

UF Strengthens Global Education Outreach

Recently, Chris Moser, Ed.D., assistant professor in the College of Education, and Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, returned from South Korea, where they met with representatives of the Chinju National University of Education.

The university, which solely prepares students to teach elementary education, is a cooperative partner with The University of Findlay.

Last October, a delegation from Chinju came to UF to sign a memorandum of understanding, which

states that the two institutions will cooperate on education initiatives.

One such initiative involves 19 students from Chinju planning to come to UF in January 2010 for a month-long English language enrichment program and to observe U.S. elementary school classes. Moser and Sippel met the 19 students who are excited about the opportunity to study at UF.

The class will meet as its own cohort while on campus, and also will learn from UF student ambassadors during planned activities.

The students will exchange e-mails during the fall semester to get to know one another prior to the Chinju students' arrival on campus.

In addition to welcoming the group of 19 students in January, three UF students are traveling to Chinju this summer to teach English classes there. Ryan Radebaugh and Katie Radl will teach summer classes, and Johnnie Jackson will remain through the coming academic year, teaching in the English department.

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Carter Teaches Fundamentals in Nepal

William Carter, Ph.D., professor of environmental, safety and health management, recently returned from Nepal where he was a senior Fulbright scholar at Kathmandu University.

According to Carter, Nepal faces significant challenges to providing a safe work environment. "Many industries do not require skilled laborers so there is little incentive to invest in worker safety or longevity," he said. "High rates of unemployment make it easy to replace unwilling or noncompliant workers. As in many developing countries, the government has enacted only limited occupational health and safety legislation. Enforcement is also limited."

As the world economy becomes globalized, consumers see a safe

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Dr. William Carter, back right, teaches a class in Nepal. During the spring semester, Carter was a senior Fulbright scholar at Kathmandu University.

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Moser and Sippel also discussed the potential for future faculty and student academic exchanges. Chinju University is unique in that it only offers one major: elementary education. The South Korean university also has a lab school on campus. Elementary school children are admitted on a lottery basis, and the school provides an excellent on-site learning experience for university students.

Also while in South Korea, Moser and Sippel observed English classes, met with several Chinju school officials, including Dr. Jung-Sook Kim who completed her doctoral work at The Ohio State University,

and visited historic sites such as a nearly 1,200-year-old temple.

After their trip to Chinju, the UF delegation went to Pusan, where they met and conducted meetings with prospective students and their families, international student recruiting agents and university representatives.



Dr. Chris Moser, far left, and Chris Sippel, far right, pose for a picture under a welcome banner with Dr. Jung-Sook Kim, associate professor in the department of English, and Hyun-Joo Kim, a professor in the department of practical arts of education, delegates of Chinju National University of Education.

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and healthy workplace as being increasingly important. Countries with worker health and safety standards are able to produce increasingly complex and sought-after products, said Carter.

Carter's goal as a Fulbright scholar was to help Nepal raise its ability to compete globally by developing and delivering a course in occupational and public health. Kathmandu University added the occupational and public health discipline just this year in cooperation with the United States Fulbright Educational Foundation.

In his class, Carter introduced fundamentals to 33 students who were completing their senior year. "Many of the students were eager and attentive learners, grasping the concepts in a remarkable fashion with a pronounced capability in mathematics," he said.

The students in the class also gained real-world experience. The class visited three different facilities – a sawmill, a furniture manufacturing facility and a poultry operation. Using a standardized check list, the students reviewed the facilities for compliance with the labor law provisions. Additionally, each student conducted a Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) at a facility of his or her choosing.

The university plans to continue the class developed by Carter as a standard part of the environmental science and engineering curriculum.



Two students in Dr. Carter's class set up a device to monitor dust at a work facility in Nepal.

Carter believes this will help to develop a cadre of occupational health professionals and safety practitioners in Nepal and meet important objectives of the university to help develop Nepal's economy and keep "valuable brainpower at home."

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Summer Sessions Full Across Campus



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Clockwise, from bottom left: Christine Denecker, Ph.D., teaches a class of UF-USA instructors, enabling them to teach college-level courses at their home high schools. Brandi Steele, Angela Schroeder and Chantress Cook work together in a literacy with special needs populations class to discuss concepts. A student in an educational law class responds to a discussion during class.

Faculty and Staff Worth Noting

Mary Beth Dillon, MOT, OTR/L, **Thomas Dillon**, Ed.D., OTR/L, and **Theresa Leto**, MOT, OTR/L presented “Leaders in Occupational Therapy: A Qualitative Analysis of Interviews with Historically Significant Occupational Therapy Leaders” at American Occupational Therapy Association’s 2009 Annual Conference in May.

Suzanne Wilcox English, director of public information, presented a half-day workshop, “Basic Elements of Strategic Communications,” to 19 members of the Toledo Council for Nonprofit Resources on June 4. The course covered essential elements such as defining your mission, performing a situational analysis, defining program goals

and objectives, and establishing related communications objectives, as well as identifying publics, targeting messages and selecting strategies and vehicles for delivering messages.

Louis Stulman, Ph.D., professor of religion, previously edited a volume, “Inspired Speech,” in honor of ancient Near Eastern scholar Herbert B. Huffmon (edited with John Kaltner), that was recently reissued in paperback (Continuum, 2008) in its third printing.

Stulman is translating the book of Jeremiah for the CEB (Common English Bible), a completely new ecumenical translation of the Bible. Also, his essays on Psalm 24;

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); and Psalm 146 recently appeared in “Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary,” Volume IV, David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, general editors (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009).

Stulman and Hyun Chul Paul Kim are presently working on a book titled “You are My People: An Introduction to the Prophetic Literature” (Nashville: Abingdon Press, publication date, 2010). In addition, Stulman’s article “Jeremiah, Book of,” appeared recently in “The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible,” ed., Katharine Doob Sakenfeld et al. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008) 220-235.

Lung Cancer Survivor Fights for Cause

Louann Cummings, EDM, MBA, CPA, professor of business, is not only educating UF students this summer, but she also is educating the country's lawmakers about lung cancer, which is responsible for nearly 30 percent of all cancer-related deaths in the state of Ohio and kills more people annually than breast, prostate, colon, liver, kidney and pancreatic cancers combined.

In June, Cummings traveled to Washington, D.C., along with approximately 50 other lung cancer research advocates, to build support for the National Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act of 2009. The legislation would allocate \$75 million to be distributed among the U.S. Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services and the National Institute of Health for lung cancer research.

As a five-year lung cancer survivor, Cummings was asked by the D.C.-based Lung Cancer Association (LCA) to participate in a lobby day on the Hill. The group participated in lobby training the first day – learning about the legislation, memorizing 'elevator' speeches and statistics and sharing personal stories with one another.

The following day, LCA representatives were "let loose" to speak with lawmakers about the pending legislation. Cummings spoke with staff members from the offices of

Ohio politicians Senator Sherrod Brown and Congressman Bob Latta, among other staffers.

"It's a crazy experience," said Cummings, who was competing that day for the lawmakers' attention with lobbyists representing a wide variety of topics.

Cummings, an avid distance runner, was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2004 after a visit to the Cosiano Health Center to have her ankle checked for a running injury. After a body scan and further testing at Blanchard Valley Hospital, the cancer was found (the ankle injury was a minor stress fracture) and diagnosed. She underwent surgery to remove one-third of one lung and then underwent chemotherapy.

"There were no symptoms," said Cummings, who noted that there are few survivors because the cancer usually is not diagnosed until it has reached an inoperable stage. In D.C., she was struck by the young age of many of the other lung cancer research lobbyists. She cited a 22-year old female NCAA



Louann Cummings, right, poses for a picture with Congressman Bob Latta while lobbying on the Hill.

athlete who is fighting the disease.

Neither the student-athlete nor Cummings has a history of smoking.

Cummings is active in both LCA and the National Lung Cancer Partnership (NLCP), raising awareness and educating people about the inadequate distribution of funding for lung cancer research. She encourages others to contact their legislators about this important issue, as well.

Cummings is personally committed to raising \$100,000 toward the cause and held her first fundraiser two years ago, which raised \$18,000. This year, Cummings is organizing the 5K Rumble Run, a motorcycle ride and 5K walk/run and one-mile walk, Saturday, Aug. 29, in Perrysburg. Visit www.FreetoBreathe.org for more information.

Oilers Show Their American Spirit

American flags lined the sidewalks in front of Old Main during the weekend of July 4, offering a visual reminder of Independence Day for all who traveled on Main Street.

