Award-winning INS Majors

In the spring of 2009, when Zac Sideras ('11) was making plans to study in Cairo, Egypt, he said he hoped he would “not be the last” INS major to win the Boren Scholarship. Apparently, someone very high up was listening.

Two years later, Emily Jirles ('13) was also awarded a Boren Scholarship to attend The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies in China.

This highly competitive scholarship focuses on geographic areas, languages and fields of study making it possible for undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are deemed critical to U.S. national security. To find out more about this scholarship, please see: http://www.borenawards.org/boren_scholarship.

Only two UD students have won the Boren Scholarship – both International Studies majors.

This year, two more INS majors share the prestigious scholarship spotlight.

In early summer, we received the news that International Studies and Human Rights Studies senior Anamaria Karrels ('16) was awarded the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship; a highly competitive scholarship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation for the U.S. Department of State (http://woodrow.org/fellowships/pickering/).

Targeting outstanding students interested in careers in the foreign service, the scholarship award will fund Anamaria’s senior year at UD and her first year of graduate school.

Returning from a semester interning for the United States Department of State’s U.S. Mission to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, Anamaria is looking forward to continue working with UD’s Model UN and presiding over the Sigma Iota Rho fraternity.

Dr. David Darrow, Director of the University Honors program and former director of the International Studies program, added that Anamaria was the “first to receive this award in the history of UD.”

And the hits just keep on coming...

Recent INS graduate Jonathan Nelson ('14) has been awarded the 2015-16 Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant that will allow him to earn a master’s degree in visual and digital media at the Instituto de Empresa Business School in Madrid, Spain. This grant not only includes tuition, but covers living expenses as well.

After graduating from UD, Jonathan was accepted as a Victory Scholar through Sport Changes Life (http://sportchangelife.com/), attending the University of Limerick in Limerick, Ireland, where he studied International Management and Global Business while coaching and mentoring local disadvantaged youth.

Jonathan is looking forward to this new opportunity.

“I hope this next experience will provide me with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop my own business models based on the values of equality of access to information and the right to factual and objective information among other important values.”

Reviewing this plethora of riches bestowed upon our INS majors, Dr. Carlson said, “I have always been aware of the academic caliber and determination of our INS majors and I am gratified to see that they continue to garner the awards and recognition they so richly deserve.”
SIGMA IOTA RHO

SIGMA IOTA RHO (ΣΙΡ) is the International Studies and Human Rights Studies honor fraternity established to recognize those students who have achieved academic excellence within their majors.

Those of you who remember Thematic Clusters would hardly recognize the International Studies curriculum today! In 2013, UD introduced a new set of university requirements collectively titled the Common Academic Program (CAP). The new requirements are designed to teach students to examine issues critically but with an open mind, while remaining grounded in Catholic and Marianist traditions.

To complete their Bachelors’ Degrees, all students now take an Inquiry and an Integrative course, as well as courses in Faith Traditions, Practical Ethics, and Diversity and Social Justice categories. Other requirements have carried over or been revised to fit within the CAP parameters.

The new university curriculum made a revision of the requirements for INS majors necessary, so the INS Policy Committee approved a new structure for the major curriculum in the fall of 2013. By the end of the spring 2014 semester, UD authorities had approved the new approach which establishes an Area Studies requirement and revises the list of available concentrations. Global Environmental Sustainability and Peace and Global Security still attract students interested in preserving the global environment or in international security issues. Former concentrations in Migration and in Economic Development have been merged into a single concentration. Additional courses in electronic media expanded international journalism to International Journalism and New Media. A new concentration in International Education prepares students for teaching English abroad. And previous concentrations in International Finance and Economics and in Marketing and Human Resources had previously been combined into one International Business Concentration in 2013.

As new courses are designed and old ones revised to better support the Common Academic Program, the INS major curriculum will continue to evolve. Join UD’s International Studies Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/133219930032775/) to stay on top of the latest developments.

- Dr. Marybeth Carlson

From the Director’s Chair:
New Concentrations in 2015

- Anamaria Karrels was elected president of the UD Chapter of Sigma Iota Rho for the academic year 2015-2016.
- Completing her undergraduate degree with a double major in Human Rights Studies and International Studies, Anamaria said she feels honored to lead SIR this upcoming year, and hopes to integrate her knowledge from her study abroad and internship experiences to help grow SIR through study groups. She also anticipates developing a working relationship with Career Services to gain tools that will aid in navigating the career paths available to INS and HRS majors upon graduation.
- Sigma Iota Rho is happy to begin the fall semester with 20+ existing members and looks forward to welcoming new inductees in the coming year.
- ΣΙΡ and the International Club are already making plans for the Annual Thanksgiving Potluck dinner that facilitates cross-cultural learning and understanding of this traditional American holiday.
- Meetings for the Fall 2015 semester are:
  - September 16th ♦ October 28th ♦ December 2nd
- Details regarding the upcoming meetings will be distributed to the members at the beginning of the semester.
- Officers for 2015-2016 are: Anamaria Karrels, President
  - Jonathan Puricelli, Vice President
2015 Senior Awards

Outstanding Senior Award for International Studies

This award is given to a graduating International Studies major who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and consistently high engagement with the campus and Dayton community. Dr. Marybeth Carlson was pleased to present this year’s Outstanding Senior Award to Daniel Dashewich for his distinguished success within the academic arena and UD community.

2015 — Daniel Dashewich

International Studies Award for Peer Mentorship

Created in 2008 to recognize the importance of peer mentoring in the UD process of educating the whole person through learning and living in community, this award is given to a graduating International Studies major who excels academically and demonstrates the willingness to share, mentor and encourage other INS students.

Chosen for her devotion to the success of all INS majors, Lauren Mooney was awarded this year’s Award for Peer Mentorship.

2015 — Lauren Mooney

Dr. Margaret P. Karns Award for Academic Excellence and Service in Global and Local Issues

This award was created to honor Dr. Karns upon her retirement in recognition of her generous work with International Studies students throughout her career. It is given to a graduating senior whose work combines academic excellence and service in a way that draws out the connections between international and local issues.

Unable to attend this year’s senior dinner, Dr. Karns was in town before graduation to meet this year’s recipients, Libby Durnwald and Chelsea VanHook, and to give Libby her award in person.

Dr. Margaret P. Karns Award 2015 — Libby Durnwald and Chelsea VanHook
University of Dayton International Studies Program

Class of 2015
Who is hiring UD's
International Studies graduates?

**Business:**
American Bank · Blackmore Partners · Coldwell Banker · E. & J. Gallo Winery
Global Solutions Network · Liberty Mutual Corporate Office · Merlin Entertainment
Wells Fargo Securities · World Bank

**Education (International and U.S.):**
Boston Museum of Science · Dayton Bilingual Academy · Instituto Esteler (Costa Rica)
Teach for America: Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, and Texas
Wall Street Institute for English as a Foreign Language: China, Korea, Russia, Thailand

**Environmental, Faith-based and Non-Governmental Organizations:**
Alliance to End Hunger · American Red Cross · AmeriCorps
Arlington Academy of Hope, Uganda · Catholic Charities of Onondaga County
Catholic Volunteers of Florida · FrancisCorps · G.I.V.E. Growth International Volunteer Excursions
International Partners in Mission · Jesuit Volunteer Corps · Ohio River Foundation
Peace Corps · Rustic Pathways · Sierra Club

**Foreign Affairs:**
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
OECD-Development Cooperation Directorate, Paris, France · United Nations
U.S.—Russia Business Council

**Government:**
Congressional offices of Teresa Fedor, Jim Jordan, Ed Paston, and others
Local, State, and National Political Campaigns · St. Louis District Attorney’s Office
U.S. Armed Forces including JAG Corps · U.S. Attorney’s Office
U.S. Department of Commerce · U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Wright Patterson Air Force Base

**Healthcare Professionals:**
The Alzheimer's Association · Brigham and Women’s Hospital · Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
Cleveland Clinic · Medpace · OSU Medical Center
Dr. Julius Amin’s new book African Immersion focuses on UD Immersion Experiences

Based on previously unused primary sources including extensive interviews in Cameroon, personal journals, diaries, responses to questionnaires, and a variety of secondary sources, this study is a critical analysis of US study abroad programs in Africa. Using the University of Dayton Cameroon Immersion program as a case study, the work examines different aspects of experiential learning including selection, orientation, activities of U.S. college students in Cameroon, post-immersion meetings, and impact of program. The nation of Cameroon and University of Dayton offer an ideal combination for this study. Cameroon, on the one hand, is considered “Africa in miniature” and serves as a window to understanding many of Africa’s political, economic, cultural, and social complexities. On the other hand, the University of Dayton presents a parallel microcosm of the demographic and cultural challenges facing midsize American universities.

The study expands the boundaries of scholarship on study abroad. By comparing the impact of the African experience on students to that of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who served in that continent, the study opens up avenues for comparative analyses. Africa is vital to the global community and, with its complex political, economic, cultural, and social systems, offers important lessons to understanding students’ ability to adapt to a rapidly changing global environment.


I’m a Flyer, too!

Sometimes if you stick to the path, pursue the dream, or just be plain relentless (read, stubborn) about a goal, you can actually achieve it.

For those of you who have not joined the INS Facebook page (and why not?), I just wanted to let you know that I graduated this May with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (minors in Communication, English, Film Studies, History, and Religious Studies).

I want to thank you all for your patience with me for the last twelve (12!) years while I worked and worried as I completed the courses I needed to graduate. You gave me your advice, commiserated with me during finals week and stayed with me every inch of the way. I cannot write here how much your limitless encouragement meant to me.

To put a cherry on top, Dr. Carlson nominated me for the Nora Duffy Award and because of her talent for persuasion, I was chosen this year’s recipient. Unexpected and overwhelmed, the more I learned about Nora Duffy and her commitment to UD, the more I was humbled by the honor of this award.

Thank you again, fellow Flyers, for your patience and encouragement. I’ll be seeing you at Reunion Weekends.

- Paula Braley