

## UK Confucius Institute Connects Kentucky and China

The University of Kentucky will be one of fewer than 300 organizations worldwide to host a Confucius Institute, a nonprofit educational entity devoted to promoting exchange between China and other countries. The distinction was officially granted by the Office of Chinese Language Council International, colloquially known as Hanban.

"UK's global mission is rooted in our commitment to the Commonwealth as the state's land-grant institution. The Confucius Institute will bring Chinese language and culture to our classrooms and communities across Kentucky," explained Susan Carvalho, associate provost for international programs.

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UK President Lee T. Todd, Jr. presented Jiangyi Liu of the Chinese Embassy's Second Secretary Education Office with a commemorative gift. After the Embassy's visit and subsequent approval, the University of Kentucky was chosen to host a Confucius Institute.

## Junior Wins Scholarship to Study at Cambridge

Jason Grant, an English and linguistics junior at the University of Kentucky, has been awarded one of five English-Speaking Union Scholarships presented by the English-Speaking Union Kentucky Branch. The scholarship will cover Grant's expenses for summer



Jason Grant

study in literature at the University of Cambridge.

The Kentucky Branch of the English-Speaking Union awards a limited number of scholarships to qualified Kentucky college students for courses offered at institutions in the United Kingdom. Scholarship awards include tuition, lodging and two meals daily for three-week courses at the institutions chosen by the scholarship winners. Scholarships also include one week's lodging in London and a cash allowance. Student scholarships are awarded for studies in English

literature, history and social sciences at Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh University for the summer of 2010. Scholarship winners, selected through an essay and interview process for the program, are expected to become articulate lifelong ambassadors for British/American cultural exchanges.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to study literature at one of the most important universities in the world," says Grant. "The added bonus of a week in London, too, is such a fantastic

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## International Students Receive Scholarships

Three international students have been recognized for their achievements.

Two students won the Viji Jeganathan Award for Cross-Cultural Understanding, which is a \$1,000 award given by the UK Office of International Affairs, to students who build bridges of understanding on campus and in the greater community.

Ayana Fukuda, a junior in Linguistics from Japan, dreams of becoming an English as a Second Language teacher, using her own experience to help others. Fukuda has enriched the lives of her fellow students by sharing her Japanese culture. She served as vice president for the Japanese Culture in Kentucky Society (JCIKS).

As an intern with the Japan American Society of Kentucky, she was able to share more about Japanese culture with the people of Kentucky. Her advisor wrote "She is able to put

people at ease and make them laugh."

Abhishek Sangal, from India, is working on a Master's degree in Chemistry. In his research lab, he has mentored students from around the world, helping them adjust to life at UK. Sangal is a leader in several student organizations including International Student Council and UK Child Rights and You (CRY).

He took the lead in planning the two largest international student programs this year: International Night and International Talent Night. As the events director for UK CRY, he organized a run/walk that raised \$5,000 -- enough to serve the healthcare needs of children in over 10 villages. Sangal wrote, "A career in science comes with social responsibilities and I have been and always will be faithful to it."



Scholarship recipients Abhishek Sangal (left) and Ayana Fukuda (right) are congratulated by Karen Slaymaker, assistant director, UK OIA International Student & Scholar Services.

Music major and violinist Boyeon Koo received a prestigious grant from the Manier-Peak District 6740 Foundation, a nonprofit funded by the Rotary Club. Awards of up to \$1,000 are given to international students. Koo, who is from Korea, received the maximum award amount. The award, which helped her complete her bachelor's degree, was presented during a meeting of the Rotary Club of Lexington.

## Alum Supports a Global Perspective

"Some of my most valuable experiences are a result of my international travels and the exposure I have had to various cultures around the world," says Mark Hunt, a 1985 graduate of the UK College of Health Sciences in Health Administration.

Hunt is a member of the College of Health Sciences Philanthropy Board. Thanks in part to his generosity and commitment to internationalization, the college has been able to offer financial assistance to UK's Health Sciences students traveling abroad for academic credit.

"It is exciting to be part of the growth and development of the international programs at the College of Health Sciences," affirms Hunt. "The opportunity to support international service learning and experiences is one of the main reasons I have chosen to provide financial support to the college. Exploring other

cultures will afford students an appreciation of the global health care needs that exist, while allowing them to experience both personal and professional rewards."

Hunt recently became a member of the Fellows Society, which recognizes donors who have given or pledged \$10,000 or more to the university. The former Vice President of Business Development for Genoa Consulting, Hunt has recently started his own healthcare consulting company providing business development and merger and acquisition services. "As a senior health care executive," he says, "it is rewarding to support the college which has provided me the invaluable education and path for my success today."



College of Health Sciences alum Mark Hunt says his own exposure to other cultures contributed to his desire to help UK students see the world.

# Kentucky-Ecuador Partners Honored

Partners of the Americas awarded the 2009 "It Started with an Exchange" Award to the Kentucky-Ecuador Partners. The Partners of America chapter, which has been headquartered at the University of Kentucky since 1969, was recognized for its community development work in Jatun Molino, Pastaza, Ecuador.

The University of Kentucky sponsors the state's official relationship with Ecuador, Kentucky-Ecuador Partners, through the non-profit umbrella organization Partners of the Americas. Founded in 1964, Partners of the Americas links U.S. states with Latin

American and Caribbean countries in partnerships that use the energy and skills of citizen volunteers, their institutions and communities to address shared concerns of social, economic and cultural development. Volunteers and professional staff cover areas as diverse as emergency preparedness, agriculture, cultural exchange, domestic violence prevention and strengthening of local governments.

"This model of sustained involvement with Jatun Molino has provided the opportunity to develop deep friendships and a level of understanding and appreciation that would not have been possible under other circumstances," said Kentucky-Ecuador Partners Executive Director Kay Roberts, who also serves as the community liaison for the UK Office of International Affairs.

The Partners relationship with Ecuadorian rainforest communities dates back to the 1990s, when Joe Molinaro, a professor of art at Eastern Kentucky University, began researching pottery of the Ecuadorian Amazon and produced a documentary with Partners funding. A 2004 exchange forged a relationship that has grown into a multi-faceted community development program in Jatun Molino.

Molinaro and Roberts, along with Quito volunteer Miguel Castanel, have sought ways to address the needs of communities involved in the partnership. In addition to exploring alternative firing techniques for pottery produced by rural women, this group also led Kentucky-Ecuador Partners in undertaking various other activities, including collecting pottery for the "Sponsor a Pottery Village" project, developing a budget to repair the water system, establishing a fund for medical emergencies and coordinating other fundraising activities.

In 2005, a rabies outbreak spread by

vampire bats killed several people in rainforest communities, and National Geographic produced a television program on the Jatun Molino outbreak. Molinaro joined the team as cultural consultant, and Castanel joined as logistics coordinator. The two helped ensure that the project was carried out in a culturally appropriate way and did not intrude on the personal lives of the grief-stricken residents who had suffered grave losses.

In addition to providing hands-on assistance, volunteers held two Kentucky exhibits of cultural items from various Ecuadorian indigenous groups, with support from a Partners assistance grant. Ultimately, another exchange developed when more Kentucky volunteers, as well as pottery artisans from California, traveled to Jatun Molino to follow up on the established projects.

At that time, the community of Jatun Molino identified a solar panel for  
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When the school in Jatun Molino needed resources, laptops and a solar panel were brought in by canoe and carried up the hillside to the village.

## KET to Feature Molinaro

"Joe Molinaro: Hands in Clay" will air on KET next month. The feature, presented by "Kentucky Muse," is described as a profile of a Kentucky artist and Eastern Kentucky University professor whose hands transform clay into items of functionality, objects that inspire and pieces of fantasy.

His work in Ecuador will be included in the special.

Monday, May 10 at 10:30 p.m. ET/9:30 p.m. CT on KET2

Wednesday, May 12 at 10:30 p.m. ET/9:30 p.m. CT on KET

## Palestinian Activist Continues Campus Dialogue

Palestinian activist Hanan Ashrawi visited the University of Kentucky to deliver a public lecture on March 23. Ashrawi's talk was the second of two the university sponsored this academic year as part of a continuing campus and community dialogue on the Middle East.

In mid-October, the university hosted the visit of former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. The focus of the presentations by both speakers centered on their views based on their unique experiences on the prospects and preconditions for peace in the Middle East.

UK Provost Kumble Subbaswamy, who introduced her, said bringing speakers such as Ashrawi to the university community is a necessary element to diversity.

"The goal is to inform the university and Kentucky communities and facilitate thoughtful dialogue," he said.

According to Ashrawi, the international community and Israel must give

Palestine a voice. She alleged that the Israeli people have denied the Palestinian people their existence and land and have persecuted them, leaving them with the largest refugee population in the world.

"When you deny people their humanity, you deny them, of course, their rights," she said.

The conflict between the two Middle East countries is one of land theft, Ashrawi said, and the Israeli people are trying to displace Palestinians and replace them with their own people and history.

In Ashrawi's view, the Israeli government creates systems to keep Palestinians out of certain places, such as Jerusalem. Installments like military checkpoints inhibit them from visiting areas of their land. Roads built using Palestinian land are used to give Israelis access to places, but not Palestinians.

If a solution is to occur, religious and



Hanan Ashrawi

absolutist views should remain out of the problem, Ashrawi said. If the two states use human and legal means as a way to a solution, "then no conflict on Earth is beyond solution," she explained.

In her words, "There is a sense of urgency. We are running out of time."

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## Explorium, UK Work Together For Lexington's Children

The Community Outreach division of the Office of International Affairs (OIA) partners with various organizations in the Lexington community. Many projects involve K-12 audiences. One of the newly developed and growing relationships is with Lexington's Explorium.

The museum contacted OIA in 2008 about "Passport to the World," an exhibit involving an interactive map that allows museum guests to scroll over a country and view a video about the area.

To make it happen, OIA recruited international students and other volunteers to create videos about culture in their respective countries. The benefits of the UK-Explorium relationship extend to the Lexington community, namely

those who visit the Explorium with family and friends or with their class. "Passport to the World" is designed for school-aged children but provides unique and personalized information to anyone who visits.

"Holidays Around the World," a week-long program in which classes take fieldtrips to the museum to learn about holiday traditions in other countries, was another success with elementary school students.

Both UK employees and Explorium representatives have been inspired by the success of the projects, and they hope to find more ways to share an international perspective with the community in the future.



UK's Japan Outreach Coordinator Keiko Fukuzaki was one of many volunteers who contributed to the Explorium's "Passport to the World" exhibit (shown in background). "I love to share my culture with children, and I am proud to be a part of this exhibit," she said. Fukuzaki is in Kentucky on a 2-year assignment representing the Japan Outreach Initiative.

## Turkish Education Expert Visits

Kemal Gürüz, former president of the Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Turkey, recently visited UK for two weeks to share his international ideas and knowledge on higher education with the university.

He gave four open presentations for students and faculty in the areas of educational policy and international studies, and for anyone interested in learning more about higher education from a global perspective. Gürüz's visit was sponsored by the UK College of Education's Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation (EPE), the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Provost.

In addition to his presentations, he met with University of Kentucky Provost Kumble Subbaswamy and other UK officials and committees to discuss ideas on the University's internationalization efforts, including the dual credit program between Turkey and the State University of New York (SUNY) that Gürüz helped to establish with Robert King, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

King, former chancellor of the SUNY system, is a life-long friend and colleague of Gürüz, and helped to make his UK visit possible.

"Kemal has been an inspirational leader in creating a new approach to international education, and global under-

standing," said King. "He has also been an outspoken advocate for democracy and secular governance in the face of growing pressure to pursue an Islamic theocracy in Turkey."

Alan DeYoung, professor in EPE at UK, helped to organize the events. "It is very exciting to have Gürüz here, especially in a time when it's critical that we internationalize our institution," said DeYoung. "Gürüz has been at the forefront of this, making connections between the U.S. and Turkey in the areas of higher education for over a decade by developing an important program between SUNY and Turkey. He is a critical person involved in linking the western and eastern parts of the world in higher education."

Gürüz's presentation schedule included:

- "The Global Higher Education Scene Today," a talk targeted to students in the UK International Studies Program, on Thursday, April 8.
- "The Development of Secularism in Turkey and in the West," a presentation sponsored by the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, on Thursday, April 8.
- An informal lunch session with Gürüz on his paper "Turkey - EU Relations" for students and faculty of the Patterson School on Tuesday, April 13.
- A conversation in the College of Education where he talked about both the history of the Turkish higher education system and the



Kemal Gürüz

student mobility aspects of global higher education on Wednesday, April 14.

Gürüz was appointed by former Turkish president Süleyman Demirel to serve as president of the Turkish Council of Higher Education from 1995 until 2003. He then spent 2004-05 as a fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. Gürüz also served as president of the Turkish Scientific and Technical Research Council.

He is a retired professor of chemical engineering at the Middle East Technical University and is also a widely published author of numerous articles and book chapters on various aspects of higher education. His latest book, "Higher Education and International Student Mobility," was published by SUNY Press in 2008.

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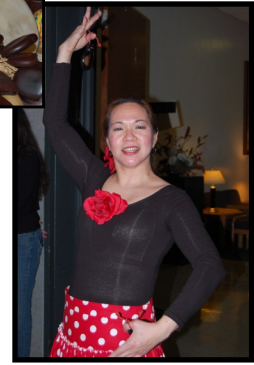
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Hundreds of students, faculty and staff attended Taste of Our World in March. The annual event is part of UK's Cultural Diversity Festival.

### Kentucky-Ecuador Partners

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their school as a primary need, so Castanel designed the system and developed a budget while Kentucky Partners raised funds. U.S. students studying in Ecuador, including study abroad participants from the UK Honors Program and their program director Larry Grabau, worked together with Partners members taking supplies to Ecuador. Items were then transported to Jatun Molino by bus, truck and canoe. Castanel and community residents built a platform and installed the solar panel in the summer of 2009. The panel now powers two computers and a printer for the school.

Future plans for Jatun Molino include technology assistance as well as science and environmental education. Partners volunteers have given workshops on natural resources and recently sent school supplies for the 50 elementary and high school students as well as some mosquito nets.

Roberts has been in communication with Bat Conservation International regarding the best way to eliminate the problem bats without affecting the other bat populations.

In June, Roberts, Molinaro and volunteer John Martin will visit Jatun Molino to work on a number of projects.

They will take in materials to repair the water system, continue developing the next phase of the solar panel project, collect pottery, apply fluoride varnishes for all the children, collect information on community members needing cataract surgery and meet with the community to discuss future needs.

"This experience serves as a reminder that community development is addressing local issues by listening and then acting responsibly," said Roberts.

### Cambridge Scholarship

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opportunity to travel and experience England."

Besides pursuing majors in English and linguistics, Grant is also working on a minor in French. He received a Chellgren Fellowship for the study of magic realism, focusing on the work of Gabriel García Márquez. One of UK's Singletary Scholars, Grant is also the recipient of the Dantzer/Farquhar Prize for Fiction and a Gaines Fellowship. Additionally, he serves as editor of JAR, the literary magazine of the UK Honors Program.

Outside of UK, Grant has interned at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning. After graduation, Grant plans to pursue graduate study in fiction and literature to prepare for his career.

"I hope to become a professional novelist and teach literature in a university," says the scholarship winner. "I want to focus on criticism, especially in theory and modern/postmodern literature."

The English-Speaking Union (ESU) of the United States is a nonprofit,

nonpolitical, educational service organization whose mission is to promote scholarship and the advancement of knowledge through the effective use of English in an expanding global community. Headquartered in New York City, the organization implements programs through a network of 78 branches throughout the United States. The Kentucky Branch of the ESU was chartered in 1923 by local business and civic leaders. Since 1960, more than 450 Kentucky teachers and college students have been awarded scholarships by the Kentucky Branch of the ESU.

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"We are both honored and excited to launch this institute, which has the potential to benefit thousands of Kentuckians," said Carvalho.

Classes in conversational Chinese, business Chinese and Chinese art and culture will be available in downtown Lexington beginning this fall, with statewide outreach through distance learning by the institute's second year.

The UK Confucius Institute will be distinct from many others in the country in that it will focus not only on language teaching but also on the rich history of Chinese art and music. Each year, UK's partner institution, Shanghai University, will send at least two faculty members to Lexington to teach language classes and organize events promoting cultural exchange between China and the United States; in addition, Shanghai University will send visiting faculty to the UK College of Fine Arts to offer master classes or to participate in regular classes.

Additional services to be provided by the institute include training Chinese language teachers in our K-12 system; providing Chinese language teaching resources; offering Chinese language proficiency exams; and providing testing for the certification of Chinese language teachers.

The UK Confucius Institute will be one of the few institutes in the United States to have a dedicated, full-time director. Huajing Maske, who holds a doctorate in Chinese art history from the University of Oxford, has been appointed to that role. In addition to her education in Chinese fine arts, Maske has extensive experience teaching Chinese in K-12 classrooms and in

coordinating student exchanges at the high school and university levels.

The UK Asia Center, an eight-year-old interdisciplinary unit that aims to bring Asia into the curriculum at UK and in Kentucky K-12 schools, led the effort to establish a Confucius Institute. In 2009, an Asia Center delegation to China selected Shanghai University as the ideal partner for UK based on its comprehensive focus and, in particular, its strengths in Chinese language and in fine arts. The creation of the UK Confucius Institute solidifies that partnership.

"The University of Kentucky demonstrated strong leadership, commitment, team work and overall excellence during our site visit to the campus," said You Shaozhong, minister counselor for education affairs for the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Washington, D.C.

"I have confidence that the UK Confucius Institute will make significant contributions to promoting teaching Chinese language, as well as enhancing Chinese cultural and art exchanges in the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Shaozhong said.

The UK Confucius Institute will be housed in two locations in Lexington: one on the UK campus for students, faculty and staff, and another in the heart of Lexington's downtown area, at Central Bank, convenient to local businesses and community members. The increased awareness the endeavor brings about Chinese language instruction and the addition of visiting faculty on campus, as well as enhanced co-curricular programming, will also complement UK's goal of creating a Chinese language major within the next two years.

"The Confucius Institute is part of the University's strategy to provide our students with a skill set that will allow them to compete and collaborate in the ever-changing global economy," said UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. "Considering today's international marketplace of ideas and innovations, it is absolutely critical that the University of Kentucky distinguishes itself as a global university."

The endeavor will bring with it \$150,000 in start-up capital and \$100,000, renewable annually, for cultural, artistic and educational programming. In addition, the institute will receive hundreds of Chinese books, benefiting both University of Kentucky Libraries and the Lexington Public Library system.

As of October 2009, 282 Confucius Institutes existed in 84 countries throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, the Pacific Islands and the United States. An additional 241 Confucius Classrooms (which are not always affiliated with an institute) existed in 25 countries.

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