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News from the Dean for International & Border Programs

Greetings from 400 Miles

I send you warm (literally) greetings from Scottsdale, AZ. I am temporarily residing here in order to receive specialized treatment for a recently discovered medical condition at a highly regarded and specialized medical center. I am confident that I will recover fully and will be back “in the harness” very soon, perhaps before I am even missed! Ida Baca, Associate Dean, International and Border Programs will be acting dean in my absence. International Programs is in very good hands indeed.

In addition to returning to my NMSU post, I certainly expect to be back and at full strength in time to assume my role as President of NAFSA: Association of International Educators during its forthcoming annual meeting. I am truly excited by the prospect of leading NAFSA during this meeting, its 60th anniversary and 60th consecutive annual meeting. For those who might be interested in attending, or, at the very least, knowing some of the highlights, the remainder of my column provides a preview of this forthcoming meeting.

The 60th Annual Conference of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, “Shaping the Future of International Education,” will be held May 27 – 30, 2008 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. NAFSA’s annual conference is the world’s largest gathering of professionals in international education and exchange, drawing more than 9,000 participants from well over 100 countries.

This year’s conference is anchored by daily plenary events which will include the following distinguished speakers:

Tuesday, May 27

President Vicente Fox, Former President of Mexico, 2000 – 2006 and best-selling author

Wednesday, May 28

Public Diplomacy Panel, with PBS Senior Correspondent Judy Woodruff
Panelists will include Keith Reinhard, Business for Diplomatic Action; Hisham Melhem, Journalist; and Shashi Tharoor, Former UnderSecretary-General, United Nations

Thursday, May 29

Ishmael Beah, Author of [A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier](#)

Friday, May 30

Amy Chua, Author, [Day of Empire](#) and [World on Fire](#); Professor, Yale Law School



With dozens of pre-conference workshops and nearly 200 sessions, the NAFSA conference offers an array of learning and networking opportunities for international educators, focusing on the most crucial topics in international education and exchange today, from study abroad and international student and scholar advising to global education trends and systems, English as a Second Language (ESL), and international education policy.

A major highlight of the conference is the International Education Expo Hall, which features exhibitors representing more than 350 organizations from around the world, including colleges and universities, study abroad and intensive-English programs, embassies and government agencies, and more.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators was founded in 1948 and is the world's largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education. NAFSA's nearly 10,000 members are located at more than 3,500 institutions worldwide, representing over 150 countries. For more information on the conference as well as for online registration, log on to NAFSA's website: WWW.NAFSA.ORG.

Erin Egginton

Travel Visas for International Students

An entry into the United States as an F-1 or J-1 student requires the approval of a visa by a US consulate. When a newly admitted student applies for a visa, the following documents are required:

1. An I-20 or DS-2019 issued after admission to NMSU. The student must provide a financial guarantee to cover the estimated cost of expenses for the first academic year. This can be personal funds and/or a graduate assistantship.
2. A valid passport.
3. Passport-style photos.
4. Current financial guarantee. The minimum amount is based on estimated costs of tuition and fees, living expenses, and miscellaneous expenses including mandatory health insurance. This amount will vary depending on whether it is an undergraduate or graduate admission, or if the student will receive NMSU funding such as a graduate assistantship or in-state tuition award.
5. SEVIS Fee receipt paid to the Department of Homeland Security.
6. The visa officer may also require an academic transcript, proof of English proficiency, or evidence of ties to the home country such as family member who will not accompany the student to the US or real estate holdings.

Visas are issued a maximum of 120 days prior to the start date of the academic program. Further information is available on the US Department of State website, <http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/> or contact International Student & Scholar Services at 646-2017.



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HED-TIES workshop held in Turuachi, Chihuahua, Mexico on March 6 & 7, 2008, titled “ Utilizing Intercultural Teaching in Community Development” Presenters were Horacio Echavarría, with Chihuahua Secretary of Educational & Culture Office & Armando Martínez, NMSU; Chihuahua Office, Manager.

2007-08 Globalization Awards

The Office of International and Border Programs would like to announce the recipients of this year’s Globalization Awards. The two individuals selected for the 2008-09 awards were Lois Stanford and Robert Czerniak. Both will be recognized publically at a reception in April (the exact day and time have not yet been set) for their contribution to the Internationalization of NMSU. A brief summary of their nomination is provided below:

Lois Stanford, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology

Dr. Stanford has served tirelessly on the advisory committees that have guided International Programs—first as an active member of the International Programs Advisory Committee (for well over 10 years) and starting in August 2007, she also served on International Programs Internationalization Committee which was formed as a direct result of NMSU’s joining the American Council on Education’s Internationalization Laboratory. She has worked diligently on both committees providing her international expertise and knowledge. Dr. Stanford has also been a valuable and active member of the advisory group to the Center for Latin American and Border Studies (CLABS). And finally, Dr. Stanford has been influential in attracting external funds to support international ac-

tivities on campus, either as a valued faculty participant or as PI on her own externally funded projects. Dr. Stanford’s current research projects focus on the impact of globalization and neoliberal economic policies on small farmers and agricultural organizations, as well as their responses and efforts to defend their interests in a globalized economy in Mexico and in New Mexico. Dr. Stanford was awarded a Fulbright in 1998 for a visiting faculty position at the Facultad de Agrobiología, Universidad de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, in Uruapan, Michoacán. During this period, she conducted research on the history and social organization of the avocado industry, examining the impacts of Mexican neoliberal economic policies and export markets on this regional industry. As is the goal of all Fulbright programs, her work with her Mexican host university did not end with her 1998 Fulbright. To the contrary, Dr. Stanford has returned on numerous occasions to Michoacán for follow up research with entrepreneurs, government leaders, and organization leaders. She has also worked with a number of other colleagues in Mexico and Latin America

Robert Czerniak, Associate Vice President for Research

For the past 18 years, Dr. Czerniak has successfully provided an international perspective in his research, teaching, and service. He has undertaken research in transportation and land use in Mexico, Malaysia, and worked on comparative border research with Dr. Otto Verkoren from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. He has brought foreign lands into his classroom at all levels of teaching. This includes introductory courses, advanced undergraduate courses in urban and transportation geography, and at the graduate level on topics such as transportation planning and comparisons of land use patterns and planning techniques in Europe, Southeast Asia, and the US. He brings cultural landscapes into the classroom through the use of his personal slide collection. This is done in all of his classes – an approach I strongly support given the tremendous response I have seen from his students.

Through a cooperative agreement with the Economic Geography Department at the University of Utrecht, Dr. Czerniak advised the field research of three Dutch graduate students while they were in residence in the geography department at NMSU. Dr. Czerniak was also the local host for a number of international visitors to NMSU. In addition, Dr. Czerniak also was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1999 to travel to Malaysia and Singapore. There he worked with the Kuala Lumpur Planning Office to develop course materials and a conference paper on land use planning in KL and Singapore. The paper was delivered at the annual meeting of Association of American Geographers in Denver. The course materials were published in the ERIC Resources in Education Database

Calendar of Events

- April 8 --** NMSU/NSF New Mexico-Chihuahua Partners for Innovation Final Project Showcase
The five student teams from five U.S. and Mexican universities will present the final results of their three years of research from 8:30 am-12 noon at Educational Services Bldg room 7A & B. The student teams presenting are:
Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (8:30 am)
Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez (9:15 am)
Centro de Investigación en Materiales Avanzados (10:00 am)
New Mexico State University (10:45 am)
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (11:30 am)
For additional information, contact Leticia Vilchis at 646-5854.
- April 16 --** Lecture by Governor Bill Richardson titled “Impact of U.S. Foreign Policy on Issues in New Mexico and Beyond” from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Music Recital Hall; sponsored by the International Relations Institute. For additional information, contact Roberta Gran at 646-7041.
- April 17 --** Lecture by Ambassador Vicki Huddleston titled “After Fidel Castro: U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Cuba” from 4-5 pm in the Gerald Thomas Auditorium
Ambassador Huddleston is currently a Visiting Fellow at Brookings Institution where she is leading the Cuba: Transition Project. She has extensive experience with Cuba having served as Chief of Mission at the United States Interests Section in Havana (1999-2002) and as Director and Deputy Director of Cuban Affairs at the Department of State (1989-1992). She has served as Ambassador to Mali, Madagascar and acting American Ambassador in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.
For additional information contact Roberta Gran at 646-7041

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