

G L O B A L E N G A G E M E N T
NEWSLETTER



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO OUR WOLVERINES

As we approach the end of the semester, we want to take a moment to congratulate all of our students and faculty for a smooth finish to their studies and wish you a restful, joyous holiday season. You may have noticed a pause in our newsletter over the past few months. This break was due to a change in our staff, but we are excited to be back! As the new editor, I am thrilled to collaborate with the Office for Global Engagement to continue the important work of connecting UVU with the world. Together, we aim to bring the world to UVU and share exciting updates, stories, and opportunities from our global community.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an exciting and impactful year ahead! Happy holidays!

-Kaise McLane and Office for Global Engagement

GLOBAL FACULTY AND STAFF NETWORKING

Since September 2021, the Office for Global Engagement has been working towards creating an inclusive work environment by providing faculty and staff, that have a global background, the opportunity to meet and network with each other.



STATE DEPARTMENT VISIT

September 26, 2024

A meeting was held with US State Dept reps from Office for International Religious Freedom. Foreign affairs officer, Sage Showers and deputy director, Mariah Mercer led a lively discussion on current issues and shared their personal experiences addressing religious freedom as US State Department officials.

FACULTY & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

GLOBAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Once a month, our Global Student Leadership Council members have the opportunity to learn valuable skills and life lessons from experienced leaders. During the September 4th council meeting, Tom Macdonald, Asst. Dean of the Woodbury School of Business, challenged the students to explore questions such as, “What is your duty as a leader?” and “How do we best show our leadership?”



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A VISIT FROM THE **AMBASSADOR** FROM
COSTA RICA TO THE UNITED STATES



September 11-13, 2024

The Ambassador to the United States from Costa Rica, H.E. Catalina Crespo Sancho visited Utah September 11-13, 2024. She participated as a keynote speaker and panelist at the Doing Business with the Hispanic World conference held on September 12 at Utah Valley University.

BRINGING THE WORLD TO UVU

On September 13, she continued to represent her country at a luncheon sponsored by the World Trade Center Utah, paid a visit to Senator Luz Escamilla at the Utah State Legislature, and met with Elder Gerrit W. Gong, member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



Ambassador Catalina Crespo Sancho at the "Doing Business with the Hispanic World" conference.

“DOING BUSINESS WITH THE HISPANIC WORLD”

September 12, 2024



Organized by the Office for Global Engagement and the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Doing Business with the Hispanic World: Challenges and Opportunities brought diplomatic and commercial delegates from

Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru. Around 200 attended the September 12 event held in UVU’s Grand Ballroom. The conference highlighted the importance of international partnerships and benefits of collaborating with Latin America.

Catalina Crespo Sancho, Costa Rica’s ambassador to the US shared her countries’ economic contributions to the US, with the number one export being medical devices. Several Utah officials, Ryan Starks, Executive director of the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity, Senator Luz Escamilla, and Juan Pascua, Executive Director of the Hispanic

Chamber of Commerce addressed the audience and focused on the contributions Hispanic businesses have made to Utah and the USA.



“We currently have more than 20 thousand Hispanic businesses in Utah and more than 5 million in the United States contributing nearly 1 billion to the economy each year.”

-Juan Pascua



During the panel discussion portion of the event, moderated by Javier Chavez Jr., country representatives offered insights into their respective countries' investment opportunities and economic strengths. In addition to Senator Escamilla and Costa Rican Ambassador Crespo Sancho, panelists included: Hon. Fernando Perez, Consul General of El Salvador, Hon. Antonio Cruz, Deputy Consul

of Mexico in Utah, Gaby Morales, Commercial Counselor of Guatemala in Los Angeles, Alvaro Silva-Santisteban, Exc. Dir. Investment, Tourism and Trade of Peru in Los Angeles, and Dr. Marcus Borges, EO for Oxpher Business & Consulting (representing Brazil).

The final session of the conference brought trade experts together with UVU students, faculty and the Utah business community in an open networking session.

September 26, 2024

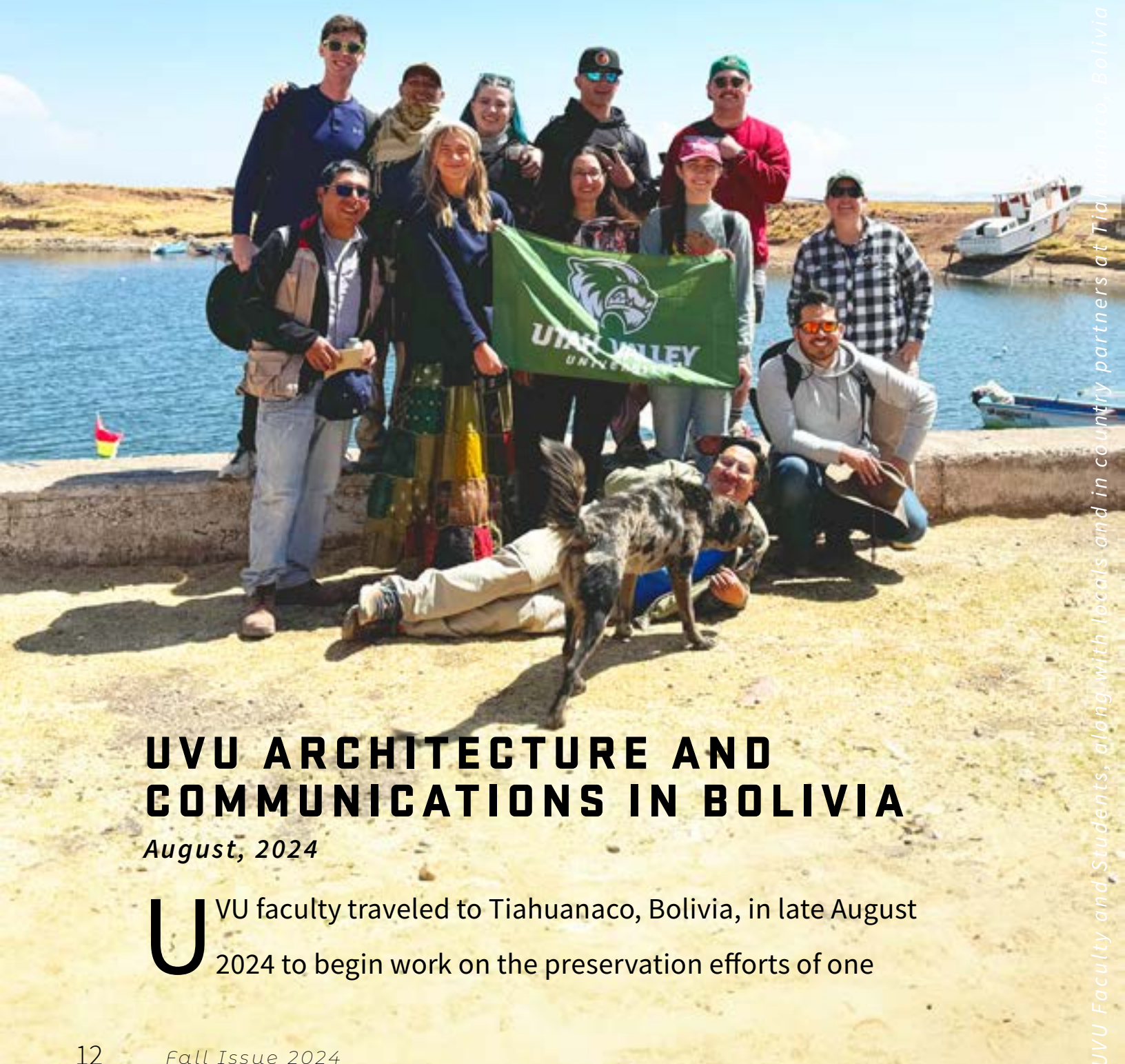
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Due to a special relationship our office has with the Utah Symphony, they were a featured event at The Noorda for Hispanic Heritage Month. Enrico Lopez-Yanez conducted the Symphony and welcomed featured trumpet soloist, Jose Sibaja.



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GLOBAL ACADEMIC PROJECTS



UVA Faculty and Students, along with locals and in-country partners at Tiahuanaco, Bolivia

¡HOLA DESDE ARGENTINA!

UVU ARCHITECTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS IN BOLIVIA

August, 2024

UVU faculty traveled to Tiahuanaco, Bolivia, in late August 2024 to begin work on the preservation efforts of one

of Bolivia's most respected ancient sites. Digital Media Professor Emily Hedrick and National Center For Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) Chief of Architecture and Engineering Simeon Warren teamed up to plan and organize a team to help with digital preservation efforts.



UVU Professor Dr. Maritza Sotomayor connected her classroom with students from University of Mendoza in Argentina via the COIL teaching modality. The Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) experience in this course is a unique opportunity for students to engage in cross-cultural collaboration and enhance their intercultural competencies.

October 28 – November 1, 2024

Enrique Amigo and Benson Tan from the Far Eastern University and friends of President Timenez from Manila, Philippines visited campus recently to explore possibilities for collaboration with UVU and FEU, especially in the area of on-line learning and digital transformation.



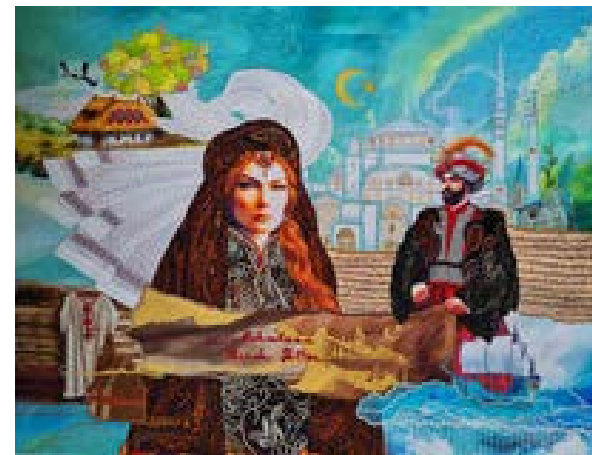
As part of the Office of Global Engagement's Global Spotlight series, our guests participated in a Panel Discussion: Bridging Cybersecurity: A Comparative Insights of US and Philippine Cybersecurity Laws, Ethics and Privacy. The discussion was hosted by Dr. Carl Canlas – Prof. of Information Systems.



During a meeting with President Timenez, these representatives of the Far Eastern University were able to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UVU. The purpose of an MOU is to acknowledge a formal, ongoing and strategic relationship and partnership between institutions, and is a noteworthy connection to have with our colleagues and friends from the Philippines.

BRIDGING CYBER SECURITY

COMPARATIVE INSIGHTS OF U.S. AND PHILIPPINE CYBERSECURITY
LAWS, ETHICS, AND PRIVACY



UKRAINIAN TEXTILE ART DISPLAY!

October 25 & 26, 2024

This October, UVU had the honor of hosting a display of intricate and expressive textile art by Ukrainian artist, Maryna Lukach. As an internationally renowned textile artist, Maryna Lukach creates pieces honoring Ukrainian freedom.

CONTINUING COLLABORATION

BETWEEN UVU AND UKRAINE

August 27, 2024

The Office for Global Engagement facilitated a meeting with the UVU Behavioral Science Department specializing in areas of social work, family science, and psychology. The meeting explored interest and ideas for collaboration between UVU and the Khmelnytskyi and Pedagogic Academy faculty in Ukraine, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding agreement.

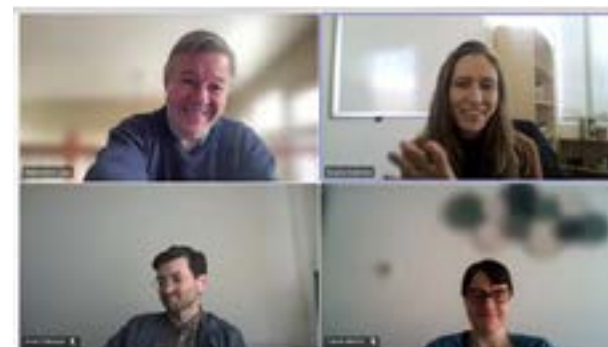
CONTINUING COLLABORATION BETWEEN UVU
MEETING WITH THE
UNIVERSITY KHMELNYTSKYI
HUMANITY AND PEDAGOGIC
ACADEMY

DEPARTMENTS OF PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK, ENGLISH, TOURISM, AND LANGUAGES



Ukraine Faculty and Staff

On October 2, 2024, UVU held a meeting with the University Khmelnytskyi Humanity and Pedagogic Academy, departments of Psychology, Social Work, English, Tourism, and Languages. UVU faculty representing the departments of Psychology and Social Work participated.



- Dr. Acacia Overono – Professor and Department Chair of Psychology, Dpt. Psychology and Counseling*
- Dr. Angelea Panos – Professor and Director of Master of Social Work, Graduate Program*
- Dr. Brock Jones – Professor of English and Department Chair of English and Literature*
- Dr. Rachel Arocho – Professor of Family Science, Dpt. of Social & Behavioral Sciences*
- Dr. Kristin Lambert - Professor of Social Work, Dpt of Social & Behavioral Sciences*
- Dr. Melissa Hirschi - Professor and Department Chair of Social Work, Dpt of Social & Behavioral Sciences*



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND THE EMPATHY SCHOOLS IN MONGOLIA



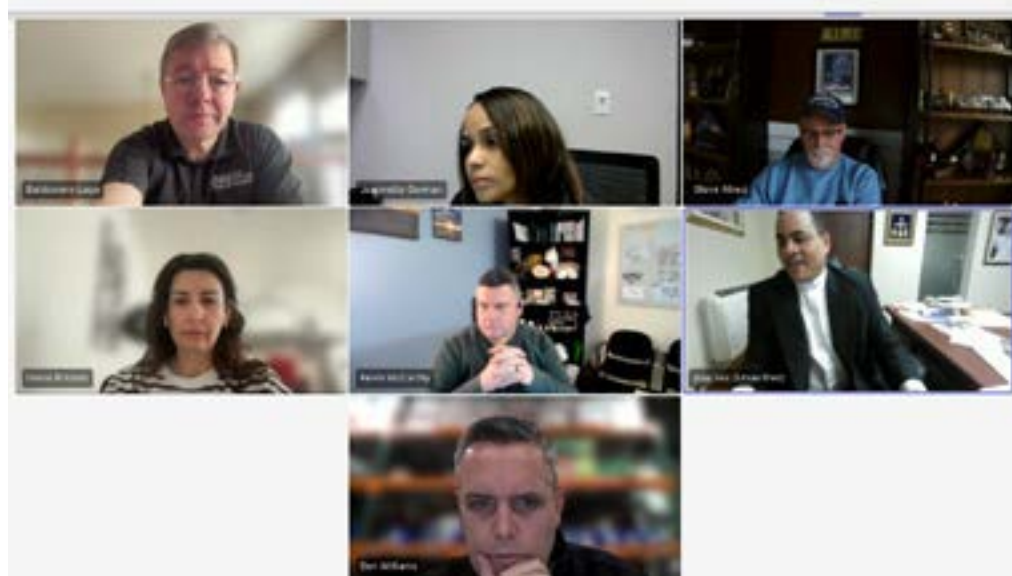
August, 2024

Empathy Schools are a network of non-profit, co-educational schools offering a blend of the Cambridge Assessment International Education System and the Mongolian National Core Curriculum. Ganbat Batbuyan, General Director of Empathy School, and Enk Amgalan of Eduzone Education Group LLC, visited UVU this August.

Presenting to a the UVU School of Education, they discussed the unique educational systems in Mongolia and how they differ from public education. They addressed the topic of educator shortage due an influx of immigrant families in Mongolia. Part of their goal in collaborating with Dr. Adam Ogurlu and the School of Education was to arrange teaching practicum opportunities for UVU students.

EMS PRACTICUMS WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

COLLABORATING WITH THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF SANTO DOMINGO



This week we did a follow up meeting with the Catholic University of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Those in attendance were the President of the University Rector Jose Luis de la Cruz, UVU Emergency Services Department Chair Kevin McCarthy, faculty Steve Allred and Ben Williams, and coordinators from EMS Jeannette German and GEO Diana Briceno. This collaboration will allow students from EMS conduct practicum experience jointly with their counterparts in the DR to work directly with hospitals and emergency response agencies in Santo Domingo.



Last week we had a lovely meeting with a university in South Korea working on potential collaboration between School of Education and their institution Chonnam National University, located in Gwangju and South Jeolla Province, South Korea. Those attending from our institution was Dr. Mia Kang, Graduate Director of School of Education and Dr. Kyunghye Shin, Visiting Scholar at UVU. This year UVU signed a MOU agreement for collaboration with this institution.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH KOREA UNIVERSITY

COLLABORATING WITH THE CHONNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN GWANGJU

GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT



OCTOBER 10 JAPAN EXCHANGE AND TEACHING PROGRAM

Stephen Brailsford

UVU Class 23' alumni Stephen Brailsford shared his insights about living and working in Japan as a Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) within the competitive Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET).

OCTOBER 30 BRIDGING CYBERSECURITY

Dr. Carl Canlas, and Enrique Amigo and Benson Tan

Guest panelists from the Far Eastern University Institute of Technology in Manila, Philippines discussed comparative insights of U.S. and Philippine cybersecurity laws, ethics, and Privacy. (See page 10)



OCTOBER 31 INDIA & BANGLADESH: PREVENTING RANSOMWARE

Dr. Saikat Das

An insightful presentation from Assistant Professor of Computer Science Dr. Saikat Das was given highlighting the latest advancements in ransomware protection and innovation in technology.

NOVEMBER 7 UVU GERMAN DAY

The German program celebrated the 35th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with fun activities, souvenirs, food, and a Trabi (German car).





**NOVEMBER 13
CHINA DREAM**

Dr. Fredrick W. Crook and Dr. Elizabeth F. Crook

China Dream was a great opportunity for our students, especially those studying Chinese, to learn about China from two very skilled and experienced individuals. Drs. Elizabeth and Frederick Crook both have an extensive connection to China and along with UVU professor, Alex Yuan, shared personal insights and practical work ideas.

**NOVEMBER 13
WORLD KINDNESS DAY**

Becky Pickle

UVU celebrated World Kindness Day with Becky Pickle, CEO Huntsman Mental Health Foundation. She engaged the audience with a discussion on the benefits of volunteerism and how to be more involved in everyday acts of kindness. Gordon Hunt from UVU Psychology & Counseling Dept shared insight on the global perspective of kindness. Global Student Council member, Annette Cabrera helped organize the Global Spotlight event.



**NOVEMBER 18
CROSS CULTURAL BUSINESS STRATEGIES**

Rita Schwisow

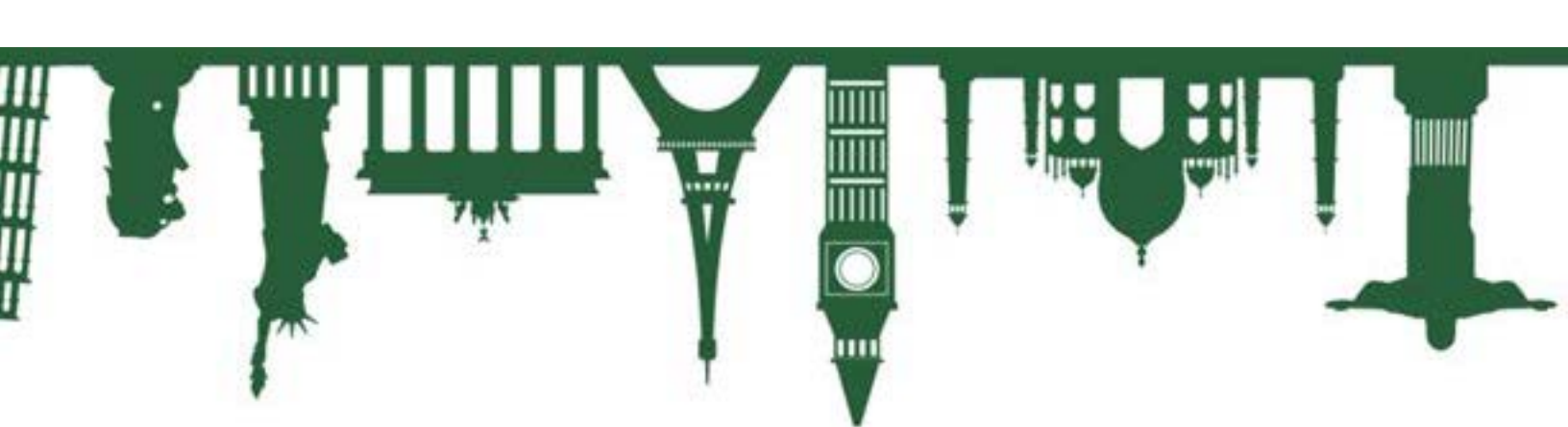
Rita Schwisow from the Marketing Department of Woodbury School of Business led a wonderful Global Spotlight comparing and contrasting job hunting methods and work/life expectations between the USA and the UK. She was able to bring a global perspective to her already planned class curriculum, sharing personal experiences and helpful online content. Global Student Leadership Council member, Elle Park, assisted in organizing the event.

**DECEMBER 2
COUNTERTERRORISM AND THE
ISRAELI RESPONSE IN GAZA**

John McClure and John Macfarlane

John McClure, Associate Director of the Center for National Security Studies and John Macfarlane from UVU's Peace and Justice Studies in the Department of History and Political Science discussed the effects of counterterrorism in the Gaza- Israel conflict.





DECEMBER 3

CLIMATE CHANGE: WHO PAYS THE PRICE?

Dr. Hilary Hungerford

Our final Global Spotlight of the semester was Dr. Hilary Hungerford, professor of Earth Science. She and student presenters focused on the global perspective of Climate Change.



Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The Fulbright Program, including the Fulbright-Hays Program, is a program of highly competitive, merit-based grants for international educational exchange for students, scholars, teachers, professionals, scientists and artists, founded by United States Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946.

Fulbright Scholars build their skills and connections, gain valuable international insights, and return home to share their experiences with their students and colleagues. As a Fulbright Scholar recently returned from a study in Mongolia, Dr. Hungerford was invited to hold a seminar for UVU faculty, explaining more about the Fulbright Scholarship opportunities and process.

THE FULBRIGHT SEMINAR:

DR. HILARY HUNGERFORD

SHARED HER INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCES

STUDYING IN MONGOLIA

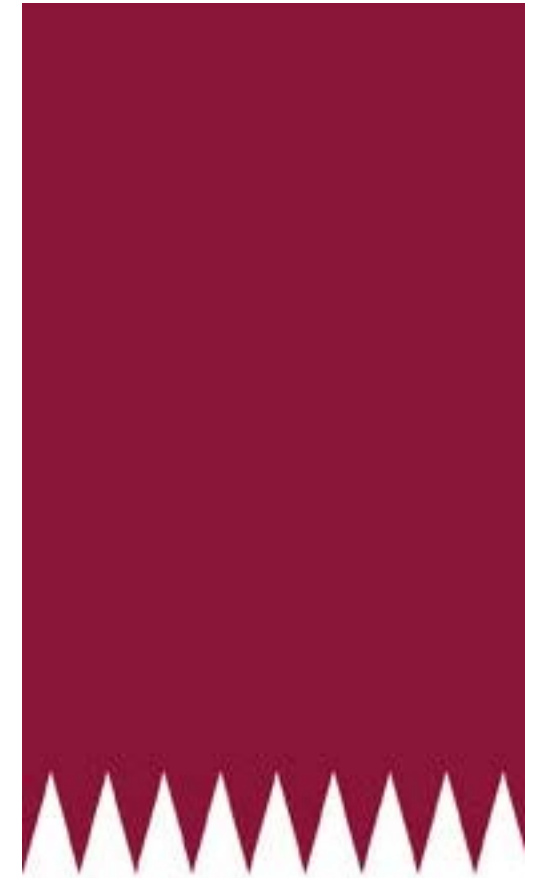


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For information about the Fulbright U.S Student program please contact Brent Spencer bspencer@uvu.edu.



FROM QATAR,
SAUDI ARABIA,
AND THE UNITED
ARAB EMIRATES,
TO NORMANDY AND
LONDON; FOLLOW
TWO GROUPS OF
UVU STUDENTS AND
FACULTY IN THEIR
JOURNEYS.



WOLVE- RINES AROUND THE WORLD



NORMANDY

FRANCE

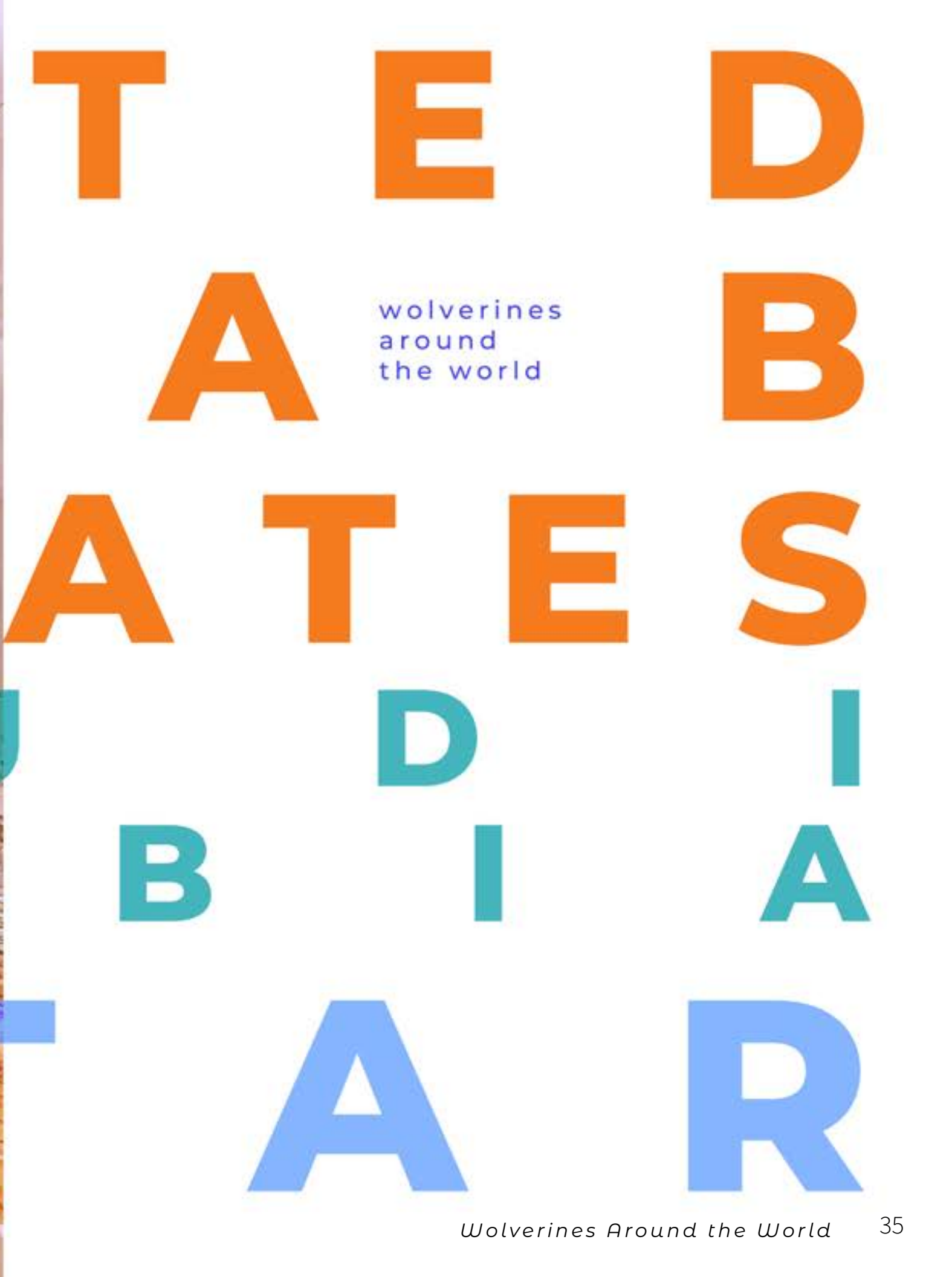
Roland Griffith, Department Chair of the UVU Army ROTC program, recently took eight cadets on a remarkable trip to London and Normandy to retrace the steps of the Allies' invasion of France on D-Day. This trip is a tradition

for the rising seniors to experience walking in the footsteps of ordinary men doing extraordinary things before becoming leaders in the military a year later.

In London, they visited the Imperial War Museum and

Churchill War Rooms, where the cadets got to learn the strategy and resilience involved in World War II. Following that visit, they continued on to Normandy to visit Pegasus Bridge, Pointe du Hoc, Sainte-Mère-Église, Utah Beach, Omaha Beach, Normandy American Cemetery.





wolverines
around
the world

Professors David Benson, Rachael Hutchings, Lynn Adams, and David Dayton recently took two students to Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates as part of an effort to make connections and prepare for a returning trip for students next spring. Starting in Doha, they went to Education City to visit universities doing machine learning and AI.

After Doha, they visited Saudi Arabia to find that much has changed with women's rights and government attitudes towards foreigners. Professor Hutchings had a wonderful experience with students when buying traditional Saudi dresses—the women at the store were so excited to share their culture with them.

Finally, the group got to visit Abu Dhabi and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, they met people from all over the place—people that fell in love with the country and stayed for decades. It was a magical experience filled with culture and wonderful people. The trip proved to be the epitome of applied learning, and the professors are beyond excited to take students from all programs to see these places and then applying their



UVU MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENTS

FALL 2024 MOU AGREEMENTS

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MOU AGREEMENTS IN PROGRESS



PEMBROKE CAMBRIDGE SUMMER PROGRAMME
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UK



UNIVERSITY OF SALAMANCA
SPAIN



FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY
MANILA, PHILIPPINES



CHONNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
SOUTH KOREA



KHMELNYTSKY HUMANITARIAN AND
PEDAGOGICAL ACADEMY
UKRAINE



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