



Fall 2007

Spring 2007 Global News and Notes

As the final newsletter in our 25th anniversary year, we are looking back to a region where we've previously done programming but are no longer active. [This issue looks at the Center's programming in the Middle East](#) where we did six trips from 1988 to 1992. Programs were done in Jordan, Israel, Syria, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, and the Occupied Territories. In this issue Ann Hafften, a former Center for Global Education staff person, identifies key issues in Palestine today.

Key Issues Facing Palestine Today

By Ann Hafften

Every time I visit Israel and the occupied Palestinian lands, it feels as if the region's desperate situation is on the cusp of positive change. Sometimes that feeling comes from a political initiative or a new sense of commitment on the part of U.S. and worldwide churches to making a difference there. Other times the feeling is rooted in an impression that things cannot get worse – or cannot be allowed to get worse – for the people there.

It was my privilege to lead two Middle East trips through the Center for Global Education in the early 1990s, once assisting Director Joel Mugge and once leading a travel seminar on my own. At that time we were looking hard at international and military law, human rights, detention and torture, settlements, and self-determination for the Palestinian people, and those issues are still painfully apparent to conscientious visitors.

Land confiscation and water issues were on people's minds 15 years ago, and we tried to give them some attention even in the midst of troubles that were more acute for the people

we visited.

[Today it is the Wall that we see while traveling in the region—an obvious, visible manifestation of ghetto-ization, even apartheid, separating Palestinians from Israelis and, more insidiously, separating Palestinian families and communities from each other.](#) The dreadful Wall is both symbol and enforcer. Its ugly shoulders block the sun, and its snaking path has gobbled up thousands of acres of Palestinian land in favor of the settlements that continue to grow and multiply unabated.

When I have a chance to teach, I now refer to "colonies" or "Israeli cities" staking out enormous blocks of land on the Palestinian side of the Green Line. In the years since the Oslo agreement, betrayed by a series of Israeli administrations, these cities and the restricted highways and infrastructure that serve them have grown out of control. The resulting losses are openly talked about as ethnic cleansing.

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Travel Opportunities

Please note: The price for all International Travel Seminars includes all meals and lodging, ground transportation, programming, language translation and interpretation, pre- and post-trip resources, honoraria for local resource people, fees for planned activities, and airfare as indicated. If airfare is included, other departure cities may be available and the price from those cities may vary.

EL SALVADOR

Putting a Face on Microfinance: El Salvador

February 3-9, 2008

The program introduces participants to microfinance in Central America through visits with the NGOs who are providing microloans, meetings with microfinance leaders, as well as hearing stories directly from women and men who have received microloans for their businesses. In order to better understand the practice of microlending in El Salvador, participants will learn about the economic conditions facing men, women and children in both rural and urban areas. Speakers will also explore the rich culture and dramatic history of El Salvador. *Sponsored by Katalysis Bootstrap Fund. Price: \$1,650. Price does not include international airfare. Application deadline is November 9, 2007.*

MEXICO

Christian Faith and Poverty: A look at Immigration, Globalization, Trade, and the Role of the Church

May 3-May 10, 2008

Since the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994, Mexico is one of the U.S.'s second largest trading partners after Canada. While the pros and cons of the free trade agreements are debated on both sides of the border, there is little doubt that increasing globalization impacts both societies and calls for a need of greater understanding of history, culture, and religion. This seminar will focus on role of the church and its relationship with these contemporary issues in Mexico, specifically globalization, trade, immigration, and politics. *Sponsored by: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Price: \$1,200. Price does not include international airfare. Application deadline is January 12, 2008.*

GUATEMALA

Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development: Views from Latin America

May 19-June 1, 2008

What does it mean to prioritize land conservation in a region where the gap between rich and poor is worsening? What challenges do international trade agreements present those who seek national policies of sustainable development? What are the relationships between deforestation, water pollution, and indigenous peoples? This seminar will explore these and other questions by engaging in dialogue with Guatemalan individuals and organizations from a diverse backgrounds and worldviews concerned with sustainable development and environmental justice. *Sponsored by the Davidson Honors College and the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Montana. Price: \$1,695. Price does not include international airfare. Preference will be given to University of Montana students through January 31, 2008. Application deadline is February 8, 2008.*

MEXICO

Professional Development Seminar for Faculty: Feminist Pedagogies

July 12-20, 2008

Increasingly, "internationalization" is a popular buzzword on college and university campuses. In the field of women's studies, courses in global feminisms are attracting a new generation of students. The Center for Global Education in Cuernavaca, Mexico, has offered courses in women's studies since 1990. Integrating Paulo Freire's approach to problem-posing education and Chandra Talpade Mohanty's work on transnational feminist theory, the Center is proud to offer a professional development seminar for faculty interested in learning more about feminist pedagogy in a global context. This eight-day immersion experience will draw from the experiences of women's lives in Mexico and what they have to tell us about globalization, gender, and social change. *Price: to be determined. Application deadline is April 21, 2008.*

Full brochures are available on our website.

For more information on any of the following programs, or to be kept up to date on additional programs being scheduled, contact the Center at 1-800-299-8889 or <gloaled@augsborg.edu>.

25th Anniversary Celebration

The Center for Global Education began a year-long celebration of its 25th anniversary in January 2007. The Center co-sponsored the 19th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation and was a celebrant at the Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics with speaker Jorge Bustamante's presentation "Immigration: Who are the winners and losers?"

Augsburg College sponsored a plenary address at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Annual Conference in Minneapolis in honor of the Center's 25th anniversary. The NAFSA Conference plenary address was delivered by Jack Weatherford, author and professor of anthropology at Macalester College. President Paul Pribbenow addressed the plenary audience prior to Dr. Weatherford's presentation. Following the address, Pribbenow hosted a 25th Anniversary luncheon for the Center which was attended by invited guests from the Center's partner colleges and universities from across the nation.

The 25th anniversary was also celebrated with a major weekend event in July. The weekend started with a reunion of current and former staff on Friday evening, July 20. More than 80 people attended from many parts of the US.

On Saturday, July 21, a day-long conference was held on the theme of "Building a Just and Sustainable World: Education for Transformation." Dr. Pandu Hailonga-van Dijk from Windhoek, Namibia, delivered the keynote speech on "Education for Decolonization." Pandu was the founding co-director of the Center's program in Namibia and continued as director through July 2006. She is currently an assistant representative for the United Nation's Population Fund.

The celebration continued on Saturday evening at a Global Gala. The event included a variety of appetizers from around the world, tasting of fair trade wine and socially conscious beer, a silent

auction of art and handicrafts from across the globe, and dancing to world music. Recognition was given to several key partners in the Center's work: Joel Mugge, founding director of the Center; Jeanne Mugge, key support person in the early years of the Center; Harold and Louise Nielson, donors of the James Mayer study center in Nicaragua and supporters of the Center for 25 years; Eleanor and John Yackel, scholarship donors and longtime supporters of the Center; the Witt Family, sponsor of Mary Witt memorial scholarship; and Dr. Larry Hufford, sponsor of the most travel seminars with the Center.

The celebration will continue through the fall semester with a number of additional events on campus. A highlight will be a visit by Rick Steves on November 9.

Since 1982, **more than 10,000 people have participated in CGE's semester and short-term programs** in more than 40 countries in the Asia/Pacific region, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, southern Africa, Latin America, and the United States.



Panel members at the 25th anniversary conference (left to right Teresa Ortiz, Eric Iverson, Roxanne Gould, Hillary Mealman)



Dr. Larry Hufford (left) receives an award from Fidel Xinico for sponsoring the most travel seminars with the Center

Biennial staff Conference

The Office of International Programs welcomed Center for Global Education international staff to campus from July 16-27. Fifteen staff from Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Namibia, and Nicaragua joined the 13 staff from the Center for Global Education and Office of International Programs based in Minneapolis. [The full staff meets face-to-face every two years.](#) The three previous meetings had been held in Nicaragua (2005), Mexico (2003) and Minnesota (2001).

The goals for the staff conference were to celebrate the Center's 25th anniversary, renew working relationships, plan ahead to the future, and work on several key areas of administration, program, and mission. A highlight of the time together was a day-long immersion in the Native American community of Minneapolis, which was hosted by former staff member Roxanne Gould, who now works at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College.

Contributions

[Donations to the following Center for Global Education funds totaling \\$41,453 were received in fiscal year 2006-07:](#)

- General fund - \$10,662
- Founder's Fund for Program Development - \$4,125
- Mary Witt Scholarship Fund - \$16,641
- Short-term programs endowed scholarship fund - \$8,500
- Students of color endowed scholarship fund - \$1,525

International Travel Seminars

From September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007, the Center for Global Education conducted international travel seminars for 42 non-Augsburg sponsors or co-sponsors to eight different countries. [A total of 697 people participated in these programs.](#) Last year, travel seminars were sponsored or co-sponsored by the following institutions:

Adrienne Kaufmann, El Salvador/Guatemala
 Augustana College, Nicaragua
 Beloit College, Nicaragua
 Boston College Alumni, El Salvador
 Boston College Undergraduates, Guatemala and Nicaragua (2)
 Boston College: Nursing Department, Nicaragua
 BSW Mexico Social Work Consortium, Mexico
 Butler University, South Africa
 College of St. Catherine, South Africa
 Drake University, Nicaragua
 Duquesne University, Namibia
 ELCA, Mexico
 Franklin and Marshall College, El Salvador
 Furman University, Namibia
 Hiram College, Guatemala/Chiapas
 John Carroll University, Nicaragua
 Katalysis Bootstrap Fund, Honduras
 Keith Olstad, Vietnam
 Lake Edge Lutheran Church, El Salvador
 Lutheran Theological Seminary, El Salvador
 Lutheran World Relief, Nicaragua
 Methodist Theological Seminary, Guatemala
 MicroPlace/E-Bay, Guatemala/Nicaragua
 Newton South High School, Mexico
 Portland State University, Mexico
 Seattle University, Nicaragua
 Siena College, Nicaragua
 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Mexico
 United Theological Seminary, Guatemala
 University of Colorado-INVST Community Studies, Mexico
 University of Montana, Nicaragua
 University of San Francisco, Nicaragua
 Vanderbilt University, Namibia
 Westminster College, Guatemala
 Wilfred Laurier University, El Salvador

Semester Programs Abroad

The Center for Global Education offered the following seven undergraduate semester abroad programs during the 2006-07 academic year:

- Crossing Borders: Gender and Social Change in Mesoamerica (Fall, Mexico)
- Nation Building, Globalization and Decolonizing the Mind (Fall & Spring, Namibia)
- Sustainable Development and Social Change in Central America (Fall & Spring, Central America)
- Social Justice, Gender and the Environment in Latin America (Spring, Mexico)
- Social Work in a Latin American Context (Spring, Mexico)

[A record 124 students participated in semester programs this year.](#) Along with 17 students from Augsburg College, 39 colleges and universities in the US and Norway were represented. The number of students from each institution is indicated in parentheses.

Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn. (17)
Bates College, Lewiston, Maine (1)
Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn. (1)
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine (2)
Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. (6)
Clark University, Worcester, Mass. (7)
Connecticut College, New London, Conn. (1)
Denison University, Granville, Ohio (3)
Duke University, Durham, N.C. (2)

Edgewood College, Madison, Wisc. (1)
Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. (2)
Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y. (4)
Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. (2)
Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. (1)
Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn. (1)
Molde University College, Molde, Norway (2)
New College of Florida, Sarasota, Fla. (1)
Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio (3)
Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash. (4)
San Diego State University, La Jolla, Calif. (1)
Siena College, Loudonville, N.Y. (3)
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. (14)
State University of New York, Albany, N.Y. (1)
Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Tex. (1)
Trinity University, San Antonio, Tex. (1)
University of California, Santa Barbara, Calif. (1)
University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa (1)
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans. (2)
University of New England, Biddeford, Maine (1)
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. (13)
University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash. (4)
University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, S.D. (1)
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. (3)
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. (1)
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisc. (1)
Valparaiso University, Ind. (6)
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (1)
Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn. (2)
Winona State University, Winona, Minn. (4)

Presentations to outside groups in Nicaragua

Mark Lester, co-regional director for Central America, provided presentations to the following groups interested in [background on the history of Nicaragua and its current social and economic issues](#):

AGROS International (Seattle, Wash.)
Anchor Park United Methodist Church (Fairbanks, Alaska)
Bridges to Community NGO (White Plains, N.Y.)
Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.) (4)
CEPAD Nehemias
Clark College (Vancouver, Wash.)
El Porvenir work groups (4)
Elderhostel

Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, Pa.)
Graduate theology students from St. Louis University, Mo.
Jubilee House Community (Winston-Salem, N.C.)
Lopez Island High School (Lopez Island, Wash.)
Lutheran church delegations from S.D. and Portland, Ore.
Lutheran Synod of S.D.
Messiah Lutheran Church, Calif.
University of Florida (Gainesville, Fla.)
Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (WCCN), (Madison, Wisc.)
Wittenberg College (Springfield, Ohio)
Xavier University (Cincinnati, Ohio)
Yale University (New Haven, Conn.)

Professional Involvements

CIEE international conference, Seville, Spain, November 11, 2006

Integrating Study Abroad into the General Education Curriculum, a panel presentation by Orv Gingerich, associate dean, international programs and director, Center for Global Education, with representatives from Eastern Mennonite University and Kalamazoo College.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators annual conference, Minneapolis, Minn., May 31, 2007

- *Fostering Peace Through International Education on Campus and Abroad*, a poster presentation on the Center for Global Education pedagogy co-presented by Margaret Anderson, coordinator, semester programs abroad, and Orv Gingerich, associate dean, international programs.
- *Hearing from Students: How 'Transformative' Education Really Changes Lives*, a panel discussion. The panel included Orv Gingerich, associate dean, international programs, and Eric Iverson and Lisa Luinenburg, alumni of Center for Global Education semester abroad programs.
- *Who is Serving Whom? Ethical Dilemmas in International Service-Learning*, Alice Kloker, program director, international travel seminars, led panel discussion with members: Center program coordinator Shamani Shikwambi, former Center staff member Kimberly Davidson, and travel seminar sponsor Seana Lowe.

National Association of Women's Studies Conference in Chicago, Illinois, June 29, 2007

"Classrooms Outdoors, On the Road & Abroad: Teaching about Social Issues and Human Relations," Lisanne Morgan, program coordinator, Mexico

MISCELLANEOUS

Alice Kloker

- *Creating a Culture of Peace*, a three-day workshop on violence, nonviolence, social movements, community building and action planning, co-facilitated at Hamline University (St. Paul, Minn.), November 2006.
- *World House Discussion Forums*, organized a series of all-campus discussion forums for the 2007 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. convocation around the World House Essay at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn., Winter 2007. (www.theworldhouse.org)
- Co-facilitated a non-violence weekend workshop at Mayflower United Church of Christ (Minneapolis, Minn.), March 2006.

Ann Luttermann-Aguilar

Presented a workshop on theology and sexuality at the annual conference of *Jóvenes Cáticas por el Derecho a Decidir* (JCDD)/Catholic Youth for the Right to Decide in Mexico City, May 19, 2007.

Mark Lester

"Women and Development in Nicaragua" presentation at Denison University (Granville, Ohio), October 4, 2006.

Regina McGoff

Online Applications, session presented at the Minnesota Study Abroad Professionals meeting, February 2007, Augsburg College.

Shamani-Jeffrey Shikwambi

Voluntourism, a presentation in an interactive forum designed to better assess how to facilitate the access and delivery of information at the Educational Travel Conference February 20, 2007 (Baltimore, Md.).

Evening Spanish in Minneapolis Discontinued

Evening Spanish classes offered by the Center for Global Education in Minneapolis were discontinued in winter 2007. The classes were started over 20 years ago at a time when few other options for adult Spanish classes were available locally. The Center is now more focused on providing semester programs and coordinating short-term travel seminars. During the fall term of 2006, 53 people enrolled in the final conversational Spanish classes.

Key Issues Facing Palestine Today

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Israeli Victoria Buch writes, "The prime ethnic cleansing tool is, forever, Palestinian land grab in conjunction with settlement expansion. Various stages of annexation process are in evidence in the originally rural part of the West Bank, constituting 60 [percent] of its area. By now, nine percent of the West Bank land has been transferred to the direct control of the settlements."

Palestinians' loss of mobility is almost total. The Wall, barricades, and destruction of roads, plus "flying checkpoints," cost the West Bank population its health and safety and employment. Gaza's citizens are completely isolated in their territory, a prison with a bottomed-out economy.

Family unification has become a terrible problem for husbands and wives with different residence permits, and Palestinians face ongoing and increasing demolition of their homes.

So what makes me think there will be positive change? When I feel frustrated I remind myself of the impossible frustration of the Palestinian people and the miracle of their patience and unwillingness to succumb to despair. While official peacemaking



Above: The Separation Wall divides the city of Bethany in the Jerusalem area

efforts have lost all momentum, thanks in part to U.S. attention to the war in Iraq, understanding is up in U.S. churches and activist communities, along with opportunities to volunteer and "accompany" among the grassroots of Palestine.

I continue to urge Americans to visit Palestine and Israel. I hope to return there for the seventeenth time with a group in 2008.

To find a regular listing of upcoming trips and delegations, visit the website of Friends of Sabeel-North America at www.fosna.org.

Staff Changes

Alice Kloker, program director, international travel seminars, has moved to Norman, Oklahoma. She worked in various capacities with the international travel seminars team for five years, and we greatly miss her skills and expertise.

Shamani-Jeffrey Shikwambi, program coordinator, international travel seminars accepted a tenure track assistant professor position in the education department at Macon State College in Macon, Georgia. We wish him well in his transition back to teaching.

David Hamilton, program director, international travel seminars, has a B.A. in political science from Macalester College, an M.A. in African history from the University of Minnesota, and a mini-MBA from the University of St. Thomas. He has years of experience in management and administration and has lived both in Southern Africa and Brazil.

Ann Butwell, program coordinator, international travel seminars, has a B.A. in Spanish from Berea College and an M.A. in Latin American studies from Tulane University. She co-coordinated the Center's programs in El Salvador from 1992-1994. She previously worked with the Washington Office on Latin America, EPICA (Ecumenical Program on Central America and the Caribbean), and the Latin American Working Group.

Joe Connelly, intern for Central America, will return as the study abroad facilitator in January.

Sarah Pressman, intern, Central America, has a B.A. in women's and gender studies and Spanish from Edgewood College. She studied through the Center's program in Mexico and a separate program in Argentina.

Upcoming 25th Anniversary Events

RICK STEVES

November 9, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

Hoversten Chapel, Foss Center, Augsburg College, "Travel as a Political Act." Please join us for a public lecture at Augsburg College by nationally recognized tour author and public television host, Rick Steves, Europe Through the Back Door.

INTERNS NEEDED IN NAMIBIA

The Center for Global Education is looking for an intern in Namibia starting in January 2008 and ending December 2008. Interns live in a program house and work with staff, college students, and travel seminar participants primarily serving as an international resident adviser and participating in the logistical operation of the programs. Room and board, travel, health insurance, deferred student loans, and a living stipend are provided. Please apply by November 1, 2007, and contact Freddy Kustaa at <kustaa@augsb.org> for more information.



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