

## ARCADIA IN SPAIN: Summer Internship Option in Toledo

Arcadia University, in conjunction with the Fundación Jose Ortega y Gasset, is pleased to announce a 6 credit summer internship option beginning in summer 2007. The new program will be offered in addition to the successful semester internship program. Internship placements will be available in a variety of areas including business, regional government, health, communications and media, social work, tourism, and cultural organizations. Students will combine 30 hours of on-site work with coursework covering topics related to working in Spain and the European Union. More details available is September, please visit [www.arcadia.edu/cea/spain](http://www.arcadia.edu/cea/spain).



## ARCADIA IN ITALY:

### Arcadia Partners with Università degli Studi di Lecce to Offer Italian Immersion Program

As interest in Italian culture and language continues to grow both domestically and abroad, Arcadia has collaborated with the esteemed Università degli Studi di Lecce to create a unique program in the Italian south that caters to the needs and interests of serious Italian students. Students who wish to immerse themselves in the Italian culture while taking courses alongside Italian students will find the Lecce program to be a delightful and challenging alternative to the many established programs of northern and central Italy. All students will begin the program with intensive Italian and go on to enroll in regular courses at the Università degli Studi di Lecce. Please contact Richard Cervantes, Italy Program Coordinator (and Lecce program alumnus!) at [cervantr@arcadia.edu](mailto:cervantr@arcadia.edu) for more details.

### New Student Services Staff Hired in Rome

Renato Ricci and Lorenza DiCarli have joined our staff in Italy. Renato will be coordinating student services in Rome and working with staff in Perugia and Florence to ensure the smooth operation of the student services programs in those sites. Lorenza serves as office assistant in our Rome office and works collaboratively with Tina Rocchio, Resident Director for the Arcadia University Italy programs.

## ARCADIA IN AUSTRALIA: Victorian College of the Arts Becomes Official Department of University of Melbourne

In January 2007, the Victorian College of the Arts, currently an affiliate of the University of Melbourne, will become an official department within the University of Melbourne. Students interested in taking courses at the Victorian College of the Arts will follow the same application procedures as those applying for admittance to Arcadia's program at the University of Melbourne (supplemental material such as a portfolio may be required for admittance). The VCA is Australia's premier visual and performing arts training institution and offers courses in art, dance, drama, music, film and television, and production. For more information, please visit: [www.arcadia.edu/cea/uvca](http://www.arcadia.edu/cea/uvca) or contact Andrew Downs at [downsa@arcadia.edu](mailto:downsa@arcadia.edu).



## ARCADIA IN IRELAND:

### University of Limerick officially moves to semester system

The Academic Council of the University of Limerick has determined that effective for academic year 2007/2008, the University calendar will officially move to the semester system. There will be no change in the duration of semesters – each semester will be 15 weeks, consisting of 12 teaching weeks, 1 reading week, and 2 examination weeks, but the start date for the fall semester has been moved up two weeks in order to allow for the completion of fall semester examinations prior to the Christmas break.

### The Republic of Ireland to charge a Registration Fee for Non-EU Visitors

The Irish government has recently announced the imposition of a registration fee for all non-EU visitors residing in Ireland for over three months. All visiting students will be required to register with immigration services at the local police headquarters soon after they arrive and will be charged a €100 fee for an immigration certificate of registration at the time of registration. Students should use a personal credit or debit card to pay the fee; cash will not be accepted.

It should be emphasized that this new registration fee is NOT a visa and the charge must be paid after arrival in Ireland. The Irish government does not require a visa for American students. Arcadia University will continue to provide students with a certification letter to be presented to Passport Control at the airport upon entering Ireland. This letter should also be presented again upon registration with local police. More information can be found on the following website: [http://www.justice.ie/80256E010039C5AF/vWeb/fIJUSQ6PVM8E-en/\\$File/FeeInformation.pdf](http://www.justice.ie/80256E010039C5AF/vWeb/fIJUSQ6PVM8E-en/$File/FeeInformation.pdf).

## ARCADIA IN GREAT BRITAIN: The British Examination Boycott

A letter written by Will Migniuolo, Director of British Operations for the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad, was broadly quoted and credited with increasing the pressure on British universities and the labor unions representing university teaching staff to reach agreement during the assessment boycott that occurred during the spring semester. In April, Will wrote to the heads of each of the 25 British universities that host Arcadia program students voicing grave concern about the potential effects of the boycott (which involved a threat not to examine or to evaluate student work during that semester) on visiting students. Responses from a number of Arcadia's partner institutions indicated that Will's letter had been helpful in prompting informal responses from high-level administrators indicating their support for finding ways to assure that visiting students would be assessed and evaluated despite the ongoing labor action. The lecturers' unions (the AUT and NATFHE merged at the end of May into a single union, UCU) also welcomed Will's letter as an indication that the effects of their action were being felt internationally.

The good news is that UCU suspended its assessment boycott in early June. Students have been evaluated and their grades are being reported as usual.

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## ***Staff Comings, Goings, and Reassignments***

### **Institutional Relations**

Lorna Stern Laniak is now the Director of Institutional Relations. In this role, Lorna will work with the Director on strategic planning as well as managing the institutional relations staff including the team of regional assistant directors who work closely with staff, administration and faculty at the over 300 home institutions that send students on our programs. Lorna's years of experience in a variety of roles at Arcadia, including Director of Student Services and Special Advisor (with a particular focus on the National Advisory Board), give her a unique perspective on the Center for Education Abroad. Lorna completed her B.A. in International Relations with an emphasis on African Affairs from Wells College and went on to study at the University of Capetown, South Africa where she focused on Comparative African Government and Law. Prior to coming to Arcadia, Lorna served as Director of Cornell's International Living Center. Lorna also holds a MALD from the Fletcher School of International Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and serves on the Board of Directors of Overseas Council International and Language Corps.

### **Student Services**

David Rudd, a long time employee of the Arcadia Center for Education Abroad, has accepted the position of Director of Student Services. David joined Arcadia several years ago as a Coordinator Assistant for Australia programs and has since served as Program Coordinator, Associate Director for Student Services, and Acting Director of Student services. David graduated cum laude from Susquehanna University with a degree in Political Science and Research Methodology.

### **Arcadia increases staff for Scotland programs in Glenside and Edinburgh**

In June, Traci Chupik joined our staff as coordinator for programs in Scotland and England. Traci earned her B.B.A. in Management from UT Austin and completed her M.S.Ed. in Intercultural Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. Traci studied in London as an undergraduate and has taught English in Japan and done volunteer work in Armenia.

Liam Cavanagh has joined the staff of Arcadia University in Scotland.

### **Search for Program Coordinator of Spain and Greece Programs Underway**

We are sad to say "farewell" to Paige Wilson who has served as Program Coordinator for the Spain and Greece programs. Paige will leave Arcadia to pursue a teaching position in Spanish at a charter school in Philadelphia. We are grateful to Paige for the commitment, insight, and energy she has shown during her tenure at Arcadia and we wish her all the best in her new position. A search for the Program Coordinator for the Spain and Greece programs is currently underway. The position is based in Glenside, Pennsylvania with occasional travel within the U.S. and overseas. Please visit the [www.arcadia.edu/jobs](http://www.arcadia.edu/jobs) for more details.