

## Holiday Hours

Our office schedule for the next several weeks is as follows:

Monday	17 December 2007	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Tuesday	18 December 2007	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Wednesday	19 December 2007	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Thursday	20 December 2007	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Friday	21 December 2007	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Saturday	22 December 2007	Closed
Sunday	23 December 2007	Closed
Monday	24 December 2007	Closed
Tuesday	25 December 2007	Closed
Wednesday	26 December 2007	Closed
Thursday	27 December 2007	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Friday	28 December 2007	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Saturday	29 December 2007	Closed
Sunday	30 December 2007	Closed
Monday	31 December 2007	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Tuesday	1 January 2008	Closed
Wednesday	2 January 2008	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Please note that on 27 December – 1 January, staff members will only be checking voicemail messages on a rotating basis (on 1-866-927-2234) and responding to questions or concerns related to students scheduled to depart for their programs on or before 1 January 2008.

The Center for Education Abroad will resume regular business hours and operation on Wednesday, 2 January 2008.

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## Looking Ahead - Arcadia in 2008: A letter from our Director, Dr. David C. Larsen



As the semester and the calendar year rush toward their conclusions, we look ahead to changes in 2008. Among them are:

Expanded summer offerings. In **the UK**, we have added summer opportunities in Aberdeen and Cambridge. Stirling will be offering a revised summer program. In **Ireland**, we will be working with the University of Limerick to offer a summer program there. We have added a third three-week option in **Greece** and now have four courses to choose from. Arcadia also now has a program in **France** – intensive language and/or international relations in Paris for the month of July. There will be internships in **Spain** (Toledo) and two fascinating programs in **South Africa**. Please encourage students to get further information

on these and other Arcadia summer programs at [www.arcadia.edu/abroad/summer](http://www.arcadia.edu/abroad/summer) or by talking with one of our coordinators at 1-866-927-2234 (toll-free).

The [South Africa](#) program, begun in the summer of 2007, has grown nicely this year. We have placed students at all three institutions, we are pleased with the core course they all take, and we are optimistic about internships coming on line for the fall of 2008. Andrea and Kevin Patrick work hard to make the right things happen for our Cape Town area students.

This first year's work with the [University of Salento](#) in Lecce, **Italy**, has proven that location's value as an immersion-in-Italian site. It's certainly not an easy route, but for those with the courage to take it on, the rewards – measured in terms of language acquisition – are enormous.

We look forward to growth and to further success of our Italian programs. To support the growth of our programs in Italy, we have hired several additional staff members and have recently opened a new office in Rome. We also look forward to expansion to other special program sites in Italy. Stay tuned for an announcement soon.



The tragic murder of a British student in Perugia this fall has brought the public spotlight to that popular student city in a most unfortunate way. Nobody connected with Arcadia's program at the Umbra Institute was involved in the incident, but in a small, close-knit community like Perugia, it is impossible not to be affected. The Umbra Institute faculty and staff have done an exceptional job of working with our students – individually and in groups – to counsel and advise them and to assure their safety and security. Tina Rocchio, our Resident Director in Italy, has provided support as well. We look forward to the time when the reports and camera crews will leave Perugia and normalcy can return.



Enrollments in Arcadia's [internship programs](#) – in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Toledo, Sydney, and elsewhere – continue to climb. We are proud of having developed an effective model for combining appropriate work experience, academic courses and guided research that has, for more than twenty-five years, provided valuable and credit-worthy internships in a wide variety of disciplines. Our plans for 2008 include expansion of these programs to additional sites and the inclusion of even more professional fields.

Recently, we welcomed [Russ Allen](#) to the Glenside staff as Director of Communications. Russ is responsible for all our publications, promotions, advertising, and the website. It's a lot to take on, but he's the man for the job. You will begin to see Russ' influence on our materials very soon.

At the end of spring semester 2008, Arcadia will transfer responsibility for the program in **Equatorial Guinea** to Drexel University. Interested students and faculty should contact Danika Ascarelli, Director, Drexel Study Abroad ([ascareld@drexel.edu](mailto:ascareld@drexel.edu)) for information about fall semester 2008 and beyond. Arcadia now looks forward to establishing other connections in Africa that will result in exciting opportunities for our students.

[Dr. Dominic Janes](#) will take up the post of Academic Director in London next month. In addition to assuring the continuation of Arcadia's delivery of top quality academic support services and information in **the UK**, Dominic will engage immediately in work with the faculty of our London Semester program to solidify the existing division of course offerings into lower (first-year) and upper (third- and fourth-year) divisions and to develop a programmatic emphasis on contemporary London/contemporary Britain throughout the program. This work will broaden the elective courses available to our London Interns as well.

Arcadia's partnership with IFSA-Butler in [The Alliance for Global Education](#) has gone very well in 2007. We have programs at three sites in **China** and are looking at more. There is a special program focused on the 2008 Olympics in Beijing next summer that still has room for a few more students. The Alliance is already exploring the possibility of new programs in **India** for the spring of 2009.

Finally, on a personal note, I complete my three-year term on the NAFSA Board this month having been able, I believe, to further the strengthening of that association and to contribute to the advancement of NAFSA's support for Global Workforce Development. I will retire from Arcadia next June, knowing that Arcadia is well positioned to build successfully on the foundations established during my twenty-year tenure.

I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and a magnificent 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David C. Larsen".

David C. Larsen