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HIGHLIGHTING UB'S GLOBAL BRAND

By John DellaConrada

UB has begun telling its story worldwide in a more compelling and cohesive way with the launch April 13 of a new identity and brand strategy for the institution.

"Our alumni, students, faculty and staff have all expressed a strong desire for the university to be much bolder in telling the world about what a great university UB is," said President Satish K. Tripathi.

"Today, we embark on a new university-wide effort to do just that.

"As UB continues to rise in the ranks of the nation's great public research universities, the world is increasingly taking notice," Tripathi said. "Our university, and what makes us distinctive, will become even more widely known through this strategy, and it will benefit the entire university, as well as the Buffalo community."

This long-term identity and brand strategy, to be fully implemented over the next several years, will strengthen UB's reputation and visibility worldwide, Tripathi said.

Stephen C. Dunnett, professor and vice provost for international education, noted, "Our new brand strategy is vital to clarifying our institutional identity, strengths and strategic direction for a broad range of international constituents — from prospective students and faculty to institutional partners to overseas alumni.

"Our brand will resonate well with students and colleagues abroad, and serve to

enhance UB's reputation globally," he said.

It will draw more top students to UB from across the state, nation and world, and aid in the recruitment of world-class faculty and staff. It will build pride among alumni, help to increase research funding

and generate philanthropic support. It will cement Buffalo's status as a destination for smart, driven students and the world's best scholars and researchers.

"Our care-

fully crafted strategy communicates UB's distinctiveness in a relevant, consistent and authentic way to all audiences," said Nancy Paton, vice president for university communications. "This is a university-wide strategy that defines who we are, what we do and why it matters.

"Increased competition in higher education for students, faculty, research funding and philanthropic support is indicative that we are entering a new era," Paton said. "Differentiated and distinctive institutional reputation is vital to UB's future success."

'Here is How': A new framework for the UB brand

The new strategy features two key components, both of which resulted from a year-long process involving the expertise and input of thousands of alumni, students, faculty, staff, prospective students and community members.

The first component is a brand framework that conveys UB's distinctiveness.



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Based around a concept called “Here is How,” it presents UB as an extraordinary university in an extraordinary city — an institution that represents not only a place, but also a unique way of getting things done.

“‘Here is How’ captures UB’s unique personality, expressing distinctive traits and attributes identified over several months during the initiative’s research phase,” Paton said. “UB is an ambitious and inclusive community of big thinkers and doers. We are tenacious in pursuit of our goals, and we bring a global context to all that we do.”

These traits are shared by the people and city of Buffalo, she said. “It’s in the way we do things, and it’s reflected in Buffalo’s renaissance and UB’s role in this renaissance.”

This new storytelling framework will be conveyed in all facets of the university ranging from admissions brochures and alumni magazines to the university’s websites, signage, photography and social media.

“Our ‘Here is How’ framework conveys a sense of what it’s like to be at UB and in Buffalo,” Paton said.

“It is a sustainable platform from which we’ll tell stories that will permeate the entire university, creating consistency and showing UB’s impact. They’re stories about how we teach, create and impact the world — and we do that right here in Buffalo, New York.”

Uniting around the ‘University at Buffalo’ name

Just as important as the “Here is How” framework, the new identity and branding initiative is focused on clearing up longtime confusion about the university’s name, Paton said.

For what may be the first time in UB’s history, all of the university’s schools and units will be aligned under one official name: the “University at Buffalo,” with the interlocking UB as the official university logo. UB’s affiliation with the State University of New York will continue to be a major part of the university’s name, particularly for international markets where the SUNY name is widely known and valued.

As a result of this effort, UB’s School of Law and School of Architecture and Planning are now more closely aligned with the university’s official name. The Division of Athletics and all UB athletics teams also are more closely aligned with the university’s name and will use “UB” and “Buffalo” as their primary identities. Athletics also is introducing a new spirit mark for the UB Bulls and will use the text tagline “New York’s Public Powerhouse” in marketing materials to emphasize UB’s strength in New York State and

UB’s stature as one of the nation’s leading public research universities.

“The university’s academic strength has always been a key athletics message in promoting UB to student-athletes, coaches and other universities nationwide,” said Allen Greene, director of athletics. “UB Athletics’ refreshed identity helps to further amplify that message and builds on our successful efforts to promote UB’s academic stature

across the state and nationwide — a message with strong appeal to the coaches, staff and student-athletes we recruit.” For examples of how all UB schools and units are incorporated into the university name, consult the brand website.

“It is very important to UB’s future that we have a clear and consistent identity across the entire university,” Paton said. “Building momentum and consistency under the University at Buffalo name and interlocking UB symbol will forge a strong

identification for the university and eliminate confusion.”

The new branding and identity initiative will be cheered by UB’s 243,000 alumni, said Mary Garlick Roll, president of the UB Alumni Association. “UB graduates all over the world are ready to share their pride and support,” she said. “Like me, I’m sure they’ll be very excited to see the new UB brand come to life.”

UB deans, faculty, staff and students from across the university also have shared their support for the new brand and identity strategy.

“I think the branding initiative has been thoroughly researched and the final product really reflects the culture and values of this university,” said Joseph Pace of the undergraduate Student Association and a UB engineering major.

“UB has an awesome story that needs to be shared; the new brand launch will be an integral exercise to execute this narrative,” said Philip L. Glick, chair of the Faculty Senate and professor of surgery. “The new brand launch should also help to build better and stronger connections between departments, schools and the entire university.”

Over the next five to 10 years, the university will align the “Here is How” framework throughout the university while maintaining a consistent university identity. “Each of UB’s schools, units and departments will tell their stories through this framework,” Paton said. “Collectively, we will show the world what it means to UB.” 🌐

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PAUL TESLUK APPOINTED DEAN OF SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

By Michael Andrei

Paul E. Tesluk, the Donald S. Carmichael Professor of Organizational Behavior at the School of Management, has been appointed dean of the school after an international search.

The appointment, effective April 25, was announced by Charles F. Zukoski, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, who noted that Tesluk was selected from a pool of highly competitive candidates.

"I am very pleased to announce Professor Tesluk's appointment," Zukoski said. "He brings to this role impressive scholarly accomplishments, significant leadership experience and expertise, and a clear vision for furthering the School of Management's mission of advancing the global practice of management through research, education and service."

"This is an outstanding outcome for our university," said President Satish K. Tripathi. "Dr. Tesluk's leadership and impact as a scholar, administrator and educator set him apart within a distinguished pool of top candidates. In addition to these impressive qualifications, he has a deep, broad and sophisticated understanding of the UB School of Management's distinctive strengths. With his strong and compelling vision for the school, the school will be further known nationally and internationally for excellence and innovation."

A UB faculty member since 2011 and a nationally recognized scholar in leadership, team effectiveness and organizational performance, Tesluk said he was excited by the opportunity to make the School of Management "a powerful catalyst for innovation, not only in business but also in addressing the most pressing challenges we face in society today."

"We will do so by serving as a creator and disseminator of new knowledge in collaboration with other academic disciplines. We will link scholarship, education and practice, building new models of lifelong learning and developing leaders for the future," he said.

"Together, I believe we can continue the upward trajectory of the school in a way that can redefine the image of a modern school of management at a major, public research-intensive university."

In addition to his faculty appointment at UB, Tesluk has been serving as interim dean of the School of Management since July 2015, served for two years as chair of the

Department of Organization and Human Resources, and was academic director of the school's Center for Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness (CLOE).

He succeeds Arjang A. Assad, who stepped down as dean of the School of Management after nearly seven years to lead the University of Pittsburgh's Katz Graduate School of Business and College of Business Administration.



Photo: Douglas Levere

Tesluk is a prolific scholar who has published numerous articles in the most selective journals in his field.

His research in the areas of virtual team effectiveness and organizational innovation and change has been supported by the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health and several other funding agencies; he has secured more than \$2.5 million in grant funding in recent years. He has served on the editorial boards of several of the lead-

ing academic journals in the management field.

Tesluk has worked with numerous private-and public-sector organizations in both research and consulting capacities. His consulting activities have focused on leadership development, organizational transitions to high-involvement work practices, work team design and performance, organizational climate and performance, and performance management and reward-system design.

He has extensive experience in designing, leading and teaching in numerous executive and corporate development programs on topics involving teams, leadership development, organizational change and innovation.

Prior to joining UB, Tesluk was on the faculty for 13 years at the Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, where he served as chair of the Department of Management and Organization, as the Ralph J. Tyser Professor of Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management, and as co-director of the Center for Leadership, Innovation and Change.

While earning doctoral and master's degrees from The Pennsylvania State University, Tesluk majored in industrial/organizational psychology and minored in management and organization. He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University.

Tesluk and his wife, Megan Hurley, PhD, are native Buffalonians. The family moved back to Buffalo in 2012 after being away for more than 25 years. 🌐

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GENCO LEADS NEW CENTER FOR MICROBIOME RESEARCH

By Ellen Goldbaum

UB is establishing a new center to conduct research on the human microbiome, the collective microorganisms that live on and in the human body. The goal of research conducted at the center is to develop a base of knowledge about the human microbiome and its role in health and disease.

The multidisciplinary UB Center for Microbiome Research will be directed by Robert J. Genco, DDS, PhD, SUNY Distinguished Professor in the Department of Oral Biology in the School of Dental Medicine, who also has appointments in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at UB and the Department of Immunology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Effective May 1, Genco leaves his post as director of the Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach (STOR) to head the center. "Bob is stepping down from STOR to pursue research, his first passion," said Venu Govindaraju, PhD, vice president for research and economic development, "but those of us who have worked with him over the past 14 years that he has directed STOR know that guiding UB innovations toward commercialization has always been close to his heart as well.

"His robust understanding of the often unpredictable trajectory of scientific research has made him an outstanding advocate for our faculty innovators. Over the years, Bob has instilled in this university a dynamic climate in which faculty entrepreneurs are increasingly successful."

Formerly chair of the Department of Oral Biology for 25 years, current director of the Periodontal Disease Clinical Research Center and a member of the National Academy of Medicine, Genco is an expert in the microbiome and a pioneer in the study of the impact that oral health has on overall health. He and his colleagues were among the first to report a connection between gum disease and heart disease and stroke, and led studies relating periodontitis to diabetes and obesity.

"Under Dr. Genco's leadership, UB's new Center for Microbiome Research clearly leverages the rich resources our investigators have already developed here in the School of Dental Medicine and throughout the entire university in order to explore the microbiome and its extraordinary implications for human health and disease," said Joseph J. Zambon, DDS, PhD, interim dean and SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, UB School of Dental Medicine.

Genco said that studies of the microbiome "promise to transform life sciences, leading to new approaches to controlling disease and maintaining health."

Some of the areas he and his colleagues will focus on include why people with diabetes are at higher risk for periodontal disease.

"We will be asking if the oral and intestinal microbiomes are different in patients with diabetes and, if so, should that signal a different approach to managing these patients?" said Genco. "We'll also look at the microbiome in pregnant women to better understand the role of the placental and fetal microbiome in the health and disease of the fetus. We're interested in the periodontal status of pregnant women who have gestational diabetes and how what we know about the microbiome might help develop new treatments for them."

The new center will focus, in part, on the oral microbiome, which has been a key interest of UB researchers, and its relationship to the microbiome in other sites in the body.

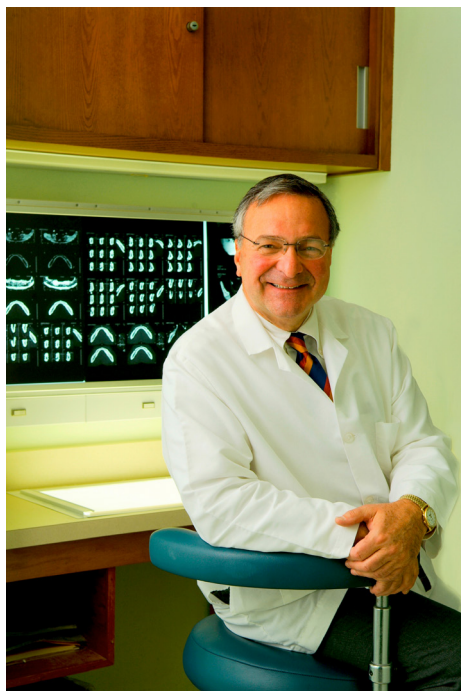
Genco and his colleagues will have access to thousands of samples of periodontal disease and extensive health information from 4,000 postmenopausal women who participated in the Buffalo Osteo-

Perio study, led by Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD, dean of the School of Public Health and Health Professions, as well as from 1,600 subjects in the Buffalo Myocardial Infarction Periodontal Study.

The new center will collaborate with researchers in the Genome, the Environment and the Microbiome (GEM), one of UB's Communities of Excellence, as well as with those conducting research under Wactawski-Wende, principal investigator on a \$3.9 million National Institutes of Health grant, a prospective study of the oral microbiome and periodontitis in postmenopausal women.

"The establishment of the Center for Microbiome Research at UB provides the university with the ability to pursue so many opportunities in this exciting field, which has such deep roots at UB," said Wactawski-Wende. "The ability of this new center to support UB research on the microbiome will be entirely complementary to avenues we are pursuing on the NIH grant."

According to Genco, the explosion of interest in study-



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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS SIGNS DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AGREEMENT

Professor Ashutosh Sharma, recently appointed Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology of India, returned to his alma mater in April 2016 to receive the 2016 Distinguished International Alumni Award.



Ashutosh Sharma exchanges signed SERB agreements with President Tripathi. Photo: Nancy J. Parisi

Sharma, who earned his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from UB in 1988, is an internationally renowned scientist who is currently on leave as Institute Chair Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur, India. He was appointed to his cabinet-level position in the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January 2015.

A student of the distinguished UB scientist, Professor Eli Ruckenstein, Sharma also delivered the Eighth Annual Eli Ruckenstein Lecture during his visit, at the invitation of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering.

Sharma spent part of his visit meeting with faculty and students of his home department and learning about their research and education endeavors. He also visited Professor Ruckenstein to discuss current research activities.

The Distinguished International Alumni Award was presented during a dinner April 15 honoring Sharma at the home of President and Mrs. Tripathi. Mary Garlick Roll, president of the UB Alumni Association, assisted by Wei Loon Leong, Director of International Alumni Engagement, presented the award on behalf of the association.

During his visit, Sharma and Tripathi signed a Memorandum of Understanding enabling UB to join a small group of elite U.S. universities participating in the new doctoral fellowship program offered by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) of India. Sharma also delivered a presentation on the SERB Fellowship for interested faculty and students.

The SERB Fellowship each year provides funding support for up to five outstanding Indian students

admitted to UB doctoral programs in STEM fields. UB was invited to participate for the first time this year, and nominated ten excellent students admitted to six different doctoral programs at UB.

Stephen C. Dunnett, vice provost for international education, noted, "We are extremely pleased that Dr. Sharma has made it possible for UB to participate in this wonderful new fellowship program. We are confident it will help us attract larger numbers of superb doctoral students from India." 🌐

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ing the microbiome is partly a result of new technologies that are making the study of the microbiome far more feasible and less expensive than they had been in the past.

"Previously, if you wanted to study bacteria in the mouth, you had to grow them in culture," he explained, "but roughly half the oral bacteria cannot be cultured. Now, powerful methods like nucleic acid sequencing techniques allow us to identify and determine the relative abundance of most, if not all, of the organisms at that and other sites in nature. These techniques have revolutionized the study of microbes, including viruses and fungi, since all of them can be studied using these sequencing techniques."

These analytical techniques tailored for study of the microbiome are already available at UB's New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, Genomics Core and Specialized Bioinformatics, where much of the new center's research will be conducted.

Clinical studies will be carried out in the School of Dental Medicine in its Periodontal Disease Research Center as well as the Center for Preventive Medicine in the UB School of Public Health and Health Professions and the Clinical and Translational Research Center (CTRC). Laboratory studies will be carried out in the School of Dental Medicine and the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. 🌐

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STUDIO IN INDIA ADDRESSES SANITATION ISSUES

By David J. Hill

The world's most pressing problems can't be solved with one approach or seen through a single lens. That's the thinking behind a spring studio course



Host and visiting students discuss their studio work

offered at UB that aims to help a community in India develop a much-needed public sanitation plan.

Thirteen graduate students in this interdisciplinary studio offered through the School of Architecture and Planning joined two faculty members and two teaching assistants in India for three weeks in January, interviewing local residents, government officials, staff and engineers in Maradu, a municipality of about 50,000 people in the state of Kerala, located in the southwestern tip of the country.

Over the next few months, they'll process all the data they collected to develop a report that will inform a public sanitation plan for Maradu.

"The systems we're going to recommend have to be dynamic. Implementing a waste management plan isn't going to solve all of these issues. It's going to require a bunch of solutions and little behavioral changes that can have smaller impacts, which will lead to larger change," says Vasikan Vijayashanthar, a master of science in civil engineering student from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences who is in the studio.

The need for a public sanitation plan is great: 774 million people in India lack household toilets, according to a November 2015 report by WaterAid. Open defecation is common, causing severe public health issues such as the spread of disease.

While Maradu has better infrastructure in place than some parts of India, the municipality needed assistance in developing its sanitation plan.

"The students' report will help contribute to the Maradu town council's plan and advance that process," says Korydon Smith, associate professor of architecture and

a co-leader of Global Health Equity, one of several new "Communities of Excellence" UB launched last spring to help address major global issues in an interdisciplinary way.

Smith is co-leading the spring studio with Samina Raja, associate professor of urban and regional planning and principal investigator of the Food Systems Planning and Healthy Communities Lab at UB.

The interdisciplinary nature of the studio—the 13 students come from architecture, urban planning, environmental engineering and public health—mirrors a real-world approach to solving major public health problems in developing countries. That's intentional.

"This is unique. To our knowledge, this is the only civically engaged, multidisciplinary study abroad studio of its kind," Smith says.

Adds Raja: "Students have been part of the full planning process — from survey development, to data collection, to precedent research and proposal-making, including collaboration with partners and stakeholders."

An eye-opening experience

The students' time in India was particularly impactful. The need they saw for better water and sanitation systems is precisely the reason Sucharita Paul, who received her MD in 1995 from SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, decided to return to school after working eight years as an attending physician in the emergency department at Buffalo General Hospital.

"I've been a practicing physician for several years and part of the reason I decided to do a master of public health at UB was because I wanted to get more focused on the importance of preventive care and good health," says Paul, who received her bachelor's degree from UB, where she also did her residency in emergency medicine.

"This has been a rewarding, real-life public health experience for me. It's immersed me. Instead of being in the classroom for the past year and learning a lot of theory, it's been rewarding to actually touch other human beings and feel like you're making an impact — not person-to-person at the bedside, but on a much broader level," adds Paul, who is also a clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine in UB's Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

"A lot of us were thrown into roles that we never normally have and that our education wouldn't normally cover," says Kenzie McNamara, a master of architecture student.

International and community partners

The India-focused studio developed from a chance conversation at a conference between Raja and Bharat Singh, a UB alumnus and planner with international experience.

Singh mentioned the work of Suresh Rohilla, an environmental planner who heads the Water Department for the

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NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY

By Pavani Ram and Lisa Lenker

Global health inequity is a defining issue of the 21st century. In 2015, the University at Buffalo (UB)—a premier, public research university in the 64-campus State University of New York system—formed the transdisciplinary Community for Global Health Equity (CGHE).

The CGHE utilizes a creative, comprehensive approach and leverages UB strengths in health sciences as well as disciplines otherwise underutilized in global health. In particular, the community promotes the collaboration of faculty and students from health sciences and APEX fields (architecture, planning, engineering, and other cross-synergizing disciplines) to assess problems and develop and evaluate solutions to deeply entrenched economic, socio-political, and environmental barriers to health equity.

Through the CGHE, UB faculty members and students across 50+ departments are working with partners—policy makers, practitioners, organizations, and research bodies—in low resource settings. From industrial engineers and pharmacists examining stock-outs of essential medicines in Uganda, to rehabilitation professionals working with planners to develop prototypes for improved sanitation in India, to architects and social workers promoting wellness through neighborhood design for refugees, the CGHE is furthering the research, policies, and practices that improve health equity around the world.

Invitation to participation: The CGHE invites faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines, who are interested in global health, to reach out and learn more about joining this vibrant community. The CGHE is led by director Pavani Ram, MD, Epidemiology and Environmental Health and associate director Korydon Smith, EdD, MArch, Architecture. For more information, interested members of the UB community are invited to contact globalhealth@buffalo.edu or visit the CGHE website at www.buffalo.edu/globalhealthequity.

New home in Hayes Hall: The CGHE has moved to its permanent home in beautiful Hayes Hall. The multi-functional collaborative workspace at 220 Hayes is a resource for all in the CGHE. Faculty teams interested in reserving space for collaborative global health efforts should contact Jessica Scates at jmscates@buffalo.edu with information on the purpose of the event, timing, and number of anticipated attendees.

Membership in CUGH: As one of the first steps toward increased presence among organizations that effect global health change, the CGHE moved to have UB become a member institution of the Consortium of Universities for

Global Health. As a consortium member, UB has been included in a dynamic association of more than 120 global organizations.

CUGH membership provides opportunities for UB faculty and students to augment their presence in the global health community, facilitate linkages with like-minded academics at institutions around the world, and provide access to information about jobs, research and training opportunities. To request member access to CUGH, each UB



John Borrazzo speaking at the Critical Conversations program.

employee or student can create a new member account within the login section of the CUGH website (www.cugh.org) noting their member university affiliation as “SUNY at Buffalo”.

Campus Conversations: In addition to an ongoing series of global health dialogues, the CGHE has been privileged to host a series of high-profile visitors to the UB community. In 2015, together with the School of Public Health and Health Professions’ Office of Global Health Initiatives, the CGHE hosted Dr Keith Martin, Executive Director of CUGH, and Dr. Levy, Assistant Professor, Emory University. Martin spoke about the future of global health, in addition to reflecting on the relevance of climate change for health and well-being worldwide. Dr. Levy spoke about the effects of climate change on diarrheal disease, an important cause of morbidity and mortality in low- and middle-income countries.

Also in 2015, Dr. John Borrazzo, the Chief of the Maternal and Child Health Division in the Bureau for Global Health at the U.S. Agency for International Development, was the featured guest in the 2016 CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS program, an annual event sponsored by UB President Satish Tripathi that brings UB distinguished scholars and professionals at the forefront of fields examining the challenges facing our 21st century world.

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Center for Science and Environment (CSE), an India-based research think tank leading the public sanitation effort for the entire country.

Last summer, a two-person team from Raja's lab traveled to New Delhi, Kerala and Kashmir to visit potential sites for the studio, and to meet with potential partners, including Rohilla. "We were quite impressed by CSE's work, especially in Kerala," Raja says.

Other partners include GIZ, a German organization similar to the U.S. Agency for International Development; the College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram located in nearby Kerala; and K. Vasuki, executive director of the Suchitwa Mission, a state sanitation agency.

The UB students paired with students from Thiruvananthapuram and split into teams. One group conducted surveys with approximately 75 households to learn more about water usage and storage, food systems, disease in

the area, and general health and sanitation behaviors.

Other students, through diagramming and photography, documented the built environment, including basic floor plans of homes, as well as water and waste-management systems.

In addition, students developed a GIS database that links physical and spatial information to demographic and statistical data.

Throughout the remainder of the spring semester, they'll consolidate and synthesize all the data they collected to develop their report, which will be sent to Maradu city leaders. The studio ends this semester, but Raja noted there will be additional opportunities for students to continue their work in Maradu. 🌐

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During his two-day visit, Borrazzo delivered a keynote lecture on October 23 entitled "Ending Preventable Child and Maternal Deaths: Working Across Sectors to Make the Vision a Reality", during which he shared his unique insights about progress in recent decades in decreasing global maternal and child mortality, and the invigorated efforts to align activities in health, education, nutrition, water and sanitation, infrastructure, and energy to ensure that critical interventions reach the most vulnerable populations. In addition, Borrazzo presided over a panel discussion of scholars from four disciplines entitled "Beyond the ivory tower: disciplinary perspectives to address global health challenges".

Partnership building: Central to the mission of the CGHE is the collaboration of UB faculty and students with organizations that have a direct influence on health equity in low-resource settings. Thus, an integral component of the CGHE's approach is to seek out potential partnerships and forge relationships with a diverse array of organizations, including international non-governmental organizations, research bodies, civil society entities, and governments.

To that end, in January 2016, Dr. Pavani K. Ram visited Amrita University, a premier research and teaching institution located in South India. Amrita University is a long-standing institutional partner of UB; in particular, the two universities have developed particularly close ties in management sciences and engineering programs over the past decade.

During her January visit, Ram identified a number of po-

tential collaborations among the health sciences and APEX scholars at both institutions, including potential internship placement for students, and opportunities for faculty to collaborate in patient flow research. Efforts are underway to solidify and develop those relationships further.

Additionally, in February 2016, Drs. Pavani K. Ram and Lisa Lenker, Program Coordinator for the CGHE, visited Entebbe and Kampala, Uganda, again with the aim of identifying potential partner organizations and entities. Numerous opportunities for faculty and student collaboration were identified with potential partners, which included non-governmental organizations, such as Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), WaterAid Uganda, and the Danish Refugee Council; higher education units, including Makerere University's Child Health and Development Centre; and the Infectious Diseases Institute affiliated with Makerere University.

Ram and Lenker are presently reaching out to faculty and students who might be interested in pursuing research opportunities and collaborative relationships in Uganda. Lenker is slated to return to Uganda in June to, among other things, survey a refugee settlement community (where collaboration with UB APEX faculty has been sought in the development of new shelter systems), meet with other potential partners, and ensure that graduate students traveling to Uganda are settled in their fieldwork placements. Faculty interested in exploring partnerships in either India or Uganda are invited to Lisa Lenker at lsalenk@buffalo.edu. 🌐

UB-TSINGHUA ART EXCHANGE PROGRAM

By Millie Chen

The academic exchange between the UB Department of Art and the Painting and Art History Departments, Academy of Arts & Design, Tsinghua University is intended to generate fresh research and creative works that result from cross-cultural discourse and collaboration.

The UB-Tsinghua exchange has unfolded over the last several years via campus visits in both countries. In November 2012, a small delegation from UB's Department of Art (Prof. Steve Kurtz, Dept. Chair at the time, and I) visited Tsinghua University in order to conduct public lectures, mount a UB faculty exhibition, and participate in discussions with Prof. Zhang Gan, Vice Dean of Tsinghua's Academy of Fine Arts, and a number of Tsinghua faculty in preparation for the academic exchange.

In September 2015, six delegates from the Academy of Arts & Design visited the University at Buffalo: Prof. Zhang Gan, Prof. Zheng Yi (Director of Department of Painting), Prof. Zhou Aimin (Deputy Director of Department of Painting), Wen Zhongyan (Deputy Director of Department of Painting), Prof. Chen Anying (Director of Department of Art History), and Eric Feng Fan (Ph.D. student who is also the Academic Executive of the Institute of Contemporary Art at Tsinghua).

During this visit, the symposium *Rooted and Roaming: States of Contemporary Chinese Art* was realized, with robust attendance and stimulating discussion during the Q & A. The thematic focus of the symposium was on the relationship of contemporary Chinese art to the deep-rooted cultural traditions from which it stems, and the respective role of academia in China in terms of current methodologies for educational discourse. The delegation also met with upper administration at the University at Buffalo, and conducted studio visits with graduate students in the Department of Art.

In January 2016, three UB Department of Art faculty—Jonathan Katz, Chair and Professor, Director, Ph.D. in Visual Studies, Chris Lee, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design,

and I—and six MFA graduate students—Morgan Arnett, Liz Black, Alyssa Crane, Caroline Doherty, Gareth Lichty, Carl Spartz—embarked on a two-week Study Abroad residency at Tsinghua University, working with multiple Academy of Arts & Design faculty and eleven MFA, MA and PhD students toward creating new collaborative research and artistic works.

The Study Abroad course was based at the Academy of Arts & Design at Tsinghua University, but students also utilized the expansive urban

context of Beijing in their research. The daily schedule consisted of morning workshops or lectures, delivered by both Tsinghua and UB faculty. Most afternoons were devoted to the development of the collaborative projects. Two full days consisted of tours of area art, cultural and heritage institutions.

For the final class, the works-in-progress were mounted and critiqued by faculty from both institutions. The Study Abroad program was a productive

session, resulting in promising works-in-progress that will continue to be developed over the intervening months before the students meet again in the fall of 2016.

The difference in approach to pedagogy that different collaborating, cross-cultural institutions utilize always presents a challenge, but it is one that is fascinating, creating teachable moments for both students and faculty involved, and contributes to the richness of the program.

In September 2016, participating Tsinghua Academy of Arts & Design faculty and graduate students will conduct a two-week residency at UB in order to complete the collaborations begun in January 2016 in Beijing. This residency will culminate in an exhibition and symposium that focus on the complexities of cross-cultural interpretations and negotiations.

The exhibition will be mounted at UB Art Gallery, to open on September 8, with the intention to circulate it to Beijing in the future. At the end of the residency, production will begin on a publication that documents and analyzes the cultural exchange, collaborative process, and final art works through critical text and visual design. (Photo by Eric Feng Fan). 🌐



UB and Tsinghua students in Beijing, with Profs. Katz and Chen (far right)

SERIES ON ISLAM ADDRESSES FEARS AND MISCONCEPTIONS

By David J. Hill

A series of public events on Islam hosted by scholars, students and groups affiliated with the University at Buffalo was presented in April 2016, with the goal of educating the community about the religion and engaging in scholarly dialogue on issues facing Islam today.

Titled "Redefining the Narrative: Islam in Focus," the event series is being held in response to some of the anti-Muslim rhetoric in the media and U.S. presidential campaign, organizers say.



Students share their experience at the Muslim Student Panel. Photo: Chad Cooper

"Our goal is to educate the community about the meaning of Islam as practiced by the majority of Muslims," said Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Samina Raja, a co-organizer of the events. "The hope is to spark thoughtful consideration of and scholarly discussion on this important issue."

The series included four events, including a panel discussion in which Muslim students discussed their faith and their experiences living in the U.S. and elsewhere.

The other three events were a lecture titled, "An Introduction to Islam"; a Muslim Student Association banquet featuring a keynote speech on "The True Message of Islam: A Religion of Peace"; and a keynote speech on Islam in the time of ISIS and Islamophobia delivered by the director of the Islamic Studies Center at Duke University.

Leading off the series on April 7 was a lecture, "An Introduction to Islam," by Jeannette Ludwig, associate professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, who focused on Islam's role in shaping world history theologically, politically, commercially and artistically. She examined the foundations of the religion (Muhammed and the Qur'an),

its central practices and how Islam affects the daily life of both men and women.

The Muslim Student Association banquet on April 15 featured a keynote speech, "The True Message of Islam: A Religion of Peace," by Shabir Ally, Imam and president of the Islamic Information and Dawah Centre International in Toronto. His talk addressed the peaceful and charitable orientation of Islam.

The student panel discussion on April 21 afforded Muslim students at UB to discuss their upbringing, their faith and their experiences as Muslims in the U.S. and other countries.

The April 28 keynote, "Islam and Muslims in an age of ISIS and Islamophobia," was presented by Professor Omid Safi, director of the Islamic Studies Center at Duke University. He explored the state of the American Muslim community and the American democratic experiment 15 years after the horrific attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Asserting that few American communities are viewed with more hostility, negativity and suspicion, Safi discussed the challenges faced by the Muslim community as Muslims consistently condemn the attacks of groups like ISIS while at the same time perpetually defending themselves against Islamophobia.

At a time when some leading presidential candidates talk seriously about increasing the surveillance of Muslim

communities, turning away Muslim refugees and shutting down mosques, Safi addressed questions of importance to American democracy in an age of fear and fear-mongering: "Where do we go from here?" and "How do we rebuild the bonds of the 'Beloved Community?'" (The Beloved Community is a term popularized by Martin Luther King Jr. that refers to an inclusive world defined by virtues such as justice, love, compassion and nonviolence.)

Attendees were encouraged to bring monetary donations for Food for All, a Western New York organization that strives to reduce hunger. The charitable effort reflects the importance that Islam places on giving and supporting one's community, Raja says.

The series was organized by the UB Office of International Education, UB School of Architecture and Planning, the UB Muslim Student Association, UB Intercultural and Diversity Center and UB Asian Studies Program, with support from those entities, UB and donations from Western New York residents. 🌐

FORMER UB PRESIDENT STEVEN B. SAMPLE DIES AT 75

By Cory Nealon

Not long into his tenure as UB's 12th president, Steven B. Sample developed a prophetic message about the university and the Buffalo Niagara region.

He would tell people – everyone from tenured professors and undergraduate students to elected officials – that UB was better than they thought. He would tell them that the university was doing world-class work, and that the City of Buffalo was loaded with hidden treasures and untapped potential. He would tell them that they could do more, and that better days were ahead.

His message and what it inspired – as the City of Buffalo undergoes an unprecedented renaissance, and with UB cementing its place

as a leading public research university – rings true nearly a quarter century after Sample ended his 10-year run at the university's helm, which lasted from 1982-91.

Sample, an innovative electrical engineer who oversaw UB's membership into both the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU) and NCAA Division I, and who later went on to become the longtime president of the University of Southern California, died Tuesday, March 29. He was 75 years old.

"Few individuals have had a greater or more lasting impact on our university, or indeed on the higher education community nationally," UB President Satish K. Tripathi said.

"President Sample was a true innovator in the deepest and broadest sense of that term—a visionary leader whose ready embrace of new modes of thinking, competing ideas, and fresh points of view forged new pathways throughout a remarkable academic career, from his pioneering contributions as an electrical engineer and inventor, to his leadership as an accomplished and inspiring university administrator."

Known for his inexhaustible energy and unlimited intellectual curiosity, Sample greatly expanded upon the groundwork laid by his predecessor, UB President Robert L. Ketter, who was the guiding force behind the development of North Campus. Sample left an indelible mark at UB by overseeing major campus construction, signing ac-

ademic exchange agreements with institutions in Asia and Europe, and launching important initiatives to improve undergraduate life and academic experience.

"Steve's aggressive vision put UB on the map as a formidable research institution and a meaningful partner in the Western New York community. I had the pleasure of working closely with him during my tenure at the UB

Foundation, and he was the first president to truly define the role of the Foundation and guide it on a sustainable course through town and gown interactions," said Jeremy M. Jacobs, chairman of the UB Council.

"He was a talented fundraiser and tremendous advocate for UB during the university's formative years. We were sorry to lose him to California, but USC was substantially enriched by his presidency as well. We will miss him."



Sample (r) unveiling new university signage in 1986 (UB Archives)

Under Sample's leadership, UB significantly expanded the scope of its research enterprise. Most prominently, the university gained acceptance into the AAU, composed of 62 leading research universities in North America.

UB also gained worldwide renown in the field of pattern recognition with the creation of the Center of Excellence for Document Analysis and Recognition (CEDAR), and became a magnet for earthquake engineering research with the establishment of the first National Center for Earthquake Engineering Research at UB.

"Steve was the one who actually made that happen," said George C. Lee, who worked alongside Sample as dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences while overseeing the earthquake engineering research center. "He was an incredible leader who worked tirelessly to ensure that the university raised its profile by becoming a member of the American Association of Universities."

"He was a strong believer in establishing synergy between industry and universities. He left a legacy at UB," said Sargur N. Srihari, SUNY Distinguished Professor in UB's Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the founding director of CEDAR.

Sample also became UB's global ambassador, routinely crisscrossing the globe to ink educational and research partnerships with leading universities in Asia, Europe and elsewhere.

"Steven Sample was a visionary university leader, who

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recognized earlier than most the importance of global engagement and outreach,” said Stephen Dunnett, UB vice provost for international education, who often accompanied Sample on those trips. “He saw the long-term impact of UB’s pioneering initiatives in China and Southeast Asia in the 1980s, and supported the critical early stages of the university’s internationalization.”

During Sample’s tenure, UB also made the leap into NCAA Division I athletics, further raising the university’s national prominence. UB’s profile has continued to rise, especially in recent years, as its football players have become NFL stars and its basketball teams continue to make appearances in the NCAA tournament.

Numerous UB colleagues on Tuesday recalled Sample, who was known to engage in lengthy conversations – day or night – on how to best position UB as a leading public research university.

“Every day was a learning experience working with Steve. He was bursting with new ideas and always finding new ways to help UB raise its profile on national and international stages. He was a one-of-a-kind guy,” said Robert Wagner, a retired UB administrator who has worked in varying capacities with the last five UB presidents.

While at UB, Sample taught classes in electrical engineering, computer science and literature.

“He was a joy to work with because he was always working out ideas as he went along. And he was tremendously articulate at modeling his process for students to understand,” said Robert Daly, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor in English and Comparative Literature, who taught Plato’s Republic with Sample.

Sample’s role in Western New York extended outside of UB, as he served as chair of the Governor’s Conference on Science and Engineering Education, Research and Development, and on the board of directors for the Greater Buffalo Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

Steven Browning Sample was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on Nov. 29, 1940. His mother was a civic activist, and his father worked as a sales manager for an electric motor company. He married his college sweetheart, Kathryn Brunkow of Park Ridge, Illinois, while both were undergraduates at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

After earning three electrical engineering degrees – a bachelor’s, master’s and PhD, all by the age of 24 – he took a job with Melpar, Inc., a research and development firm in Virginia, where he led research on the Gemini-7 space flight laser communicator program.

He accepted a faculty position at Purdue University in 1966, where he specialized in the field of electrohydrodynamics. As his career at Purdue progressed, he built a reputation in electrical engineering, publishing numerous

articles and developing several patents, including digital appliance controls and touch pads used in more than 300 million microwave ovens and other home appliances worldwide.

He continued his academic career at the University of Nebraska, where he taught upper-level courses in electromagnetic theory and linear system theory, while serving concurrently as executive vice president for academic affairs and dean of the graduate college.

Following his 10 years at UB, Sample joined USC in 1991 becoming the institution’s 10th president. At USC, Sample led the university as it made immense strides forward in terms of its academic prestige, community partnerships, and overall development.

During his tenure, USC rose in the college rankings, grew an increasingly diverse student body, and was named “College of the Year 2000” by Time magazine/Princeton Review. Endowed chairs and professorships rose and the university conducted a \$2.85 billion fundraising campaign, becoming the first university to receive five gifts of \$100 million or more.

“So many of USC’s successes, so much of our university’s current stature, can be traced back to Dr. Sample’s dynamic leadership, keen foresight and extraordinary prudence,” said current USC President C.L. Max Nikias, who received from UB his master’s degree, in 1980, and PhD, in 1982, and considered Sample a role model.

Sample made the Los Angeles Times’ best-seller list with his book “The Contrarian’s Guide to Leadership.” He worked to achieve educational reforms in Los Angeles schools, has served as chairman of the AAU as well as on several AAU policy committees, and founded the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU).

He received numerous awards, including in 2004 UB’s highest honor, the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal, which is given in public recognition of an individual who has “performed some great thing which is identified with Buffalo...which, in itself, is truly great and ennobling, and which dignifies the performer and Buffalo in the eyes of the world.”

A member of both the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Sample received honorary doctorates from Canisius College (1989), D’Youville College (2011), Purdue (1994), UB (2006), the University of Nebraska (1995), and the University of Sheffield, England (1991), among others.

Sample is survived by his wife, Kathryn Brunkow Sample, daughters Michelle Sample Smith and Elizabeth Sample, son-in-law Kirk Smith and grandchildren Kathryn and Andrew Smith. 🌐

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ARUN JAIN, BELOVED PROFESSOR FOR STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD

Arun K. Jain, longtime faculty member and Samuel P. Capen Professor of Marketing Research in the School of Management, died unexpectedly at home March 3, 2016. He was 71.

A funeral service was held on March 5 at Amigone Funeral Home in Williamsville.

Born in India, Jain earned advanced degrees in business from the University of Allahabad and came to the U.S. in the late 1960s.

After graduating from the International Center for the Advancement of Management Education at the Stanford University School of Business in 1968, Jain obtained an MBA from the University of California at Berkeley. He went on to earn a doctoral degree in marketing in 1974 at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where he worked as a research assistant at the Wharton School.

Jain joined the UB School of Management in 1973 and, over the course of the next 42 years, impacted the lives of countless students and contributed significantly to the school's reputation through his scholarship and many media interviews.

A Fulbright scholar and prolific researcher, Jain published more than 60 articles in international journals and in 1982 co-authored "Marketing Research: Applications and Problems," an influential text in the field of marketing.

Known nationally and internationally as an expert in retail marketing, especially supermarket retailing, he often was cited in such media outlets as the Associated Press, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and Bloomberg Businessweek.

In 2000, he established the Center for Relationship Marketing in the School of Management, which analyzes transactional data from more than 5 million households.

Well known for his popularity with students, Jain and his wife, Jean, often hosted student receptions in their home. He received the "Professor of the Year" award in 1989 and "Most Captivating Professor" in 1997. He was also a recipient of the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1990.

"It's rare to find someone who was such an accomplished researcher and academic on the scholarship side, but also an exemplary teacher who has that kind of dedication to his students," said Paul Tesluk, interim dean of the School of Management.

Dozens of alumni conveyed condolences and memories

in person and by email and social media.

"My analytics and research skills are all based upon his teachings," said Ron Veiders, MBA '01, product marketing manager at Caplugs. "His classes shaped my understanding and foundation of market research, competitive research, trade marketing — everything that's allowed me to succeed in my career."

Jain cultivated an extensive alumni network, bringing many graduates into his classes to speak to his current students. He often shaped entire semesters around real-life business cases, enabling graduates to make an immediate impact on the competitiveness and profitability of their employers.

"Dr. Jain had a tremendous impact on my life," said Sanjay Gupta, MBA '00, vice president and portfolio manager of CDM, a global health care advertising agency.


A frequent guest in Jain's classes, Gupta came from New York City to speak to Jain's MBA marketing class last semester. "He will remain in my memory as a great human being, mentor and an amazing person full of energy."

Jain also tapped into his robust alumni network to help current MBAs find jobs and internships.

He worked, taught and conducted research in more than 20 countries, including Hungary, Latvia, China and Singapore, and was a business consultant to several major corporations around the globe, including Honeywell, M&T Bank and Fisher-Price.

"Dr. Jain was a great professor with an unparalleled world view," said Praphul Misra, MBA '91, CEO of NetCarrots Loyalty Services in New Delhi, India. "He genuinely cared for his students' career success, and we will miss him dearly."

In addition to his wide travels, Jain was an avid photographer and enjoyed listening to classical music.

Donations in Jain's memory can be made to the Dr. Arun K. Jain Student Assistance Fund. 



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM, MAC CHAMPIONS, BOASTS INTERNATIONAL TALENT

By David J. Hill

Alumni Arena in winter 2016: the International Basketball Federation World Tour!

Not really, but it might seem that way given the roster of the UB women's basketball team. With seven players from outside the country, UB has more international players than any other women's basketball team in the Mid-American Conference. Toledo is second with four players from abroad. By contrast, Central Michigan's roster is composed mostly of athletes from that state, minus one from Indiana.

UB's roster also includes players from California, Kansas and Mississippi. Sophomore Cassie Oursler of Grand Island is the lone Western New Yorker. "We've kind of gone crazy with this overseas thing," laughs sophomore guard Liisa Ups, one of four Australians on the team. "It would be cool to see on a map."

Ups came to Buffalo in 2014 with her twin sister, Katherine, a guard for the Bulls. "I'm so lucky to get to come overseas," Liisa Ups says. "I'm doing stuff that when I was 12 I never would have dreamed of."

Also on the roster are Courtney Wilkins and Stephanie Reid from Australia, Tamara Brcina from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ayoleka Sodade from Canada and Mirte Scheper from the Netherlands. How do all these international players end up in Buffalo? UB's reputation for globalism helps.

"The whole world is here," says Bulls fourth-year head coach Felisha Legette-Jack, who guided UB to its second-ever MAC Tournament semifinal appearance last season. "It's easy to recruit to Buffalo because our international numbers are among the best in the country."

Bulls assistant coach Cherie Cordoba, a native of Australia and former pro who was Legette-Jack's assistant at Hofstra and Indiana, helped recruit the Ups twins and Scheper, a highly touted 6-foot-4 freshman who played in the Netherlands' national development program.

"It's all very new," says Scheper, who arrived in Buffalo at the end of August. "In the Netherlands, we have different shops for everything. Here, you can pretty much buy everything in one store."

If you're wondering whether the program shies away

from mentioning the "s" word to international recruits from warmer climes, look no further than the T-shirts the players wear. They read: "UB women's basketball. It's a different kind of cool," with icicles hanging off the word



Clockwise from #15: Mirte Scheper, Ayoleka Sodade, Katherine Ups, Courtney Wilkins, Tamara Brcina, Stephanie Reid, Liisa Ups. Photo: Douglas Levere

"cool."

"We're embracing who we are," Legette-Jack says. "What's not to like about Buffalo? Once you see it, it's like, wow, this is a cool place."

The team's success on the court was demonstrated with their improbable first-ever MAC Championship this season and a ticket to the NCAA "Big Dance." The Bulls played for the first time in the Women's National Invitation Tournament, losing to highly favored third-seed Ohio State in the first round.

While the Bulls' international flavor provides an intriguing dynamic in the locker room and during team activities, how the team meshes on the court may take some time to develop. That's OK with Legette-Jack.

"What really gets my juices flowing is the rawness, the unknown — not knowing who's going to emerge," she explains. "I like the pieces with this group. They have size. They have swagger. They're mentally tough. If they stay, if they keep believing, this team will be in the Sweet 16 in a few years."

Now that would be something to write home about. 🌐

BUFFALO BARD CELEBRATES SHAKESPEARE'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

By Bert Gambini

This year marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. During 2016, "all the world's a stage" for commemorations of the Bard's life and work. Western New York has joined the celebration with a year-long calendar of public humanities events, including local performances, conferences, tours, and exhibits, all centered around Will and the work he created.

UB libraries has offered their community spaces and shown their collections for a number of events, including early Folio and Rare Book exhibits, the Milestones of Science exhibit, a Shakespeare Read-A-Thon in Lockwood Library, and on Shakespeare's April 23rd birthday a reception in conjunction with the annual Nichols' Regional High-School Shakespeare Conference, done this year in collaboration with "Will Power" sponsored by the Nardin Academy.

The downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is also hosting competitions, festivals, and book-making sessions for lovers of Shakespeare from all "seven ages of man," infancy to old age.

In summer 2016, Shakespeare in Delaware Park will also celebrate their 41st season on a brand new stage, made possible by generous donations from the community of Buffalo at large. In honor of this exciting time, they will start the season with a reprise of their first-ever production, the heart-rending and magical *The Winter's Tale*, and round out the summer spectacular with the crowd-pleasing *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Other events throughout the year include over a dozen theatrical performances, the UB Humanities Institute October 13-14 academic conference—"Object and Adaptation: The Worlds of Shakespeare and Cervantes"—exhibits, talks, screenings, tours, concerts, competitions, and much, much more.

Emma Smith, a professor of Shakespeare studies at Hertford College, Oxford, and one of the world's leading authorities on Shakespeare's First Folio, opened the UB Humanities Institute conference "Object and Adaptation: The Worlds of Shakespeare and Cervantes" with two talks on March 28.

Smith discussed the cultural, historical and literary significance of the First Folio with the lecture "From the Bar-bican to Buffalo: Why Shakespeare's First Folio Matters." She spoke first at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Li-

brary's Central branch in downtown Buffalo at noon and then delivered the same lecture later in the afternoon at UB's North Campus.

"We would not have half of Shakespeare's plays if it weren't for the First Folio," says Barbara Bono, associate professor in the Department of English and UB's representative to the Folger Institute, the scholarly branch of the Folger Shakespeare Library.

"That includes plays such as 'Macbeth,' 'Julius Caesar,' 'As You Like It,' 'Twelfth Night' and 'The Tempest.'"

"It's one of the most important books in the world," she says.

And Buffalo owns two of them, each housed in the special collections of the institutions where Smith will be delivering her lectures — and each will be on display during that time.

A number of Shakespeare's plays — but not all of them — were published during his lifetime in quarto editions, four-folded pamphlets that provided eight book pages

for text. But plays in this period were written for performance. If they were published at all it was an afterthought, according to Bono.

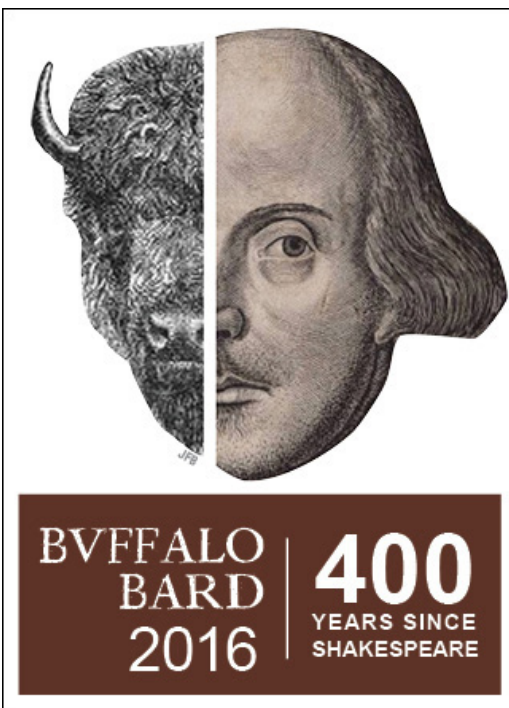
But the English playwright and poet Ben Jonson disagreed with the ephemeral nature of the genre. He led the way by publishing his own plays in a folio in 1616. Bono says that established the precedent and two members of Shakespeare's company published the Shakespeare folio in 1623, seven years after the Bard's death.

"What would the literary tradition be like without the First Folio?" asks Bono. "What would our knowledge and understanding of Shakespeare be like if that book had not been published?"

"That's why the book is so valuable," she says. "But it's also in a certain way priceless as an artifact of literary history."

Knowing it was a big year for Shakespeare programming and that the Folger was sending out 18 of its First Folios on tour around the United States, Bono spoke with librarians where Buffalo's copies are held.

"I saw this as an opportunity to showcase some of the riches in Buffalo at a moment of renaissance for the city," she says. "It's a chance to talk about our treasures, including the rare book treasures that form the core of whole



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MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM IN TARRAGONA, SPAIN

The Departments of Classics and Anthropology and the Institute for European and Mediterranean Archaeology, building on the collaborative agreement signed by UB and the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona, Spain, are developing cooperative programs with the Institut Català d'Arqueologia Clàssica at that university.

The modern city of Tarragona is the site of Tarraco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the oldest Roman settlement in the Iberian Peninsula, dating from the fifth century B.C. It served as the capital of Roman Spain.

In November 2015 Professor Stephen L. Dyson of the UB Classics Department visited Tarragona and the Institut. The Institut is an active teaching and research center, focused on the classical archaeology of the Iberian penin-

sula, with special emphasis on Tarragona and Catalonia. It is also a teaching institution with undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Institut is very much interested in developing its international connections. UB Classics and Anthropology with their research involvements in Europe and the Mediterranean would provide an ideal focus for that development. The immediate attraction is the opportunity for archaeological fieldwork with the Institut's research programs.

Tarragona and its territory are among the richest archeological in Europe and the programs run by the Institut are of very high quality. It is also hoped that this connection will provide UB students with the opportunity for graduate study in Tarragona. In turn, UB is encouraging URV students to connect with the programs in Classics and Anthropology and the Institute for European and Mediterranean Archaeology. 🌐



The Roman amphitheater of Tarraco

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collections of rare books at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library and the University Libraries."

As the celebration unfolds locally, the Folger, which owns 82 of the 233 extant First Folios, is presenting a traveling exhibit that will bring copies of the book to all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

"The Folger is using the First Folio tour to do more expansive programming, but I'd like to flatter myself that we're doing as much in Buffalo as anywhere else," says Bono. "We have the goods and we have the cooperation of cultural agencies and educational institutions and the right scale of community."

One of the visiting speakers during Buffalo Bard is the distinguished Korean Shakespearean Professor Woo Soo Park of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, who lectured at UB April 15th on "Shakespeare Studies in North Korea." A leading scholar of Shakespeare, Park has published studies of the Bard as well as translations of his plays.

Bono highlights the K-12 Shakespeare birthday celebra-

tions on April 23; "Shakespeare Comes to the 716," which for seven years has presented a performance program for at-risk kids; and the several local high schools producing Shakespeare plays. And this summer "Shakespeare in Delaware Park," the nation's second-largest free Shakespeare festival, will celebrate its 41st season on a brand-new stage.

"On the academic end, the Shakespearians I have coming are without a doubt among the best in the world," Bono says. "There are 13 coming during the course of the year that are extremely noteworthy."

"This all begins with the treasure of the First Folios and the community-wide effort that's going into this celebration," she says. "These are not just rare books; they are living, breathing artifacts and a driver of cultural literacy."

"It's a good moment." 🌐

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UB EVENTS FOCUS ON WORLD'S REFUGEE CRISIS

By Sue Wuetcher

We've all seen the heart-wrenching stories on the television news shows for many month now, stories of Syrians fleeing their homeland on foot and by boat in the hopes of escaping the violence and settling in Europe. And stories of migrants from Africa making the equally harrowing boat trip across the Mediterranean.

But what about the larger story? What does this migration mean for those experiencing it? What do refugees find when they arrive in Europe? In Buffalo?



Audience members at the Refugee Symposium. Photo: Dylan Buyskies

The School of Social Work, the Community for Global Health Equity and the Alison Des Forges Memorial Committee are coming together this spring to present a series of free events—film screenings, symposia and a health summit—focusing on the world's refugee crisis.

"The massive migration of people seeking safety from war-torn areas of the Middle East has drawn international attention and also hits close to home," says Hilary Weaver, professor of social work and co-director of the Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute at UB.

"Buffalo has become a city known for its ability to welcome refugees and, indeed, some who come to the area as refugees go on to further their education at UB.

"It is important that UB, an educational institution that engages issues of migration through classes and research, host these events to help educate us about and connect us with issues in our world and community," Weaver says. "Not only do we have a responsibility to know about major world events, we have a responsibility to combine that knowledge and awareness with compassion.

"These UB-sponsored events are important ways that both the university and broader Western New York community can become engaged with issues around migrant

flows and refugees."

The first event in the series was a screening of the documentary "A Requiem for Syrian Refugees" on March 30. Directed by Richard Wolf, the film offers an unprecedented, in-depth look at the daily lives of refugees as they take this daunting journey.

Two short films, "A Syrian Story about the Future" and "A Young Syrian Refugee's Journey to America," also were shown. The screenings were followed by a discussion moderated by Gamileh Jamil, executive director of ACCESS WNY — the Arab American Community Center for Economic and Social Services.

The following day, a day-long symposium titled "Syrian Refugees: Buffalo Responds" took place in the auditorium of the Buffalo & Erie County Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square in downtown Buffalo.

The symposium explored the cause, the context, the impact abroad, the impact on the individual and the impact on the community of the Syrian refugee crisis.

Delivering the keynote address, "Mental Health Issues of Syrians Affected by Armed Conflict," was Hussam Jeeff-Bahloul, assistant professor of psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Medical School. Also speaking was Sarita Fritzler of Save the Children, who spoke about issues involving child refugees.

Several UB faculty members also gave presentations. Deborah Reed-Danahay, professor and Jean Monnet Chair of Anthropology, discussed the European view of the Syrian refugee crisis; Kim Griswold, associate professor of family medicine and psychiatry, talked about refugees' medical needs; and Othman Shibly, clinical associate professor, School of Dental Medicine, spoke about his humanitarian efforts in Syria and in refugee camps in Turkey.

A panel of experts from Buffalo area agencies that assist refugees addressed legal concerns, housing and educational needs, healing from trauma and the importance of community-building. The film screenings and symposium were sponsored by the School of Social Work.

The Third Annual WNY Refugee Health Summit, organized by UB's Community for Global Health Equity and the Office of Global Health Initiatives in the School of Public Health and Health Professions, took place on April 2 at UB's Educational Opportunity Center on the UB Downtown Campus.

Each year the summit brings together practitioners, researchers, policy-makers, and members of resettlement and refugee communities to examine the barriers — and explore solutions — to providing culturally engaged health care to refugees.

Issam Smeir, a licensed clinical counselor who specializes

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NEW U.S. CONSUL GENERAL IN TORONTO VISITS UB

Ambassador Juan Alsace, recently appointed as Consul General of the United States in Toronto, Canada, visited UB to meet with President Tripathi on April 21, 2016. The purpose of the visit was to discuss Ambassador Alsace's strategic priorities and particularly to explore the possibilities for enhancing cooperation between U.S. and Canadian universities in the bi-national region.

A Buffalo native, Al-



Consul General Alsace visits President Tripathi

sace sees an opportunity in strengthening academic cooperation and student exchanges between institutions of higher education in Western New York and those in Southern Ontario.

During his visit, Alsace was the guest of the local chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), which hosted a reception at the Buffalo Club in downtown Buffalo, at which Ambassador Alsace delivered formal remarks about the work of the consulate and his own priorities. 🌐

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in trauma treatment for refugees, delivered the keynote address, "Battling on Two Fronts: Trauma and Cultural Adjustment." The summit included updates on local refugee health programs and projects, a panel session focused on trauma and cultural competency, and training on "conflict and peacemaking across cultures."

The final event in the series, an international symposium on "Refugees, Migrants, Human Trafficking and Slavery," examined the historical roots and global dimensions of the contemporary explosion of human trafficking and forced migration from Africa and the Middle East to Europe.

Presented by the Alison Des Forges Memorial Committee, it took place April 14 in 120 Clemens Hall.

Roger Des Forges notes, "Along with global warming and social inequality, the related issue of human trafficking is one of the most pressing in our time," says Roger Des Forges, UB professor emeritus of history, member of the Alison Des Forges Memorial Committee and husband of Alison Des Forges.

"This symposium is designed to expose the roots of the current crises in Africa, the Middle East and Europe, and to reflect on how we in North America may adopt wiser policies and more responsible lifestyles to promote peace and justice for all peoples."

The symposium will attempt to uncover the sources of the current crisis and explore possible solutions.

Presenting at the first panel, "From the Middle East and

Africa to Europe," were:

- Joe Stork, deputy director of Human Rights Watch's Middle East and North Africa Division, "Drivers of Displacement: How War, Repression, Terror and Neglect led to Europe's Refugee Catastrophe."
- Karen Jacobsen, associate research professor and acting director, Feinstein International Center, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, "Understanding Migration from Sub-Saharan Africa to Europe: Might Efforts to Stem the Flow Work?"
- Julia Hall, Amnesty International, "Refugees Welcome? How Europe's Incoherent Policy, Scapegoating and Exploitation of Terrorism Have Failed Refugees."

The second panel, titled "Within Africa and From Africa to North America," focused on slavery and child trafficking. Speaking were:

- Karen Stauss, director of programs, Free the Slaves, "Fighting Slavery from the Grassroots Up."
- James Kofi Annan, founder, Challenging Heights, Ghana, "The Holistic Protection and Empowerment of Children in Ghana."
- Evelyn Chumbow, survivor of and activist against anti-human trafficking, "From Cameroon to the U.S. and From Slavery to Freedom." 🌐

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ARCHITECTURE STUDIO DESIGNS HAVEN FOR REFUGEES

By David J. Hill

Ghalia Ajouz and her classmates don't see an abandoned silk mill on Buffalo's East Side.

They envision a rehabilitated building that serves as a vibrant temporary housing community for refugees who've been relocated to Buffalo. They see a structure that contributes to the economic revitalization of a section of the city that has lagged behind the rest.

The students are members of a School of Architecture and Planning spring studio that focuses on developing

falo, from pre- to post-arrival. They visited the West Side Bazaar and met with representatives from refugee organizations to learn about strategies that worked on Buffalo's West Side, home to many immigrants from Myanmar, Somalia and Bhutan, among other countries.

Then, they developed schematic plans for different housing types, focusing on the Broadway-Fillmore section of the East Side. Throughout the project, they've collaborated with partners at the International Institute of Buffalo and Broadway-Fillmore Neighborhood Housing Services.

"The East Side already has this proud history of immigration," says Ozay. "The idea is, what strategies can we devise to provide better, more affordable housing to satisfy the day-to-day needs of resettled families, as well as their social needs and how they are integrated into the community."

Toward that end, the students were split up into groups, one to design plans for a "welcome house," while the other is looking at long-term rental housing strategies.



Studio rendering of the former Duffy Building repurposed for refugee housing

short- and long-term housing plans for refugees in the Queen City.

The work they are doing this semester is one of numerous refugee-focused projects at UB, one of the most international public research universities in the U.S.

It's fitting that Buffalo — known as the City of Good Neighbors and currently experiencing a resurgence following decades of economic decline — should be so welcoming to refugees, says Erkin Ozay, a native of Turkey and an assistant professor of architecture at UB who is leading the studio.

"The families relocating here have had to tackle their own difficulties. I see Buffalo as a beacon of hope for them," says Ozay, noting that Buffalo is expected to receive 1,200 to 1,500 refugees in the next few years.

"There's something poetic about a city that had to tackle problems of decline now being hopeful," he says.

Meeting refugees' long- and short-term needs

This rendering, and the one below, depict a schematic view of a refugee housing facility on Buffalo's East Side, created by students in a UB Architecture and Planning studio.

Students in Ozay's studio spent the first part of the semester researching the various stages of refugee life in Buf-

An international student's perspective

Ajouz, the architecture student, knows what it's like to live in a new country. She came to Buffalo three years ago from Lebanon to study architecture at UB. In her native Lebanon, she served as a volunteer helping Syrian refugees.

"For every four Lebanese, there is one Syrian refugee right now," says Ajouz. "There are also a half of a million Palestinian refugees. Lebanon is a very small country, about one-tenth the size of New York State."

The transition to life in the U.S. is not easy for refugees, many of whom come from nations devastated by war. "For the first three months of their arrival, they are in what's called the honeymoon phase," Ajouz explains.

"They're in a better place, away from what they have seen before. After that 90 days, they start feeling guilty. They think about family they left behind, or family who were killed."

Ajouz and her classmates are spending the rest of the semester finalizing the preliminary designs they drafted. Ajouz' group focused on revamping the former Duffy Silk building at 1270 Broadway. They wanted to use an existing building because there are numerous vacant properties on the East Side.

Their design includes retail space on the first floor to

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INAUGURAL JEAN MONNET LECTURE ADDRESSES IMMIGRATION FEARS

By Bert Gambini

Nancy Foner, a Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Hunter College and a pre-eminent scholar in the field of comparative immigration studies, delivered UB's inaugural Jean Monnet Distinguished Lecture.

Foner discussed why tensions about immigrant populations and their incorporation have taken different forms on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean as part of her talk, "Fear, Anxiety and Immigration: Barriers and Belonging in the United States and Western Europe." The lecture took place April 26 at the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy on the UB North Campus.

"One of the reasons I wanted to invite Nancy as the first speaker in this series is because of her expertise on comparative perspectives," says Deborah Reed-Danahay, a professor in the Department of Anthropology, who was one of only 40 university professors worldwide last year to receive a Jean Monnet Chair, a highly competitive, three-year teaching and research post awarded by the European Commission, the executive body of the European Union.

"Foner conceptualizes things at broad levels based on work that tries to understand the differences in reception

of immigrants and the ways different immigrant populations perceive their experience."

This visit was the first of what will be a three-lecture series over the next three years in connection with the personally chosen theme of Reed-Danahay's Jean Monnet Chair: "Cultural anthropology: citizenship, mobility and belonging in the European Union."

Foner is the author of numerous articles and 18 books on immigration, including her most recent, co-authored with Richard Alba, *Strangers No More: The Challenges of Integration in North America and Western Europe*.

She also wrote the afterward to Reed-Danahay's book co-edited with Caroline Brettell, *Citizenship, Political Engagement and Belonging: Immigrants in Europe and the United States*.

"We tend to focus in the U.S. on our own issues of immigration," says Reed-Danahay. "But we can learn by looking globally at how other places in the world have been handling some of the issues we're facing — both their mistakes and successful strategies."

Since being named a Jean Monnet Chair in September 2015, Reed-Danahay says immigration has become an

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encourage the new residents to interact with the larger community. "We want integration, not just resettlement," Ajouz says.

The students' plans also feature an active courtyard that includes space for a garden, which serves two purposes: it allows refugees to grow their own food—some of which may be plants and vegetables from their native country—and it's a psychological mechanism. "Think about it, if you are living somewhere for six months, would you plant something? Probably not," Ajouz says. "Growing plants means it's more long-term. It helps take their mind off of the guilt."

While the studio is focused on two types of housing plans, there's more to it, says Ozay, the professor leading the course. "We want to see if we can contribute to the urban rejuvenation of the East Side through this, especially because there already is some momentum building there," he says. The influx of refugees is helping to drive Buffalo's resurgence, says Isok Kim, an assistant professor of social work at UB whose research focuses on social determinants of health and mental health among immigrants and refugees.

"The refugee communities are very active and visible in Buffalo. As Mayor Byron Brown has repeatedly mentioned, they are singularly responsible for the uptick in popula-

tion growth in the City of Buffalo. They are helping to revive Buffalo's West Side. They generate economic growth through various entrepreneurial endeavors, and add invaluable cultural and linguistic diversity to Western New York," says Kim.

UB's multi-pronged effort

Kim is one of numerous UB faculty members who have worked with refugee populations locally and across the globe. He is a founding member of the Refugee Health Summit, a major UB-community initiative to address health issues that affect refugees. This year's summit happened April 2, 2016 at the Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity Center in downtown Buffalo (see p. 17).

Kim is also leading two community-based participatory research projects—the Burmese Community Behavioral Health Survey and a qualitative study that aims to understand specific barriers to health and health care among Buffalo's Burmese population. And he's teaching a graduate level course titled "Responding to Refugees and Immigrants."

It's important that research universities like UB address refugee issues, says Kim. "We can no longer cover our eyes and ears and simply ignore what's happening beyond the United States, because we are intricately and intimately involved in the perpetuation and worsening of the refugee crisis around the world in this global economic and political environment." 🌐

BUFFALO'S REFUGEE OUTREACH FOCUS OF JOURNALISTS' VISIT

By Ellen Goldbaum

Global issues about refugees and migrants — and Buffalo and UB's reputation for working well with the refugee population — were highlighted earlier this week as the city hosted a press tour of foreign journalists titled "How the City of Good Neighbors Embraces Refugees."

Sponsored by the U.S. State Department, the tour brought more than a dozen journalists from eight countries to Buffalo to learn more about the city, which the State Department describes as "one of the top resettlement sites for refugees in the United States, resettling about 1,500 refugees annually."

In January 2016, the School of Social Work's Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute (IRRI) hosted the journalists for a discussion with UB faculty active in the Community of Excellence on Global Health Equity.

"Buffalo is a community that has really gotten it right with refugees," Kim Griswold told the group. Griswold, associate professor of family medicine and psychiatry in the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, has worked with Buffalo's refugees for decades. She currently serves as medical director of the Western New York Center for Survivors of Refugee Trauma and Torture.

Griswold noted that the university's commitment to the issue was reflected in its decision last year to fund a Community of Excellence in Global Health Equity, which brings scholars together throughout the university to address global health disparities both around the world and at home. Among refugees, she said, one of the key issues is identifying and removing barriers to health care after they have been resettled.

In partnership with the Global Health Equity group, a current interest of IRRI researchers is to explore what kinds of barriers to health care exist in Buffalo for refugees from Burma. They also are interested in collaborating with the Erie County Department of Social Services to characterize the refugee population in the county.

The Global Health Equity group is not driven solely by the research needs of its faculty, Isok Kim, assistant professor of social work, told the journalists. Its advisory board, which determines what projects the group will pursue,

consists of leaders from the refugee communities and community service providers, as well as UB faculty.

The result is that instead of doing what some refer to as "helicopter research" — where the researcher goes into a group, gets the desired data and then leaves — faculty in the Global Health Equity group work alongside the refugees while gathering data.

"We want to provide a meeting place, a hub," said Wooksoo Kim, associate professor of social work. "We were pulled into the needs of the refugee population; we are building a connection with the community." Kim co-directs IRRI with Hilary Weaver, professor of social work and associate dean for academic affairs.

The journalists were especially interested in the difficulties faculty said they faced in gathering data on refugees. This is because in the U.S., the faculty said, different government and social welfare agencies tend to keep different types of data on individuals. For example, medical records require simple ethnic categorization, such as "Asian" or "Hispanic"

and often do not include whether or not an individual has recently entered the U.S. or his or her country of origin.

"There's a disconnect between those who collect the data and the people who want to use them," explained Weaver. "There are pockets of data from federal, state and local agencies."

Buffalo, for example, has four different resettlement agencies. "Our goal is to put the pieces together," she said.

In addition to their stop at UB, the journalists also visited Buffalo's four resettlement agencies: Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Service of Buffalo and Erie County, the International Institute of Buffalo and Journey's End Refugee Services. In addition, they met with Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown, had lunch at the West Side Bazaar, met with officials of the Westminster Economic Development Initiative and visited P.S. 45, International School.

The journalists, all based in Washington, D.C., or New York City, were reporting for such media outlets as RT, Al Jazeera and the Korean Broadcasting System, and were representing media in the UK, China, Norway, the Ukraine, Hong Kong, Korea, India, Russia and the United Arab Emirates. 🌐



PRASAD HONORED BY INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF OPTICS AND PHOTONICS

By Charlotte Hsu

UB researcher and inventor Paras Prasad has been named the 2016 recipient of the Gold Medal of the SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics.

The award, the society's highest honor, is awarded to just one individual each year. It will be presented to Prasad this August in recognition of his "numerous, world renowned, pioneering contributions to nonlinear optics, nanophotonics and biophotonics, as well as over three decades of outstanding service to SPIE."

At UB, Prasad serves as executive director of the Institute for Lasers, Photonics and Biophotonics (ILPB). He is a SUNY Distinguished Professor in the departments of Chemistry, Physics, Medicine and Electrical Engineering.

Optics and photonics are branches of science that involve the study of and the manipulation of light. Among many other achievements, Prasad was an early pioneer in the field of light-based nanomedicine, which involves using tiny, light-activated particles for diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of disease.

He has worked with colleagues to develop or study a wide range of new materials that could advance technology in health care and other fields, ultimately improving lives around the world. These novel materials include miniature luminescent crystals that could be used in image-guided surgery, light-activated particles that could enable the development of new bioimaging technologies for disease detection, and onion-like nanoparticles whose specially designed layers could convert invisible near-infrared light to higher energy blue and UV light efficiently, a trick that could improve the performance of technologies ranging from deep-tissue imaging and light-induced therapy to security inks used for printing money.

In the early 2000s, Prasad authored "Nanophotonics," one of the first books to provide an in-depth discussion of what was then an emerging field. He remains one of the world's pre-eminent thinkers in this discipline.

"The SPIE Gold Medal is a prestigious international honor. It is a much-deserved recognition for Dr. Prasad, who has made profound contributions to the fields of optics

and photonics over many years," said President Satish K. Tripathi.

"In shaping the fields of nanophotonics, nanomedicine and biophotonics, he helped to open up a critical new frontier in science and technology. Those are truly seminal contributions that have life-changing implications, from cancer treatment and drug delivery to imaging and information storage."

In addition to conducting research, Prasad has mentored numerous students and researchers in the fields of optics and photonics. Notably, he helped guide the work of one UB postdoctoral researcher who went on to found a UB spinoff company in Europe that raised \$14.2 million euros in an initial public offering in 2012.

A prolific inventor and researcher, Prasad has received numerous regional, national and international awards for his lifetime achievements.

Of note, he is a recipient of the prestigious Sloan and Guggenheim fellowships. In 2005, was named one of the "Scientific American 50," the magazine's list of "visionaries from the worlds of research, industry and politics whose recent accomplishments point toward a brighter technological future for everyone."

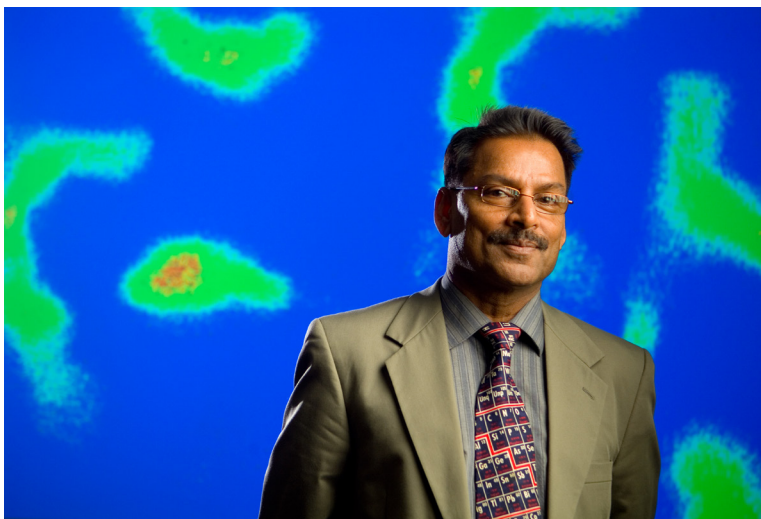
Recently, Prasad received an Honoris Causa Doctor from the Aix-Marseille University in France, as well as an honorary doctorate from the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden (KTH) for his pioneering work in areas including the use of light-based technologies to address important, global health problems.

At the 2016 General Commencement in May Prasad received the President's Medal from President Tripathi for his outstanding contributions to UB. In 2015, he was named the inaugural winner of UB's Innovation Impact Award.

Prasad has published more than 700 scientific papers, edited eight books, published four monographs and been named the inventor or co-inventor on numerous patents.

He will travel to San Diego to receive the SPIE Gold Medal on Aug. 31 during the SPIE Award. 🌐

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INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF FACULTY AND STAFF

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

Department of Architecture

Shannon Bassett, assistant professor, presented her design research, "Recovering China's Agricultural and Water Landscapes Reconfiguring Rural to Urban Built Typologies" in the Urban Form, Morphology and Type track as part of the annual American Colleges of Schools of Planning (ACSP) annual national conference held in Houston this past Fall. She was also invited as a panelist discussant for the Roundtable, "Rethinking Housing: The Challenge of Urbanism in Asian- Mega-cities", moderated by Gary Hack and organized by Stefan Al, both from the University of Pennsylvania. She also presented her design research, "Back to the Countryside! Reconfiguring Rural-Urban Typologies, Recovering China's Agricultural and Ecological Landscapes" at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference in San Diego this Spring, as part of the "Urban Affairs in Asia and the Pacific Rim" track, in the session, "Urban Environment and Sustainable Development in Asia" for which she also served as moderator.

Bassett is currently teaching a Graduate Architecture and Urban Design Studio this Spring engaging in urban and rural design in China, entitled "Designing Village Acupuncture: A (Rural) Urban Landscape and Architectural Intervention for the Chinese Village through Ecological Practices", based in Xixian, Anhui province. Both her current students, as well as those who participated in her China Architecture Study Abroad program this past Summer, will be presenting their design work at the symposium/workshop being held April 29 at UB entitled, "China and the World: 1950s Urban Culture and Planning." This workshop is sponsored by the SUNY Network of Excellence in Arts and Humanities and organized by **Kristin Stapleton**, associate professor and director of the M.A. Program History Department. Bassett will also be presenting at a roundtable for Roundtable on Urban Planning in the Socialist World at this workshop. Finally, Bassett presented her design research and work this past January at the University of Architecture of Ho Chi Minh City Urban Planning Department as well as serving as a guest critic for Urban Design final reviews, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

A café in Buffalo designed by UB architects **Stephanie Davidson**, clinical assistant professor, and **Georg Rafailidis**, assistant professor, as an architectural experiment in non-mechanical heating and cooling has been recognized with a "Best of Canada Design" citation by Canadian Interiors magazine. Davidson and Rafailidis' adaptive re-use project, which recently opened as Tipico Coffee on Fargo Avenue on Buffalo's Lower West Side, was singled out for its use of temperature and climate as a spatial feature. The space eliminates the need for mechanical heating and cooling through natural ventilation systems and a specially engineered wood-burning oven.

Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Robert Silverman, professor, was an invited speaker at the Hospital/Hôpital: IHSP-CIRM Conference in Montreal, Canada on October 2, 2015. The conference was co-sponsored by McGill University's Institute for Health & Social Policy (IHSP) and the new Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Montreal (CIRM). Silverman's presented findings from his research on anchor institutions and community development. His lecture was titled, "Securing community benefits from public projects: experiences in the United States and Canada."

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Anthropology

Deborah Reed-Danahay, professor, was awarded a Jean Monnet Chair from the Erasmus+ Program of the European Commission for a three-year period (2016-18). Her project for the JMC is "Citizenship, Mobility, and Belonging in the EU." In summer 2015, she traveled to Europe for preliminary research funded by the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy regarding a project on French migrants in London. She gave a presentation at the annual conference of the Association for French Ethnography and Anthropology in Toulouse in July 2015. In

October 2015, she became a member of the newly formed Advisory Board of the "Cosmopolitan and Vernacular Dynamics in World Literatures" research program recently funded by the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation from 2016 until 2021. With her co-editor, Helena Wulff of Stockholm University, she launched a new book series in fall 2015 on Literary Anthropology to be published by Palgrave Macmillan. Her article "Like a Foreigner in my own Homeland": Writing the Dilemmas of Return in the Vietnamese American Diaspora" appeared in the September 2015 issue of the journal *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*.

Department of Chemistry

Janet R. Morrow, professor, visited Korea for two weeks in August 2015 to lecture at several institutions including the Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST), Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) and Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). At KAIST she gave a five-day summer class as part of the KAIST distinguished lectureship award. In December 2015 and January 2016, she visited northern Italy to initiate collaborative research at the University of Torino as part of an international research supplement from the National Science Foundation. She also visited the Centre de Biophysique Moléculaire in Orleans, France to lecture and initiate collaborative research.

Department of Classics

Roger D. Woodard, Andrew v. V. Raymond Professor of the Classics and Chair of the Department of Classics was invited to lecture in the Czech Republic during November 2015. At Masaryk University in Brno he lectured on ritual etiology in archaic Roman cult. At Charles University in Prague he took part in a conference celebrating the 100th anniversary of Bedrich Hrozný's decipherment of the Hittite language, presenting a lecture on the Hittite god Telipinu, one of the several "disappearing gods" of the Hittites: he argued that the tradition of the god's disappearance was a Hittite expression of an older Indo-European tradition of the traumatized warrior who flees from society in the aftermath of combat, that the Hittite tradition has been influenced by Syrian traditions of the god Ba'al, and that Telipinu's "disappearance" provided the model for the disappearance narratives of other Hittite gods.

Department of Communication

Arun Vishwanath, associate professor, gave an invited talk at the National University of Singapore on February 3, 2016. The talk titled "Spear phishing: The single biggest threat to cybersecurity and how we can combat it," described various ways in which everyone from hackers to terrorist groups used spear phishing to monetize a variety of crimes. The lecture also discussed strategies for protecting people and combating these attacks. The talk was attended by faculty, graduate students, as well as members of the Singapore Police Force's Behavioral Sciences Unit.

Department of English

Rachel Ablow, associate professor, "The Homelessness of Pain", Keynote. Victorian Studies Association of Ontario Annual Conference, Toronto, Ontario in April, 2016.

Joseph Conte, professor, served as an external examiner for the dissertation of Elin Käck in the Department of Culture and Communication, Linköping University, Sweden, November 27, 2015; he also presented a lecture, "An Archaeology of Multimodal Poetry," at the Agency/Poetics/Media conference at Linköping University, November 26, 2015.

Walter Hakala, assistant professor, will be teaching an undergraduate course, "Global Culture: Romance Traditions in Asia," in Daegu, South Korea as part of Kyungpook National University's Global Summer School, June and July 2016.

Myung Mi Kim, professor and director of the Poetics Program, gave a poetry reading and talk in Paris, France, at the Ivy Writers Reading Series (November, 2015) and in London, England, at the Globe Road Poetry Festival, Queen Mary University (November, 2015).

Irving Massey, professor emeritus, had an article, "Le personnage du Juif dans l'oeuvre d'Erckmann-Chatrian," accepted by *Studi Francesi*; his essay "Intrusions of a Drowsy Mind: Neural Markers of Phenomenological Unpredictability" has been published in *Frontiers in Psychology* (an on-line Swiss journal).

Steve McCaffery, professor, will be organizing and performing in "Radical Shakespeare" in London, England, at the Royal Festival Hall on June 1, 2016. He will give a talk/reading in Manchester; and will be performing June 9th at the Festival of Ideas, York.

Cristanne Miller, SUNY Distinguished Professor and chair, will present a paper at the Emily Dickinson International Society Conference, "The Angled Road Preferred against the Mind: Experimental Dickinson," June 24-26, 2016 in Paris, France.

Howard Wolf, professor emeritus, lectured on American Literature and Culture in Presov (Slovakia) and Pilsen and Prague (Czech Republic) under the auspices of Presov University, March 14-24, 2016. He also gave a lecture on June 4, 2015 at the University of Cambridge (in the Gatsby Room at Wolfson College) entitled "Metaphor."

Department of Geography

Trina Hamilton, associate professor, and **Abigail Cooke**, assistant professor, have been named co-directors of the Canada-U.S. Trade Center.

Department of Geology

In March 2016, **Mary Alice Coffroth**, professor, was invited to Okinawa Japan to participate in a week-long workshop on "The Influence of metapopulation structure and connectivity on the response of coral reefs to climate change and ocean acidification" that was held at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University in Okinawa, Japan.

Greg Valentine, professor and director of the Center for Geohazards Studies, and Ph.D. student **Matthew Sweeney** conducted fieldwork in southern Chile in January 2016. This work is part of a larger project aimed at understanding a type of explosive volcano called maar-diatreme, that result when groundwater mixes with 2000 degree (F) magma. Valentine and Sweeney studied Carrán maar, which formed in the 1950s and was one of the few such eruptions in the 20th Century.

Department of Jewish Thought

Richard A. Cohen, professor and director of the Institute of Jewish Thought and Heritage, gave the keynote address entitled "Levinas on Art and Aestheticism: Getting 'Reality and its Shadow' Right" on January 20, 2016 at a conference on "Levinas, Law and Literature," sponsored by the Institute of Jewish Studies at the University of Antwerp, Belgium.

Department of Philosophy

Barry Smith, SUNY Distinguished Professor, recently delivered a keynote address at the Inaugural Conference of the World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR), Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London; presented a paper at the 8th Formal Ontology in Information Systems (FOIS) conference, Rio de Janeiro; invited paper at a conference on Truth, Image and Normativity, University of Cagliari, Sardinia; delivered keynote address at the conference on Philosophy as Science: A Key Idea of the 19th Century, Utrecht; invited address at the Advanced Defense Studies Institute, Italian Ministry of Defense, Rome on "New Foundations for Military Ethics"; presented at the Medical Informatics Europe (MIE) conference in Madrid; delivered a tutorial on the ontology of chemistry in the

Department of Chemistry and an invited address at the conference on Taking Pregnancy Seriously in Metaphysics: The Foetus and the Maternal Organism, both in the University of Southampton, United Kingdom; delivered tutorials on Basic Formal Ontology and the Ontology for Biomedical Investigations at the 6th International Conference on Biomedical Ontology held in Lisbon; and delivered an invited address at the Research Conference on Computational and Experimental Interfaces of Big Data and Biotechnology, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Thuwal, Saudi Arabia. Since February 2015 served as a leader of the Sustainable Development Ontology initiative of the United Nations Environment Program.

Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

Margarita Vargas, associate professor, presented a paper entitled "Socio-Political and Aesthetic Presence of Italians in Spanish-American Drama" at the 19th Annual Mediterranean Studies Association Congress in Palermo, Sicily, May 25 – 28, 2016.

Department of Transnational Studies

Kari Winter, professor, co-organized, with **Karen Bravo**, professor of law at Indiana University, the First Global Conference on Slavery Past, Present and Future, which was held at Oxford University, UK, July 7-9, 2015. As part of the conference, Winter presented a paper on "Slave Narratives and the Routes of Memory."

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Department of Counseling, School, and Educational Psychology

Sandro M. Sodano, associate professor, has recently published the following book chapter based on a talk he gave to the Italian Society for Vocational Psychology while a visiting professor at the University of Padua, Italy: Sodano, S. M. (2015). "L'assessment collaborativo centrato sui punti di forza e di debolezza nell'ambito del career counseling" ["Collaborative assessment for strengths and struggles in career counseling"]. In S. Soresi & L. Nota (Eds.). *Il counseling del futuro [Future Counseling]* (pp. 47-56). Firenze, Italia: Hogrefe.

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy

Seong Won Han, assistant professor, delivered an invited talk entitled, "Gender and teaching career expectations of high school students" at the PISA International Conference, held at the Scandic Holmenkollen Park, Oslo, Norway, November 9-10, 2015. This PISA international research conference, targeting policymakers, representatives of national education authorities and academics, aims to facilitate informed discussion on the technical and analytical underpinnings of PISA. The PISA international research conference is initiated by the PISA governing Board and hosted by the Norwegian Directorate for Education and Training with contribution from Sweden, Denmark, the USA, and Germany, from the Thomas J. Alexander fellowship and the OECD.

Department of Learning and Instruction

X. Christine Wang, associate professor and director of Fisher-Price Early Childhood Research Center, delivered an invited research presentation entitled "Exploring Young Children's Engagement with Multimodal Text" at Shangdong Yingcai University, Jinan, China in January 2016. In addition, Wang conducted a one-day research workshop for the faculty. Shangdong Yingcai University is ranked one of the top three private universities in China and has the largest nationally accredited early childhood teacher education program (over 8,000 students) in China.

Department of Library and Information Studies

Valerie Nessel, associate professor, visited the Department of Information Science at the University of Pretoria for several weeks in February and March, as part of her sabbatical leave. While at the university she lectured to undergraduate students, gave a presentation to faculty, and presented a public lecture about her research, which investigates the intersection of information behavior and information literacy instruction with elementary school students. She is collaborating with two of the faculty members in the Department in both research and

teaching, specifically, Professor **Ina Fourie** in information behavior research, and Professor **Archie Dick** in the area of intellectual freedom, a course Valerie teaches in the MS in Information and Library Science program at UB.

The Department's **Research Seminar Series** brings in guest speakers from a wide range of international universities to speak on a diversity of topics. These talks are recorded and available to view on the Research Page of our website. On March 3, 2016, we hosted Professor **Marie Radford** from Rutgers University, who spoke on "I've Already Googled It and I Can't Understand It: User's Perceptions of Virtual Reference and Social Q and A". On March 23, 2016, we hosted Professor **Noa Aharony** from Bar-Ilan University in Israel, who spoke on "Students' Reading Preferences: An Exploratory Study."

In January 2016, Assistant Professor **Guillaume Boutard** took part in a workshop at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Music Media and Technology at McGill University. The workshop was titled "John Zorn: At the Crossroads of Musical Genres," and Guillaume's talk was titled "Tzadik, Arcana, and The Stone: John Zorn and the Building of a Community."

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Department of Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering

Cemal Basaran, professor, gave the 13th Professor C. S. Krishnamoorthy Memorial Lecture at the Centre for Finite Element Analysis and Design at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras on "Computational Mechanics at Nanoscale" on 8th December 2015. He also delivered a plenary lecture on "Graphene Nano-Ribbon for Power Electronics," at the First International Conference on Advanced Materials for Power Engineering (ICAMPE-2015), 11-13 December 2015 at Mahatma Gandhi University in Kottayam, Kerala, India.

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

In fall 2015, **Jan Chomiccki**, professor, visited the University of Warsaw, Poland; the University of Bologna, Italy; and the University of Mons-Hainaut, Belgium. He gave a talk on Preferences, Queries, Logics at the University of Mons-Hainaut.

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Deborah Chung, professor, gave the following talks: Nov. 19, 2015, "World War II with the Flying Tigers", Ma Kam Ming Charitable Foundation, Ma Chan Duen Hey Memorial College, Hong Kong; Nov. 19, 2015, Faculty Public Lecture, "Multifunctional structural materials for the built environment," Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Nov. 20, 2015, 9-10 am, "My life with science", St Paul's Convent School, Hong Kong; Nov. 20, 2015, Guest of Honor, Speech Day (Commencement), Diocesan Girls' School, Hong Kong; Nov. 23-28, 2015, Intensive course on "Smart Materials", Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China; Nov. 28, 2015, "World War II with the Flying Tigers," Harbin Institute of Technology, Harbin, China; and March 16, 2016, a seminar titled "Multifunctional carbon fiber polymer-matrix structural composites" in Department of Chemical & Materials Engineering, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

SCHOOL OF LAW

David M. Engel, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, conducted a faculty workshop at Chiang Mai University (CMU), Thailand on "Socio-Legal Research Methods" in December 2015. In January 2016, he taught a short course on Tort Law to LL.M. students at the CMU Law Faculty. Elected to the inaugural board of trustees of the Asian Law and Society Association in November 2015, Engel is organizing thematic panels on legal consciousness in Asia for the upcoming first annual ALSA conference in Singapore. As an editor-in-chief of the *Asian Journal of Law and Society*, he co-organized a symposium issue on "State and Personhood in Southeast Asia" and contributed an article to another symposium issue entitled "Buddhism and Law in Asia."

Meredith Kolsky Lewis, professor and vice dean for international and graduate programs, focuses much of her current research on the

Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and other mega-regional and plurilateral trade agreements. In November 2015, she gave a presentation at the Canadian Council on International Law's Annual Conference in Ottawa on a panel entitled "Trends in Bilateral and Plurilateral Economic Agreements." Also in November, she taught a session entitled "Mega-FTA and Plurilateral Trade Agreement Negotiations" at Georgetown Law's WTO Academy. In December, Lewis gave a talk on "New Trends in Mega-FTA and Plurilateral Trade Agreements" at National Chengchi University Law School in Taipei; and gave a presentation entitled "Prospects for TPP Ratification and Expansion" at a conference held at the University of Tokyo. Later in December, she discussed the TPP together with Professor Cornel West on the public television program POTUS 2016. In February 2016, she participated in a panel discussion on the TPP at the Victoria University of Wellington Law School (where she maintains an appointment), and also presented the opening paper, entitled "The Embedded Liberalism Compromise in the GATT/WTO Agreements" at a conference held at the University of New South Wales Law School in Sydney, Australia.

Jessica Owley, associate professor, led a delegation of UB law students to the international climate change treaty negotiations in Paris, France in December 2015. She is already preparing to bring a second group of students to the next round of negotiations in Marrakesh, Morocco in November 2016. In May 2016, she will be attending the annual meeting of the Association of Law, Property and Society in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She is the chair of the Board of that international organization and on the editorial board of the organization's journal (*Journal of Law, Property, and Society*). She was also recently appointed to the World Commission on Protected Areas, part of the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature). In that role, she is planning to attend and present at the World Conservation Congress taking place in Hawaii in September 2016, an event that happens only once every four years and brings in over 7,000 attendees from around the world.

JACOBS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Department of Ophthalmology

Steven J. Fliesler, UB Distinguished Professor and Meyer H. Riwchun Endowed Chair Professor of Ophthalmology, visited Japan in April 2015, where he met with colleagues at the National Institute of Sensory Organs, Tokyo Medical Center, and the StemCell Institute (Tokyo), the RIKEN Research Cluster for Innovation (Yokohama), and the Pharmaceutical Research Division of Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. (Kanagawa).

Department of Pediatrics

Matthew J. Barth, assistant professor, attended the 47th Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology held in Cape Town, South Africa, October 8-11, 2015 and presented an oral paper entitled "Targeting the PI3K/Akt/mTOR pathway improves chemoresponsiveness in cell line models of chemotherapy sensitive and resistant Burkitt lymphoma." Barth was also on the scientific committee for the Fifth International Symposium on Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult non-Hodgkin Lymphoma in Varese, Italy, October 21-24, 2015 presenting an invited talk entitled "Rituximab and second generation monoclonal antibodies" and an oral paper entitled "MK-2206, an Akt inhibitor, decreases proliferation, induces cell cycle arrest and increases responsiveness to chemotherapy in therapy-sensitive and -resistant Burkitt lymphoma cell line models." A co-authored review of "Immunotherapeutic approaches for the treatment of childhood, adolescent and young adult non-Hodgkin lymphoma" will also be included among the conference proceedings to be published in the *British Journal of Haematology* in spring 2016.

Department of Surgery

Steven Schwaitzberg, professor and chair, is the keynote speaker for Intl Pediatric Endoscopy Group (IPEG) in Fukuoka, Japan in May 2016. The title of his talk is "We can all be Innovators."

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Kafuli Agbemenu, assistant professor, travelled to the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta Hospital in East Africa for an exploratory research collaboration visit and tour in December 2015.

Susan Bruce, Adult-Gerontology NP Program coordinator and clinical professor, presented "Joining Forces: Developing a Curriculum to Train Social Work and Nursing Students to Work with Veterans and Military Families" at the XXXIV International Congress on Law and Mental Health in Vienna, Switzerland, in July 2015. Presenting alongside Bruce was UB School of Social Work's **Lisa Butler**, associate professor, and **Thomas Nochajski**, research professor; **Kathryn McClain-Meeder**, senior staff assistant, Joining Forces: UB Partnership for Veteran Care; and **Janice Feigenbaum**, clinical professor emeritus, School of Nursing.

Jessica Castner, assistant professor, was accompanied by UB nursing students, UB School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty and students, and Pace University students on a service learning trip to the Cayo District of Belize in January 2016 as a component of NUR 340: Community Engagement Across Populations. The group provided medical care in local villages through home visits and by setting up temporary medical clinics to assess and educate patients.

Suzanne Dickerson, Biobehavioral Health & Clinical Sciences department chair and professor, presented "Using Instrumentation Theory to Evaluate Patient Interaction and Accommodation to the Technology" at the International Philosophy of Nursing Society (IPONS) Conference in Stockholm, Sweden, in August 2015.

Susan Grinslade, assistant dean for undergraduate programs and clinical professor, and clinical assistant professors **Theresa Winkelman**, **Linda Steeg-Lazarro**, and **Penelope McDonald**, along with **Carol Van Zile-Tamsen**, associate director, Center for Educational Innovation, presented "A Metacognitive Learning Strategy that Guides Intentional Learning and Reflection in Nursing Education" Sigma Theta Tau 26th International Nursing Research Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in July 2015. Congress. The purpose of this symposium is to engage the participants interactively around the application of metacognitive and meta-affective learning strategies in nursing education.

Linda Paine Hughes, clinical assistant professor, presented "Effective Interventions for Postpartum Depression Amongst Adolescents: A Systematic Review" at the Sigma Theta Tau 26th International Nursing Research Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in July 2015.

Margaret Moss, assistant dean for diversity and inclusion and associate professor, presented "America's Indigenous Health Status Today and Associate Historical Federal Policies" at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in March 2015. The presentation was part of the Institute for Health and Social Policy's "Evidence to Policy" seminar.

Clinical Assistant Professors **Susan Nierenberg** and **Rose Bell** presented "Implementing Compassionate Care Interventions in an Urban Primary Care Setting" at the Sigma Theta Tau 26th International Nursing Research Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in July 2015.

Barry Tolchard, associate professor, was invited to present a paper on the use and commonality of gambling minimum data sets worldwide at the International Think Tank on Gambling Research, Policy and Practice in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in April 2015.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES*Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Olivia Campagne, a graduate student from Paris, delivered the UB Banner to the University of Paris Descartes on Jan 7, 2016 to Dean **Jean-Michele Scherrmann**. **William J Jusko**, professor, and **Donald E Mager**, professor, were in Paris at that time teaching an annual course in Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics to the students in the Paris M.S. Program in Pharmacokinetics and visitors to the university. Dean Scherrmann was extremely pleased to receive the banner on behalf of his students, faculty, and staff, and subsequently placed it

on the wall in the main hallway of the School of Pharmacy.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Laina Bay-Cheng, associate professor and director of the Ph.D. Program, presented a paper titled "The Agency Line: A neoliberal metric for appraising young women's sexuality" in December 2015 at the Symposium on Sexual Autonomy and Assertiveness sponsored by the Centre for Child & Adolescent Studies, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands.

Filomena Critelli, associate professor, and Laura Lewis, assistant dean for global partnership and director of field education, made a presentation titled Educating About the Rights of the Disabled at the 6th International Human Rights Education, University College Roosevelt, Middelburg, Netherlands in December 2015. The course is taught in partnership with La Salle University professor, **Adalberto Mendez-Lopez**, and brings Social Work students together with law students in Mexico to learn about disability rights.

Catherine Dulmus, professor and associate dean for research, **Tom Nochajski**, research professor and **Amy Manning**, faculty assistant, presented a poster titled The relationship between DSM diagnoses and the incidence of self-injurious behavior in an outpatient adolescent mental health clinic in March, 2016 at the 5th Global Congress Consensus in Pediatrics & Child Health, Xi'an, China.

Gretchen Ely, associate professor, has a research partnership with the Abortion Support Network, based in London that is funded by the UB Community Engagement and Public Policy program.

Nadine Shaanta Murshid, assistant professor, is conducting a research study titled "Social and Relational Context of Microfinance Participation in Bangladesh" with support from the UB Gender Institute and Asian Studies Program. Murshid has published two articles on Bangladesh: "Intimate partner violence and use of contraceptives in Bangladesh: Results from a national sample" on the International Journal of Social Welfare and "Intergenerational transmission of marital violence: Results from a nationally representative sample of men" on the Journal of Interpersonal Violence. Murshid and Elizabeth Bowen, assistant professor, presented a paper titled "Microfinance participation and HIV literacy in Bangladesh: Results from a nationally representative study in January 2016 at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Barbara Rittner, associate professor and associate dean for advancement, and **Eugene Maguin**, research scientist, are collaborating with **Yalin Chen**, assistant professor and UBSSW alumna, a Chaoyan University, Taiwan on a research project titled Early Onset Schizophrenia and Smoking. Rittner is also collaborating with **Annahita Ball**, assistant professor; Maguin; and Chen on a project, Individual Educational Plans with EOS.

Hilary Weaver, professor and associate dean for academic affairs, chairs the UBSSW Global Interest Group. The Global Interest Group sponsors a Global to Local Speaker Series that aims to raise global consciousness within the school and among the student body. Past presentations have discussed such issues as refugee trauma and torture, the experience of asylum-seekers in the U.S., and the incorporation of global content in schools of social work. Recent topics included The Burmese Community in Buffalo; Study Abroad: Ethics, Experiences, & Opportunities; Migrant Workers in Upstate NY; First Hand Experience: Learning & Service with Youth in Rural Kenya; and #BlackLivesMatter: Civil Rights, Past & Present. The Global Interest Group also sponsored an International Film Series to heighten awareness of global issues in the school and larger community. A Newcomer Support Group provides a venue for students to discuss their culture and academic experiences, share knowledge, and build a sense of community. The group also provides academic support in order to engage newcomer students on a successful path towards their Social Work degree. During UB's International Education Week, Global Interest Group representatives

presented "Children's Rights in India: A View from the Field" and "Expanding Our Horizons: Responding to Foreign-born Students in Social Work." The Global Interest Group also sponsors Community Conversations to promote multidisciplinary critical evaluation of an issue, and conversations about timeless and timely issues affecting our community.

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Stephen C. Dunnett, professor and vice provost, was a speaker for two panels at the annual conference of the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) in Montreal, Canada in February 2016. The two panels were titled, "Intercultural Competencies: How Secondary School Curricular Developments are Preparing Interculturally Competent University Students," and "International Enrollment Management: How to Win Friends and Influence People." Dunnett is an invited presenter for the 2016 Summer Seminar at Boston College (BC) in June 2016 titled The Changing Landscape of Global Higher Education and International Student Mobility, organized by the Center for International Higher Education at BC and World Education Services. The title of Dunnett's presentation was "How to Identify and Address Challenges with International Students Before, During and After Their Stay at the Campus."

Joseph J. Hindrawan, associate vice provost and director of international enrollment management, is presenting at the annual national conference of NAFSA: Association of International Educators in Denver, Colorado in June 2016. The title of the session is "International Recruitment for U.S. Universities: BRIC Nations."

Amanda Poppe, international student recruiter, is presenting a poster session titled "Recruiting International Students Domestically" at the annual national conference of NAFSA: Association of International Educators in Denver, Colorado in June 2016.

John J. Wood, senior associate vice provost, was an invited speaker for the "Canada-U.S. International Education Leaders' Breakfast Dialogue," presented by Universities Canada and Global Affairs Canada at the annual conference of the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) in Montreal, Canada in February 2016. The dialogue featured experts from both Canada and the U.S. addressing issues affecting Canada-U.S. student mobility. 🌐

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even larger issue.

It has emerged as a contentious topic in the U.S. presidential campaign. More than half of the nation's governors, meanwhile, have expressed their opposition to letting Syrian refugees into their states. In Europe, touchpoints include refugees fleeing to Greece from Turkey and the migrant camps in Calais, France.

The fundamental issue is immigration, but Foner's lecture presented the argument that anti-immigrant sentiment within the general populations splits along mostly racial lines in America and along cultural and religious lines in Europe. Furthermore, as a population that sees itself as a nation of immigrants, there remains much anti-immigrant sentiment in the U.S.

"Why is that happening in America?" Reed-Danahay asks. "Why do people who are immigrants or come from an immigrant background themselves turn around and become anti-immigration?"

Buffalo is a city of migration with a population built from Europe and elsewhere. It is also a place that accepts a lot of immigrants and refugees, Reed-Danahay notes. "The issue is timely, the place is important and our speaker is a leading authority on the topic," she says. 🌐

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and Social Policy, the UB Honors College, the UB Humanities Institute, the Office of International Education and the College of Arts and Sciences. (Photo: Douglas Levere) 🌐

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CLAUDE WELCH HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

By Sue Wuetcher

He's been called "a pioneer" and "one of the founders" of the field of human rights in Africa. He's also been dubbed "the consummate university citizen."

Claude Welch, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science and a UB faculty member for 52 years — his entire academic career — is retiring at the end of the spring semester. His exceptional contributions to UB were recognized at the university's 170th commencement in May with the awarding of the President's Medal by President Tripathi.

And to honor Welch for his numerous contributions in the classroom, to the department, to UB and to those worldwide working for human rights for all individuals, his colleagues hosted a special event that brought together experts in the field of human rights for an afternoon of academic

discourse and a celebratory reception.

The Professor Claude Welch Retirement Celebration took place April 29,

and a member of the Royal Society of Canada.

Julia Hall, a counter-terrorism specialist for Amnesty International, led the panel on NGOs and human rights. Debra DeLaet, professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at Drake University and author of a widely used textbook on human rights, led the session on education and human rights.

In addition to the Department of Political Science, the event was co-sponsored by the Baldy Center for Law



2016 in the Special Collections Room on the North Campus.

It featured three academic panels, each one focused on a key aspect of Welch's distinguished career: human rights in Africa, NGOs and human rights, and human rights education.

Leading the session on human rights in Africa was Rhoda Howard-Hassmann, professor of political science at Wilfrid Laurier University

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