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- Find out about the Books to Brazil book drive's progress
- Get the inside scoop from the Hope for Japan fundraiser
- Learn about the International Studies Committee's events
- Say goodbye to JOI Coordinator Kana Morishita

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## Planning Begun for the Annual International Forum and Workshop

At the beginning of each school year, the Center for International Education hosts a retreat. This year, however, the retreat is becoming the Center for International Education's Annual International Forum and Workshop. This event will be of the same format as the retreat, but we are hoping to draw a larger variety of faculty and staff.

The Forum and Workshop will take place on August 16 at Eden Seminary's Schroer Commons. The location change from the Old Post Office campus will make the Forum and Workshop more accessible to the Webster community.

The speaker for this year will be international education expert Dr.



**Dr. Darla Deardorff, PhD, presented her book *The SAGE Handbook of International Competence* as the keynote speaker for AFS's 2010 World Congress in Buenos Aires.**

Darla Deardorff, PhD. Dr. Deardorff is the executive director of the Association of International Education Administrators, an organization based in Duke University. Her research has focused on intercultural competence, outcomes assessment, internationalization, and teacher education.

Dr. Deardorff's presentation will focus on the importance of cross-cultural understanding, an idea which is critical to Webster's mission and goals. The primary concentration will be on incorporating the new global citizenship general education requirement. She will try to help us define the skill sets and mindsets necessary for global citizenship and how we can incorporate these ideas into creating global citizens. Dr. Deardorff will also examine ways to build courses and experiences for students and faculty.

The workshop is for any and all staff and faculty. For more information about the Annual International Forum and Workshop, please contact Lauren Huffman, Deborah Pierce, or Kate Brooks.

## Books to Brazil Off to a Great Start

Although the Books to Brazil book drive began only in the second half of the spring semester, it has been extremely successful thus far.

At the time of publication, students, faculty, the Emerson Library, and the Richmond Heights Library have donated a combined total of almost 700 books. The goal is to reach 5,000, so we feel that we have already made a fan-

tastic contribution toward that goal.

The books will go to Colégio Motiva in Northern Brazil. This school awards scholarships to children from very low income families who could not otherwise afford education. The scholarships are renewed based upon the children's academic performances, and can carry the students from

kindergarten through university.

The CIE's involvement will create a Webster reading room in the library for students to read and study English language books.

We will be looking for new and gently used children's books. The books can be of all reading levels.

For more information, please contact Lauren Huffman at 314-246-7718.

# Crossing Borders

## Spring Semester Was Full of International Events



**The Alash Ensemble Tuvan Throat Singers from Southern Siberia performed this past April in the Emerson Library as part of the International Studies Symposium Series.**

*The CIE will begin holding a photo contest in the fall. Be sure to submit your international pictures. We'd love to see where you've been!*



**Students worked at and attended the Hope for Japan fundraiser. At the event alone, they raised \$4,000.**

For the past two semesters, the Center for International Education has worked on creating more events that would help expand students' and faculty's concept of global citizenship. In the spring semester particularly, we have tried to create cultural events and a more diverse range of speakers to do so.

Besides the Chinese New Year Celebration and the speakers in the first half of the semester, the CIE did not slow down in the second half, either.

The International Studies Symposium Series speakers included Katsurako Stallard and Webster professor Noriko Yuasa, who spoke about their project Culture within a Culture and about the earthquake in Japan. They explained that their project examines how Japanese women's outlooks change once they have im-

migrated to the United States.

Additionally, Suzanne Lelaurin from the International Institute spoke about immigration in St. Louis. She provided information about the immigration and settlement process. One of the highlights, though, was when Bhutanese refugee Ranga Nepal spoke about his experience in refugee camps and about coming to the United States.

Former South Korean Ambassador Ho-jin Lee also participated in the Symposium Series. Brought to Webster by George Herbert Walker III, Ambassador Lee spoke about South Korea's relations with North Korea, China, and the United States.

One unique event that was part of the symposium series was the Tuvan throat singers. They performed in the Emerson Library and gave a demonstration of how

they create various tones using their throats. We hope to incorporate them into future events, as this installment was very well attended and well received.

The CIE also helped with the Human Rights Conference, in which Des Lee Scholar Janaki Rajan had a large part in organizing. This year's theme was "Women's Rights as Human Rights: Education – Security – Economics." The Conference was a huge success, and more students could participate as it was also presented as a webcast.

We ended our semester with the Books to Brazil book drive and the Hope for Japan fundraiser, both of which had a campus-wide impact.

For more information about upcoming events or to provide a suggestion, please contact the CIE.

## Hope for Japan Overwhelmingly Successful By Kate Brooks

Immediately following the Japanese tsunami on March 11, the Japanese Student Association (JSA) took action. Working with other student groups, faculty and staff on campus, donation sites were set up around campus, selling "Hope for Japan" bracelets. The bracelets were a way to raise money, as well as show solidarity with the people of Japan.

On April 8, JSA hosted a Japanese cultural night, complete with an expert panel discussion, art sale, food and a drumming performance by Osuwa Taiko. By May, the

"Hope for Japan: Rebuilding Our Common Future" effort had raised more than \$12,000.

Associate art professor Noriko Yuasa, who spearheaded the initiative with JSA, says that the fundraising efforts will most likely continue to the Fall 2011 semester.

Japanese Outreach Coordinator Kana Morishita was not only

thrilled by the amount of money raised, but also by the support for Japan that she saw. "I was very impressed with the people at Webster who showed their support for Japan. I feel very thankful. I could see that people care a lot about Japan. The Webster community took action very quickly, as well as other area schools that I have visited. Everyone was asking how they could help."

Hope for Japan fundraising wristbands are still available on campus. Stop by the CIE and contribute \$3 to the Japanese Red Cross.



## CIE on the Move

With the ending of the spring semester, the CIE is still hard at work preparing for summer and the fall semester. The Des Lee Scholar for this school year, Dr. Janaki Rajan, PhD., returned to India after her successful semester teaching at Webster St. Louis. She helped organize the Human Rights Conference and taught a class about the Millennium Development Goals.

Kana Morishita, the Japanese Outreach Initiative Coordinator, will

also end her tenure with the CIE in July. Morishita, though, is not leaving Webster, but rather becoming the Japanese Teaching Assistant.

There are several upcoming events for next semester, including Japanese and Spanish culture festivals. The CIE is working closely with other departments on campus to expand its involvement and scope of activities.

Moreover, the Annual Interna-

tional Forum and Workshop will be held on August 16 at Eden Seminary. We are hard at work planning this yearly event and feel that this one could be the best yet.

The CIE is also looking at restructuring and reorganizing to increase and expand its resources to students and faculty. Although nothing has been decided, we are working on developing new programs to better serve the Webster community internationally.



## Update from the International Studies Committee By Kate Brooks

The International Studies Committee, made up of faculty and staff across a wide range of departments, meets once a month during the academic year to discuss the International Studies degree. This year, the core IS courses were examined. It was decided that the goals of the degree are being met. Students are able to describe the ways history, culture, language, and political perspectives influence the international system as a

whole. Discussions also included an interdisciplinary methodology course.

ISC members have also participated in various activities and conferences, both on and off campus. Deborah Pierce and Yupa Saisanan had a successful session on Service Learning projects at the First Annual Webster University Teaching Festival in April.

Also in April, Roy Tamashiro and

Saisanan attended the ASIANetwork conference in Chicago and discussed Tamashiro's Student-Faculty Fellows Program Japan project.

This summer, several ISC members attended the annual NAFSA: Association of International Educators conference in Vancouver. From this conference, ISC members will be able to better service students in international education.

*Be sure to remind students about the International Distinction and International Studies Certificate! It's a great opportunity and many students already qualify.*

## The CIE Bids Farewell to JOI Coordinator Kana Morishita

After a two year run as the Japan Outreach Initiative Coordinator, Kana Morishita is moving on from the CIE.

Kana has brought a Japanese perspective to the CIE, which has proved invaluable in making our events more international and providing a larger student base.

In the past school year, she has

been hard at work visiting schools around the St. Louis area. At the time of publication, she has made 166 school visits to 17 different schools.

In addition to school visits, Kana has also assisted in cultural events around St. Louis, including the Japanese Festival at the Botanical Gardens and at churches and libraries.

She has also taught classes at Webster, including a Japanese culture class entitled "Japan: Ancient and Modern."

Kana is not leaving Webster, though. Rather, she has accepted the position of Japanese Teaching Assistant. We wish her well in her future endeavors and hope we can continue to work with her in the future.



**JOI Coordinator Kana Morishita taught students origami at Hancock Middle School.**



## Our Mission and Background

**We promote international learning opportunities for students and faculty members in furthering Webster's mission of global citizenship.**

**The Center for International Education began in the early 1990s as a solution to the lack of international oversight for students and faculty members. Since its conception, several new departments and centers have arisen as Webster has increased its international programs. Our students and faculty study abroad, complete internships, and work with other cultures and organizations to increase understanding and knowledge of Webster University and of other countries.**

**We publish Crossing Borders to keep the Webster community informed of activities within the Center for International Education and of other international happenings around the university. The newsletter allows us to promote Webster's internationalization by publicizing information about international activities and by providing support of international research and study. Comments and suggestions for the publications can be sent to Lauren Huffman, Graduate Assistant, at [lauren-huffman09@webster.edu](mailto:lauren-huffman09@webster.edu).**

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## Keep Up With the Confucius Institute By Ricardo Falla and Lauren Huffman

The Confucius Institute (CI) at Webster University is already hard at work preparing for the summer and upcoming fall semester.

Our four visiting teachers have had a busy semester at various schools around St. Louis teaching students Chinese language and culture. Unfortunately, three out of the four teachers are returning to China. We will be sad to see them leave, as they have taught unique, diverse, and informational lessons to schools throughout the area.

We celebrated the Chinese Culture Day in the Botanical Gardens, May 21-22. The CI partici-

pated in this event to promote Chinese culture and inform guests about its programs. The Chinese Culture Day included a 70-foot dancing dragon, martial arts, and calligraphy.

As summer approaches, high school students who applied for the 2011 Chinese Bridge Summer Camp are preparing to leave for China. This summer camp is an elite two-week intensive language and culture training program for American high

school students studying Mandarin Chinese and their teachers.

Scholars from China will visit the CI in the summer as well, and will give lectures at Webster University.

Stay in touch with the CI and learn about our events by visiting our website, [www.webster.edu/confuciusinstitute/](http://www.webster.edu/confuciusinstitute/) or visit our fan page in Facebook (Confucius Institute at Webster University).



**Visiting Chinese teacher Yanzi Geng teaches students at Steger Elementary School about Chinese dance. Yanzi will remain with the Confucius Institute for one more year.**

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