ARCADIA UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR EDUCATION ABROAD APPOINTS DEAN OF STUDIES

Arcadia University is delighted to welcome Dr. Dennis Dutschke as Dean of Studies for the Center for Education Abroad. Dennis will serve as a guide, a mentor and a creative force as he works with each of Arcadia’s programs around the world to assure high standards and academic quality. Dennis will also serve as a resource for questions related to curriculum integration.

Dennis brings extensive experience as a scholar, professor, and senior administrator. Most recently, he served as Associate Vice-Provost of International Programs at the University of California, Davis, where he was responsible for international education and research, both with regards to sending students and faculty abroad and bringing international students and scholars to the University. During his tenure at UC Davis, Dennis founded and directed the Quarter Abroad Program, Summer Sessions Abroad, the University Research Expeditions Program and as University Coordinator for the UC Davis-Humphrey Fellows Program. With more than 3 decades’ experience in higher education, Dennis has served in numerous leadership roles, including Study Director of the UC Education Abroad Program in Italy, Co-Chair of AIEA’s (Association of International Education Administrators) Committee on Academic Programs, and Chairman of the UC Education Abroad Program Faculty Directors’ Council.

As Dean of Studies, Dennis will serve as a member of the Senior Staff of the Arcadia Center for Education Abroad and will be the primary liaison to the faculty’s Undergraduate Academic Program Committee. Dennis will work with this committee to assure ongoing and effective processes of course and academic program review.

THE 2007-2008 CATALOGS ARE HERE

If you haven’t already ordered your 2007-2008 Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad catalogs, please go to www.arcadia.edu/cea/advisor_order to access our on-line order form. Please contact Michelle Brito at britomi@arcadia.edu or call her at 1-866-927-2234 with any questions or concerns.

OBTAINING VISAS CAN BE A LENGTHY PROCESS; START EARLY!

We strongly encourage students applying to Arcadia programs in Greece, Italy, and Spain to begin their visa applications at the same time they submit their application to Arcadia. Visa processing times for these countries can be very lengthy. Please contact Tim Barton (barton@arcadia.edu), Senior Program Coordinator for Ireland and Greece, Chris Callas (callasc@arcadia.edu) and Richard Cervantes (cervantr@arcadia.edu), Program Coordinators for Spain, or Jennifer Brewer (brewer@arcadia.edu), Senior Program Coordinator for Spain and New Zealand for more specific information.

ARCADIA IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is a country in transition. The evolution to democracy has seen the implementation of a new constitution, new educational policies, new economic priorities, new health challenges, and a reintroduction of South Africa to the world stage. All of this energy and the challenges facing a society attempting to provide equal access to opportunity for all presents an ideal environment in which to study abroad. Beginning with summer programs in June 2007 and semester programs in July 2007, Arcadia will offer students an extraordinary opportunity to study at one of three universities in the Cape Town area: University of Cape Town, University of the Western Cape, and Stellenbosch University. Each of these institutions has a unique history and individual curricular approach, and each will offer students a distinct learning environment. From humanities, arts, and culture, to conservation management, life sciences, and education, there is an English language curriculum available for all qualified students.

In addition to choosing from an integrated curriculum at one of the three institutions, students will also have the opportunity to undertake a Parliamentary Internship in the National Assembly of South Africa, or complete a Certificate Program in Service Learning. In order to ensure that every participant has an opportunity to reflect and understand the environment outside the classroom, Arcadia will require all students to enroll in a core course focusing on contemporary issues in South Africa. The course will highlight current challenges and events, expose students to guest lecturers drawn from national leadership, and offer a chance to analyze South Africa’s actions in the arenas of culture, public policy, and politics. Arcadia’s resident staff in Cape Town will also work to help students integrate into South African life and society through an intensive orientation that will include specific guidance on security, health, and cultural traditions and practices. Resident staff will organize a schedule of activities which may include a weekend retreat to the Cedarburg mountains; a variety of one day excursions such as the trip to Robben Island; evening cultural events like jazz concerts; community storytelling or plays focusing on life with HIV/AIDS; or hiking over the famous three peaks of Cape Town.

NAFSA LEADERSHIP TEAM HOLDS RETREAT ON ARCADIA CAMPUS

From July 20-22, Arcadia was host to NAFSA’s Education Abroad Knowledge Community leadership team. Team members (including Dr. David Larsen, Vice President of Arcadia and Director of the Center for Education Abroad) met on campus to plan their action agenda for the next several years. Topics included demographic factors affecting study abroad; how to better serve non-traditional students, particularly those of color, with disabilities, of limited economic means, and from community colleges; financing study abroad; where program growth is likely to occur in the coming years; and safety in study abroad.
ARCADIA TO PARTICIPATE IN ACE’S INTERNATIONALIZATION LABORATORY

Arcadia has been selected to participate in the American Council on Education’s (ACE) Internationalization Laboratory, for academic year 2006/2007. An outgrowth of the Internationalization Collaborative, the Laboratory consists of a small group of institutions working closely with ACE over a 12 to 16 month period to advance collective knowledge about the issues surrounding assessment and comprehensive internationalization. Participating institutions conduct a review of their goals and internationalization strategies, develop strategic action plans, share their methods and outcomes with other member institutions and undergo an external peer review. As these institutions assess their progress toward comprehensive internationalization, they celebrate accomplishments and make plans to take the next steps forward. In so doing, they also help to refine the ACE internationalization review process.

ARCADIA IN ITALY: New Program Options in Perugia and Florence

Beginning in fall 2006, three program options will be available to students in Perugia. Two additional program options have been added to accommodate a wide variety of student needs and expectations. Whether students are looking to immerse themselves in the Italian language (Full immersion Program through the Università per Stranieri at the Università degli Studi di Perugia), to learn some Italian while pursuing courses in art, political science, history and culture taught in English (General Studies and Honours programs at Umbra Institute), or to carry out independent research under expert faculty guidance and supervision (Field Study Research Program), these options have been designed to fit students’ curricular interests as well as taking into consideration the specific requirements of a broad range of home schools.

The Accademia Italiana in Florence has added two new summer options along with the successful Italian Language and Culture program. These options are specifically geared toward students interested in exploring Fashion Design and/or Industrial Design and are offered at an introductory level. Best of all, students will be taking courses in the heart of Florence, within minutes of many of the city’s world-famous galleries, fashion houses, museums, and architectural marvels. Please visit www.arcadia.edu/cea/summer for more information.

ALLIANCE PROGRAMS IN CHINA: Arcadians Join Alliance Staff in China

Dru Simmons, Assistant Director for the Midwest Region and Cathy Huber, Assistant Director for the Central Region joined Janice Levitt, Director of the Alliance for Global Education and Han Bing, Resident Director of the Alliance Programs in Beijing as they traveled to the three program sites in China where the Alliance currently has established programs: Beijing Language and Culture University, Fudan University in Shanghai, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SHUFE). Both Cathy (huberc@arcadia.edu) and Dru (simmons@arcadia.edu) are happy to serve as resources for any questions related to the Alliance programs in China. The Alliance for Global Education represents a joint effort of the Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad and the Institute for Study Abroad at Butler University. For more details, please visit www.allianceglobaled.org or contact Janice Levitt at jlevitt@allianceglobaled.org.

Staff Comings, Goings, and Reassignments

Shift in Program Coordinating Responsibilities at the Center for Education Abroad in Glenside

We feel very fortunate to have identified two experienced, well-informed, and talented individuals to take on responsibility of the program coordination for our Greece and Spain programs among our own staff. Timothy Barton, who had previously served as Senior Program Coordinator for Ireland, will also have program coordination responsibility for the Arcadia Greece program. Jennifer Brewer, previous New Zealand Program Coordinator will take on responsibility for the Spain programs as well. Both Tim and Jennifer welcome the opportunity to talk with you and your students and can be reached at barton@arcadia.edu and brewer@arcadia.edu respectively. Please refer to www.arcadia.edu/cea for a complete staff listing and corresponding program responsibilities.

Staffing Changes in London

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Mayuri Patel as the new Financial and Administrative Assistant in the London office. Mayuri will take responsibility for the day to day financial administration of the London Office and will provide clerical support to the program directors.

Jennie Davies has taken over the position of Student Services Officer for the U.K. programs, effective July 24th.