

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Points of Pride

INTERNATIONAL STAGE



IUP hosts more than 800 **international students** from 56 countries, seven percent of overall student population.

Three IUP students — Joseph Gallo (Asian studies), Ryan Caldwell (Spanish education) and Alexandra Roach (Spanish) were selected for the **Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship** for study abroad, funded by the United States Department of State. In addition, Gallo was selected for the Freeman-Asia study abroad scholarship. Caldwell and Roach will study at University of Valladolid, in Spain, and Gallo will study at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, in Japan. The IUP students are the only ones from any PaSSHE university selected for these scholarships. A total of 14 IUP students have won Gilman Scholarships and 13 have won Freeman-Asia scholarships.



IUP served as a host institution for a cohort of nine students through the **Proyecto 100,000 Program**. The students received a full scholarship from the Mexican government to attend IUP for a monthlong immersive cultural learning experience.

Dr. Ryan Beeken (music) has been appointed artistic director for **A Cappella Abroad**, an international choral festival in Prague, Czech Republic. The university is in the midst of a campaign to raise funds for IUP chorale students to accompany him.

Dr. Sharon Massey (art) and undergraduate art major Michael Hull exhibited their artwork at the 2017 **Beijing Jewellery Art Biennial** at the Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology in Beijing, China. The exhibition included a runway show that featured one of Hull's necklaces. Alumnus Joshua Kosker was also included in the exhibition.



Faculty members Ken Coles, Jon Lewis and Greg Mount (geoscience), and undergraduate students Nicole Kelley and Nicholas Santoro presented at the international **American Geophysical Union** fall meeting, the largest international conference in the geological sciences.

Dr. Amanda Poole (anthropology) chaired a panel that she co-organized called "Keeping the Gate: Refugee Management as Statemaking in a Post-Sovereign Era" at the **American Anthropological Association** annual conference. The international organization has membership exceeding 10,000 professionals.

Dr. Francis Allard (anthropology) presented "Southeast China and the origins of the Maritime Silk Route" at the **Hong Kong Museum of History**.

Dr. Shundong Bi (biology) was part of the research team to discover a **gliding euharamiyidan mammal** from the early Late Jurassic strata in Hebei province, northeastern China. The specimens preserved impressions of hair details of the gliding membrane and the earliest known definitive mammalian middle ear. The research paper reporting the discovery appears in the journal *Nature*.

Distinguished University Professor Dr. Krys Kaniasty (psychology), an expert in psychological research on coping with collective trauma, was invited to lecture at the **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México** (National Autonomous University of Mexico) and Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla (Ibero-American University Puebla). During his four-day visit, Kaniasty's workshop and presentations offered theoretical, empirical, and practical foundations for operationalizing the capacity of a collective to triumph over shared adversities.

Undergraduate Devin McClain (environmental ecology conservation-biology) volunteered in marine conservation on the island of Koh Tao, Thailand and participated in a forest restoration project through the **Chiang Mai University**.





For the third year, IUP received a grant for the **International Leaders in Education Program**, a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State, implemented by IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board). It is co-directed by Dr. Lara Luetkehans (College of Education and Communication) and Dr. Michele Petrucci (Office of International Education), this is a program offered to leading US universities. IUP will be hosting 16 Fellows January through May, 2018, who will work with IUP faculty and then teach at Indiana High School and Brashear High School, in Pittsburgh.

Three faculty members in the Communication Disorders, Special Education, and Disability Services Department have received a grant to write **curriculum for teachers in Suriname**. The Curriculum focuses on how to work with children with special needs. The grant authors are Dr. Becky Knickelbein, Dr. Joann Migyanka and Dr. Kaylee Wynkoop. The relationship was facilitated by IUP's Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Col. Tracy Settle '80.



For the third year in a row, IUP provided experts for the annual Health, Safety, Security, and Environmental Conference and Exhibition sponsored by the **American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago**. IUP Chief Information Officer Bill Balint, who is one of the team of experts, coordinated

the conference's first-ever cybersecurity track in 2015. The team included IUP Distinguished Alumni Award winner Lisa Schlosser, who presented the Cyber Security keynote address.

Dr. Ben Ford (anthropology) recently published an article on the ceramics and glass from the **Mardi Gras shipwreck**, located 4,000 feet below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, in a special edition of the journal *Historical Archaeology* focusing on the Mardi Gras shipwreck.

Two Kinesiology, Health, and Sport Science faculty members (Dr. Richard Hsiao and Dr. Joshua Castle), and graduate students Kelly Anthony and Brianne Lenhart, presented their research at the **International University Sports Federation World Conference** on Development through Sport held in Taipei, Taiwan.

Dr. John Branscum's (English) book of poetry, *Skinwalkers*, was a recommended poetry pick in the July/August 2017 Issue of **Poetry Magazine**. Published in Chicago since 1912, *Poetry Magazine* is one of the leading monthly poetry journals in the English-speaking world.

Yi Yu (TESOL and composition PhD program) was appointed director of **International Education and Artistic Exchange** by the board of the company Pan Gea, based in Shanghai and Qingdao, China. In this role, Yu gave two presentations to the Shandong Economic Development Council and won a major grant for the company and its educational initiatives, including the development of a bilingual publishing arm of the company based in America.

Dr. Julie Greenawalt (nursing) won the INACSL **Spirit of Simulation Leadership Excellence Award** by the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning. This award, selected by peers and colleagues, is awarded to a visionary and inspiring nurse leader in the simulation community who exemplifies the characteristics of a transformational leader.

Dr. Jon Lewis (geoscience) received a grant of \$162,400 from the **National Science Foundation** for his project, "Reconstructing the Plastic-to-Brittle Exhumation History of the Taiwan Metamorphic Core." The funding will allow Lewis to take six IUP students to Taiwan to help with fieldwork over three years.

