waste disposal to speak of, and the smell of burning plastic can be overwhelming at times. The FARDC is far from an effective fighting force: they lack sufficient ammunition and equipment to train.

The evening after our trip to Banana Point, we relaxed on the porch of the Restaurant Newcliffe. I looked out onto the Atlantic Ocean, watching fishermen drag nets onto the beach. In the background, oil derricks shot pillars of fire into the sky. We had a big table full of most of American members of Lion Rouge II. Our conversation turned to the things we had confronted in our time there, which reinforced just how far from home we were: the state of the military base, the town of Muanda, the delicious but not-always-punctual meals we ate, and even the view of the Atlantic Ocean. In a way, from that porch I could see an intersection. I could see the Democratic Republic of the Congo around me, and Angola off in one distance. The Atlantic Ocean slowly faded into darkness, except for the tiny lights of the oil rigs. This was a place I had never thought I would find myself in, and experienced things I never thought I would know.

Will Christner ’16

There is always something worth sharing with another culture.

I chose International Relations because everything about it interests me immensely. I get to study incredibly important global issues and that really motivates me because I know it’s going to be our responsibility to fix those issues. I once read a quote from Robert Swan that said, “The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”

My favorite class hands down has been Theories of International Relations with Professor Hilbourne Watson. It was extremely difficult, but I learned so much and if given the opportunity I would take it again. He was the first teacher to really challenge my understanding of society.

I am really passionate about food, film, and travel. Food has been a major component in my life since I learned how to scramble eggs. Film and photography have been big passions of mine since high school. All of these things have become major influences on my travels, and I have definitely brought them to my study abroad experience in Chile. These passions are really important to me because it helps me understand other people around the world. I think that’s pretty important for an International Relations Major, so I try to keep them up. Whether you’re chatting about your favorite pizza toppings with a Chilean friend or taking crazy photos with kids in the Dominican Republic, there is always something worth sharing with another culture.

Colin is from Dallas, Texas. Congratulations on your graduation, Colin!

Colin Lind ’15

Navigating Book Reviews

For a couple of years now, I have served as one of two book reviews editors for a major multidisciplinary Africanist journal. Since students are often unaware of how helpful book reviews can be, I thought it might be useful to say something about how they are generated. Most scholarly journals
have a "back section" of reviews as well as a "front section" of articles. Reviews are not peer-reviewed in the same way as articles, but they are commissioned and checked by the editors. They are usually fairly short and are intended to alert readers to the arrival of new books in the field, providing a considered overview of the scope and argument of a publication and indicating its points of interest. Review articles discuss several related books at greater length and draw comparisons between them. These reviews are intended as surveys and are often very helpful.

While the majority of reviews are of scholarly monographs within a specific field or topic area, journals also review works of more general interest, including books intended for teaching. Generally, books for review are sent out to a journal by the publisher, but only a small proportion of these are selected for review. People with the appropriate expertise are then contacted and asked if they will contribute a review. Scholars are busy people, and reviewing, while acknowledged as an important service to the profession, tends to have a fairly low priority. The number of reviews actually received is thus smaller than the number of requests sent out.

Reviews can sometimes be quite critical and even provocative – bland praise is not very useful to potential readers – but editors try to ensure that criticism is kept within the bounds of "fair comment" and that it does not veer off into the settling of personal and often obscure scores between rival academics. To avoid entanglement in private agendas, editors will not generally accept unsolicited reviews. Students who seek out reviews can expect to find a short discussion of a book’s subject matter and relevance to the field, together with a balanced assessment of its value and importance.

Some tips for using and finding reviews. Significant books will usually be reviewed in several journals. It is useful to read more than one, since reviewers will have different interests and perspectives. Editors hope to produce a publishable review within a year or two of a book’s publication, so don’t expect instant feedback. Journals generally index reviews (like articles) by (book) title and authors (of both the book and its review). Checking the on-line index of a given journal is the best way to locate reviews, provided that you have an idea of the likely journals in the field. Another, less reliable, method is to look up the title of the book on something like WorldCat and see what reviews are also listed, though this will not bring up all reviews.

I really love to see how theater connects to human rights and social issues.

I've been involved in theater for 12 years now. At my high school in Toronto, Canada, where I grew up, I acted in some musicals like *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Les Miserables*, but I also directed shows like *The Vagina Monologues* and the *Diary of Anne Frank*. Throughout my years of directing and performing, I've discovered that I really love to see how theater connects to human rights and social issues.

My interest in these social issues led me to an organization called Free the Children, where I started volunteering in grade 9. Free the Children seeks to educate and empower youth throughout the world with a main mission of ending child labor. Through this organization, I went to Kenya for a month that summer.

“I really love to see how theater connects to human rights and social issues.”

Katelyn Rothney ’15
After spending my following summer at Brown University for their Institute of Leadership, I started to develop my own non-profit organization called Youth for Youth. Youth for Youth is a speaking platform to help young people who have been affected by poverty and conflict create their own organizations. At the launch, my mentors, Marc and Craig Kielburger, who founded Free the Children, offered me a job in the Rajasthan region of India for the summer leading two trips of thirty students.

I knew from that trip that I really wanted to study international relations while keeping up my love and involvement in theater. My college counselor told me that I could pursue an IR and theater double major at Bucknell. My first year, I joined the Global Residential College. I am also a Public Policy Fellow, and I was an intern at the Canadian Embassy this summer. At the same time, I am currently directing a one-act play, and I hope to direct my own showcase.

Katelyn is from Toronto, Canada.

Congratulations on your graduation, Katelyn!

**Sigma Iota Rho (SIR) Year in Review**

Our chapter has been busy this year. Sigma Iota Rho (SIR), our international studies honor society, was led this year by Katelyn Rothney ’15 (President), Sarah Jones ’16 (Vice President, Fall ’14, Secretary Spring ’15), Fallon Burke ’16 (Vice-President, Spring 2015), Ann Austin ’16 (Secretary, Fall ’14), and Liz Higgins ’15 (Treasurer). We recruited new members, participated in some service events, most notably with the Bucknell Brigade, and organized three speakers who, in addition to sharing with us their personal stories of how they built their careers, showed us possibilities that lie ahead for people interested in careers related to international affairs.

On October 23, 2014, Sigma Iota Rho (SIR) sponsored a chat with Bucknell Professor Eric Martin, School of Management. Professor Martin’s academic interests include environmental studies, comparative international affairs, organizational theory, and post conflict issues. He served in the Peace Corps in Poland and spent most of his next 20 years in Eastern Europe (particularly the Balkans and Serbia) and completed his dissertation in Bosnia. Professor Martin spoke about the path that took him to the Peace Corps and later to academia and shared his insights on how to take on new terrain, being at the right place at the right time, establishing personal networks that turn into professional ones, learning languages, and, importantly, nurturing a zest for exploring the unknown.

In December 2014, SIR facilitated a Skype conversation with Jessica Jackley ’00, Bucknell alumna and co-founder of Kiva and later ProFounder, both organizations that promote development through microloans. While at Bucknell, she majored in Political science and Philosophy and she went on to co-create the world’s first peer to peer microlending website. She talked to us about her experiences working in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda and how the microlending idea took shape through those experiences. She shared with us the challenges and joys of starting a new endeavor and spoke to persistence and learning the skills that are needed to sustain the work. We also got to hear her thoughts about the work/life balance and came away energized to try new things.

On April 4, 2014, we held a screening of *Invictus* in observance of the April 6 United Nations International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. This 2009 sports drama film (directed by Clint Eastwood) depicts the 1995 Rugby World Cup held in South Africa on the heels of the dismantling of apartheid. Prior to the screening Sophia Nnadi ’16, a student-athlete, led a discussion on the ways that sports can contribute to the building of peace and providing a foundation for positive values and thus assist in the UN’s efforts in the advancement of human rights and social and economic development.
On April 16, 2015, Sigma Iota Rho sponsored a Skype chat with alumna Laurie Lawrence '92, VP of Intellectual Property for Viacom during which she discussed the unique paths that could be associated with the international relations major. Law and politics are not the only option, she noted, especially because we have the capacity to communicate effectively in a range of settings given our interdisciplinary backgrounds and liberal arts core. She recommended pursuing internships in a variety of areas such as licensing and business operations. She also discussed her initial experiences finding a job after graduation, working for her congressman, and how she was able to secure an interview for the intellectual property field after spending some time working in a law firm to develop some background in the area. From that point, she worked her way up the corporate ladder and has risen the executive ranks. This conversation was insightful and provided excellent views on how the IR major is the foundation for nearly any pursuit, but that it is up to us to clarify in our cover letters how many areas of expertise we have in order to get our feet in the door. We greatly enjoyed interacting with her and extend her our warmest thanks for taking the time to share her experiences with us.

We concluded the year with our induction ceremony, which was held on April 15, 2015. At this event, we inducted Kate Hickes '15, Liz Higgins '15, Max Hommeyer '15, and Katelyn Rothney '15 as members of the national organizations. Congratulations to the inductees! We also announced the new executive committee which will take the reins from the able hands of last year’s leaders. Fallon Burke ‘16 (President), Sarah Jones ‘16 (Vice-President), Rebecca Baptiste-Forbes ’17 (Secretary, Fall ’15), Sophia Nnadi ’16 (Secretary, Spring ’16), and Neil Ren ’17 (Treasurer) were elected to their respective positions in April.

Presenting International Relations Class of 2015

Commencement was held on May 17, 2015, marking the end of the 2014-2015 academic year. During the reception held for majors on the Saturday before graduation, we had the pleasure of meeting your family and friends of our newly minted graduated who have come from near and far to celebrate this important milestone with them. They were proud and pleased, as well they should be. And so are we!

IR ‘15: Majors

David Alexander Blaides
Madeleine Fay Boyle
Andres Octavio Canibe
Helena Sophie Craig
Rachel Kathryn Crane
Kylie Kreider deGrouchy
Alexander David Ford
Julia Nancy Goldman
Darby McLean Hamilton
Asha Esnie Harvey
Sean Joseph Helverson
Kathleen Anne Hickes
Elizabeth Paige Higgins
Maxwell Charles Hommeyer
Bradley Michael Janicki
Ledia Koco
Colin Patterson Lind
Kidus Girma Moges
Caroline Marion Price
Amie Cecilia Pritchard
Katelyn Arlen Rothney
Spencer Harrison Sherrill
Ashley Ming Tsung
Shengyun (Maxie) Xiao

IR ‘15: Minors

Cassandra Lee Denger
Deborah Louise Mills
William Christopher Smart
Patrick Robert Kelly
Morgan Ellen Markarian
Abigail Lauren Killea

Congratulations graduates!

Sigma Iota Rho Officers 2014-2015

Katelyn Rothney ’15 (President)
Sarah Jones ’16 (Vice President, Fa ’14, Secretary Sp ’15)
Fallon Burke ’16 (Vice-President, Sp 2015)
Ann Austin ’16 (Secretary, Fa ’14)
Liz Higgins ’15 (Treasurer)
Thank you!

Sigma Iota Rho Officers 2015-2016

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Rebecca Baptiste-Forbes ’17 (Secretary, Fa ’15)
Sophia Nnadi ’16 (Secretary, Sp ’16)
Neil Ren ’17 (Treasurer)
Congratulations!
IR Faculty News

In July 2014, Professor David Mitchell presented a paper entitled “The Meaning of Rising India: (Re)Examining India as a Regional Power in South Asia” which was presented at FLASCO-ISA, Joint International Conference, Buenos Aires.

Professor David Rojas was invited to contribute to the 2015 edition of the book Anthropology of Climate Change, from Encounters to Actions. The chapter he wrote honoring that invitation is entitled “This is Not Science Fiction: Amazonian Narratives of Climate Change.” Additionally, Rojas had two additional articles accepted to the journals Political and Legal Anthropology Review—PoLAR, and Geoforum. In June 2014 Rojas organized a panel and presented a paper in the annual conference of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences. He also presented two papers (one co-authored with Noor Johnson) in the December 2014 meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Professor Rojas is currently finishing co-editing a special issue in the political philosophy journal Pléyade. This special issue is dedicated to Latin American approaches to Isabelle Stenger’s notion of “Cosmopolitics.”

Professor Ron Smith travelled to Gaza and the West Bank in the Summer of 2014 to conduct research on health care provision in the Gaza Strip. He presented some of his research at the Association of American Geographers in Chicago in April. He will be returning to the Middle East to conduct further research in Gaza this summer. In the coming year, Professor Smith will be teaching several courses on the Middle East, including a course introducing themes of the Middle East through video production, and an integrated perspectives course on Israel and Palestine with Professor Isleem in the Spring. For 2015/2016, Professor Smith is Spokesperson/Chair of the Socialist and Critical Geography specialty group, and on the board of Middle East Geography specialty group.

In July 2014, Professor Emek Uçarer presented a talk entitled “Smart Advocacy? Bridging Brussels and Berlin—Multilevel NGO Efforts in EU Asylum Advocacy,” at the Friedrich Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg in Germany. She served as the chairperson of the Deborah Gerner Innovative Teaching Award Committee of the International Studies Association (ISA). In February, she gave a talk entitled “Human Trafficking in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities” at the Florida International Summit at Central Florida University in Orlando. Also in February, she attended the ISA conference in New Orleans where she presented on three roundtables. At ISA, she was elected president of ISA’s International Education section, a position in which she will serve during the next two years. In April, she attended the Council on Foreign Relations Educators Workshop. This summer, she plans on undertaking research in Europe on the rescue at sea of migrants trying to reach the shores of Europe.

Professor Zhigun Zhu spent his sabbatical (Spring 2015) doing research in Japan and China and teaching a 13-week course “International Relations of Japan” at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan.

Alumni News

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

Ruth Dowe ’06. I am still with the Department of State and started my third overseas tour in August 2014 in Kabul, Afghanistan, where I am managing grants aimed at countering violent extremism.
Of Note: Campus News and Events

All That Lies in Store. At Bucknell University's 165th Commencement, speaker Bob Woodruff advised the Class of 2015 to expect the unexpected.

Leadership, Support and Excellence. Bucknell University and the Posse Foundation celebrate 10 years of student and alumni achievement.

Evans and Blanco Honored with 2015 Burma-Bucknell Award. Prof. Jeffrey Evans and Quinn Blanco '15 have been honored with the Burma-Bucknell Award for outstanding contributions to intercultural and international understanding within the Bucknell community.


Bucknell Answers: The Unfreezing Arctic
As the Arctic becomes a central focus of conversations about climate change, how can understanding its complicated history help scientists, policy makers and the people of the Arctic make the best decisions for its future? A Q&A with Professor Andrew Stuhl.

Pedaling Out of Poverty. How a program founded by Muyambi Muyambi '12 has changed thousands of lives through bicycles.

A War Over Water? The U.S. House of Representatives tapped Bucknell Professor Amanda Wooden to testify about water and the potential for conflict in Central Asia.

Bucknell ranks No. 6 for Peace Corps Volunteers. Bucknell is among the top Peace Corps volunteer-producing colleges and universities across the country.

And Away They Go. Six Bucknell University students are sharing their experiences abroad throughout the spring semester via Instagram. Among them are two IR majors, Kate deWeese '16 in Hamburg, Germany and Morgan Klein '17 in Washington, DC.