

Spring / Summer 2020



PASSEPARTOUT

Office of International Education Newsletter



Passepartout is an occasional newsletter of the Office of International Education (OIE) at Harper College. Named after Phileas Fogg's valet Jean Passepartout in Jules Verne's novel *Around the World in Eighty Days*, our newsletter is your passport to the world of international education at the college.

International Fun Facts

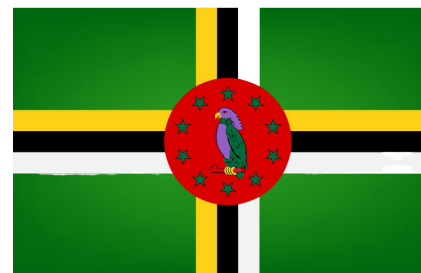


LONGEST PLACE NAME

With 85 letters Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu, a hill in New Zealand, has the longest place name. Named after Tamatea a famous warrior, the name translated to English means "the place where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, who slid, climbed and swallowed mountains, known as 'land-eater', played his flute to his loved one."



Nicaragua



THE COLOR PURPLE IN FLAGS

Only two flags in the world use the color purple. Nicaragua's flag (left) features a rainbow in the center triangle which includes a purple band. Dominica's flag (right) features a sisserou parrot with purple feathers.

WELCOME, SLOAN MCHUGH!

We are very pleased to welcome Sloan McHugh as our Program Assistant for the Office of International Education.

She has a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration from Carroll University. During her undergraduate career, she studied abroad in England at the University of Hull. Previous to coming to Harper College, she spent 5 years working in Outdoor Education and Recreation in East Troy, Wisconsin.

She has been traveling internationally from the young age of 2, which sparked her passion for seeing and learning about other cultures. She is excited to take that passion to encourage others to do the same and grow as global citizens.

She is located in the Office of International Education, L229. Stop by and say hi!



Faculty-Led Programs for 2020

Spanish Language Immersion Program - Mexico

The Intensive Spanish program in Cuernavaca, Mexico is a great way to learn about Mexico's culture and is designed as a true immersion experience in the language. Cuernavaca, known as the city of Eternal Spring, is located an hour south of Mexico City. Different from many cities in Mexico, Cuernavaca is a city that receives people from all parts of the world to learn Spanish and for that reason, its citizens encourage their students to use Spanish as the language of communication, which promotes an authentic learning experience outside the classroom.

A unique feature of this program is that it will offer courses (SPA 112 and 113) in Spanish language for heritage speakers. As Harper is in the process of becoming a Hispanic-serving institution, many of our Latino students, who were brought to the U.S. at young ages, benefit from these courses to strengthen their language skills and cultural knowledge. The intention of this program is to help some of our students to learn more about their heritage.

Honors HUM 115: Cuba

An intensive and unique course which combines on-campus classroom meetings with a field component to Cuba. Students will begin their study of Cuba through assigned readings from different books and pertinent substantive materials. The discussion boards on Blackboard will delve into both the assigned readings and the field trip to three distinctive and fascinating Cuban cities: Havana, Santa Clara, and Viñales. During their stay in Cuba, students will witness first hand the intersection of the history, culture, geography, economics, politics, and environmental issues Cuba has faced and continues to evolve as it transitions into the modern era. The course will enable students to understand both the uniqueness of Cuba and its place in the international landscape.



UPCOMING EVENTS



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH // 6:00PM // BUILDING J THEATRE (J135) // FREE

Ndere Cultural Troupe is coming back!

Join the dynamic Ndere Troupe as they perform authentic Ugandan dances and songs accompanied by indigenous percussive, stringed, and wind instruments.

Ndere Troupe is an award-winning performance ensemble that has been gracing stages for almost 25 years, gathering world-wide appreciation. The group is also known for educating young people about building life skills and understanding the environmental and social challenges facing Uganda.

The event is free and open to the public!

NEW OFFICE!

As part of our efforts to better serve the campus community, the Office of International Education has a newly renovated location in L building, room 229!

On March 11th, we will have an official "opening" reception from 11am-1pm. Join us for coffee, tea, and an assortment of treats.

Both Rich Johnson, Director of OIE, and Sloan McHugh, OIE Program Assistant, are stationed there.

The office will have open office hours Tuesday-Thursday 12-1pm.

EARTH WEEK PHOTO EXHIBIT

The Earth Week photo exhibit is back this year!

All Harper Students, Faculty, and Staff are welcome to participate.

To enter print up to 5 photos in color or black and white (no smaller than 5x7 and no larger than 8x10) following the "people, animal, and/or buildings in our environment" theme. Submit them to either the Business/Social Science office (j249) or Liberal Arts (1203 or D138) by April 14th.

Please include your name, email, location of the photo and year, and the theme on the back of the photo. All photos will be returned at the end of the exhibit.

Have you ever thought about creating your own study abroad program and taking student overseas?

Check out our website for details on how to start your adventure today:

<https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/international/facultyproposal.php>



Deadlines for proposals:

Spring/Summer 2021 program proposals are due no later than **March 13th.**

Contact **Rich Johnson**, Director of the Office of International Education, for more information.

What's New in International Education

Office of International Education wins 2020 IIE Andrew Heiskell Award!

The Office of International Education has been awarded the 2020 IIE Andrew Heiskell Award in the "Internationalizing the Community College" category for its Global Region of Focus Initiative. Established in 2001 by the Institute of International Education (IIE), the Heiskell Award honors "the most innovative and successful models for internationalization of campuses, study abroad, and international partnership programs in practice today" and includes a \$1000 monetary prize. With this award, the Office of International Education celebrates its second national recognition in the last two years for its innovative approach to comprehensive campus internationalization of the community college.

Two colleagues participate in CAORC Faculty Development International Study Seminars

The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) is a private not-for-profit federation of independent overseas research centers that promote international scholarship through fellowships, grants, and faculty development opportunities. To support community colleges, CAORC offers fully-funded overseas seminars that help faculty and administrators gain first-hand experience needed to develop and improve global curricula. Over winter break, two Harper College faculty participated in separate seminars with CAORC and affiliated Research Centers. Prof. Mukila Maitha of the Geography department traveled to India for a seminar entitled, "Exploring Urban Sustainability through India's Cities," which was jointly sponsored with the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS). Prof. Michael Bentley of the Humanities Department participated in a seminar in Senegal sponsored by the West African Research Center, entitled "Diversity, Religion and Migration in West Africa."

Sometime in the near future, we hope to have these faculty share the fruits of their experiences and knowledge with the campus community.

OIE AND FRIENDS @ CONFERENCES

"The Internationalization Itinerary: An Intentional Approach to Intercultural Student Learning."

Richard Johnson: Presentation at the 2020 Achieving the Dream annual conference, National Harbor, MD, February 20, 2020.

"Study Abroad Trifecta: Dismantling Disciplinary Boundaries."

Nellie Khalil, Mukila Maitha, and Richard Johnson: Presentation at the annual conference of the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID), St. Pete Beach, FL, February 9, 2020.

"Reading and Writing Words and Worlds: Exploring Pedagogical Practices that Empower EFL Students."

Alina Pajtek: Keynote Address at the III English Teaching Congress, Huetar Northern Region 2019, Centro de Transferencia y Educación Continua, Santa Clara, San Carlos, Costa Rica, November 14, 2019.

"Vocabulary: Technological and Non-Technological Approaches."

Kathleen Reynolds and Alina Pajtek: Workshop at the III English Teaching Congress, Huetar Northern Region 2019, Centro de Transferencia y Educación Continua, Santa Clara, San Carlos, Costa Rica, November 14, 2019.

"Empowering Students with Disabilities (and All Students) through Universal Design."

Kathleen Reynolds: Presentation at the III English Teaching Congress, Huetar Northern Region 2019, Centro de Transferencia y Educación Continua, Santa Clara, San Carlos, Costa Rica, November 13, 2019.

"Armchair Travels: Panama."

Nellie Khalil and Mukila Maitha: Presentation at the Harper College Library, October 15, 2019.

"Assessing Global Learning Outcomes at Harper College."

Nellie Khalil: Poster presentation at the Harper College 11th Annual Assessment Conference Share Fair, September 27, 2019.

"Armchair Travels: Nicaragua."

Richard Johnson: Presentation at the Harper College library, September 18, 2019.

"Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program for Community Colleges."

Richard Johnson: Panelist on Institute for International Education and U.S. State Department webinar, April 9, 2019.

"Reflection, Critical Theory, and Study Abroad, Oh My!: Critical Reflection as Praxis."

Allie Olson and Richard Johnson: Presentation at the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS) annual conference, Annapolis, MD, March 7, 2019.

"The Transformational Power of Global Learning."

Richard Johnson: Keynote address for Assessment Diaries: Works in Progress annual assessment conference, Elgin Community College, February 8, 2019.

"Worlding Your Campus: Jump-starting Global Learning at the Community College."

Richard Johnson: Workshop presentation for Assessment Diaries: Works in Progress annual assessment conference, Elgin Community College, February 8, 2019.

"Many Paths to Growth: Internationalization at Home (IaH) as a Winning Strategy."

Richard Johnson: Presentation at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Community Colleges for International Development (CCID), San Diego, CA, February 1, 2019.



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Many of our study abroad courses include a Geographic Information Systems component. Check out some interesting student ArcGIS Story Map Journals about a recent program to Nicaragua on our OIE Blog!

OIE Blog: <https://worldingus.wordpress.com>

OIE Website: <https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/international>