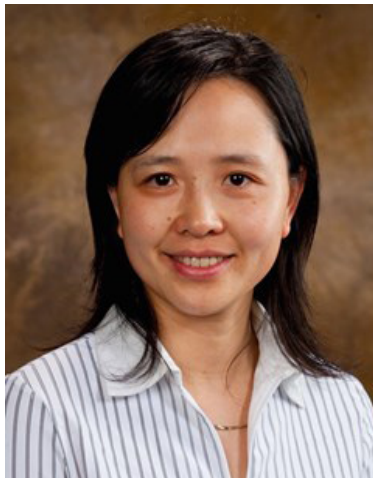


INTERNATIONAL AND GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM

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Message from the Director



Dear INST Friends,

Welcome to our Summer 2023 newsletter! INST faculty and students have been hard at work and made some impressive achievements during the past year. As we continue the transition from the pandemic to the campus environment, INST has remained adaptive and responsive in its program planning and implementation to enhance the learning experience of our students.

I invite you to peruse this newsletter to learn more about our new Undergraduate Research Workshop, interdisciplinary Speakers' Series in Global Development, curriculum changes, scholarship and award recipients, exciting achievements of the Model UN group, personnel changes, faculty research, and much more.

As we welcome INST students back to campus in the fall, we look forward to continuing to offer high-quality in-class and experiential learning opportunities for our students. Plans are under way to expand the Undergraduate Research Workshop to include students elsewhere in Arkansas and in neighboring states, offer a series of talks focused on Global Sustainability, revive the momentum for study abroad which has suffered as a result of the pandemic, and to further promote global perspectives throughout our curriculum.

Together with our faculty, students, and alumni, I look forward to building a vibrant INST community going forward. Please connect with us on social media and share with us any exciting developments in your academic or professional career.

Ka Zeng, Ph.D.
INST Director



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Welcome Dr. Hammond: Associate Director



Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

The International and Global Studies Program is a dynamic and exciting program with great majors and minors. I have been at the University of Arkansas as a faculty member of the Department of History since 2015, and I joined INST as the Associate Director in 2022. I am constantly amazed and impressed by the quality of the students and their output in our program, and it is a pleasure to watch our grads go on to do amazing things!

We are fortunate here at the University of Arkansas to have a great support system for our program. Our students take classes from affiliate programs like African and African American Studies, Asian Studies, Indigenous Studies, Geography, History and Political Science, to name a few. We would not be where we are without our partnerships with these programs across Fulbright College and around campus.

We also rely on the support of the Study Abroad Program. They help us send our students to incredible destinations around the world to gain real life experience and the language skills to succeed in their fields upon graduation. We have been working with the Study Abroad Office to curate specific programs for our INST majors and minors that will suit their specific degree needs. As a mentor, I have seen students' study abroad in places like Taiwan, South Korea and Japan, and then go on to pursue master's Degrees in Asian Studies or enter International Law programs at top-ranked colleges around the United States.

We appreciate the ongoing support from the INST community and hope to see it flourish and grow over the next few years. Please stay in touch and tell us what you are up to!

Take Care,
Kelly Hammond

Things We Do

- Run a capstone seminar which every student must complete to graduate.
- Encourage students to pursue College or Departmental Honors and write an Honor's thesis.
- Offer specialized courses such as Introduction to International and Global Studies and the International Studies Seminar (capstone) on a regular basis.
- Promote area studies in our curriculum.
- Provide interdisciplinary course offerings.
- Mentor Honor's students and supervise Honor's theses.
- Bring in internationally renowned speakers to give student-centered talks.
- Provide students with funding to participate in events and associations such as Model UN, International Honors Society, and Sigma Iota Rho.
- Run thesis and study abroad workshops.
- Fund faculty research.
- Support study abroad and collaboration with area studies programs.
- Cultivate interdisciplinary relationships across campus.

Student Spotlight

Daisy Rehbock

Daisy Rehbock is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in International and Global Studies (INST), with minors in Gender Studies and Spanish. She spent her summer working for the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. She became interested in Global Studies before



coming to the University of Arkansas when she was involved in high school Model United Nations. When she first started college, her major was originally Political Science. During her first semester here, it was the Honors Roots of Culture course, taught by Dr. Allen and Dr. Phillips that inspired her to switch her major to INST, and she has not looked back since. Her experience with the program, combined with her semester

study abroad in Spain, has led her to push back her graduate school plans a couple of years, instead choosing to join the Peace Corps following her graduation next May. Rehbock said: "Throughout all of my International Studies courses, I've been immensely impressed by the faculty and professors within this department and their expertise. As I begin writing my thesis this fall, I can't help but look back on the many International Studies courses, such as Universal Human Rights and European Integration, that have inspired me to pursue international and intersectional research involving INST with my minors in Gender Studies and Spanish." After her summer internship at the Department of Justice, she is uncertain whether she will pursue law school or a Master's in international studies but she knows for sure that the training provided by this program has encouraged her to serve abroad in the Peace Corps and to later pursue a career in the foreign service. "The University of Arkansas International Studies Program has fundamentally shaped both who I am as a person and my career path. It has truly been an honor to study under and work with such passionate and inspiring individuals within the International Studies community," Rehbock said.

Grant Smith & Samantha Giudice

INST seniors, Grant Smith and Samantha Giudice were both recipients of the U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships in Spring 2023. The fellowship will support their Master's study at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University.

Smith is a double major in International and Global Studies (INST) with a Peace, Security and Human rights concentration and in Asian Studies, with a minor in Chinese. His honors thesis focused on the Taiwan Strait conflict.

Giudice is also a double major in International and Global Studies with a Peace, Security and Human rights concentration and in Asian Studies. As part of her Asian studies major and honors thesis, she studied abroad in Seoul, South Korea for a year and focused her thesis research on the commodification of Korean culture through social media. She also participated in Model United Nations in New York and represented the People's Republic of China and South Korea

Smith and Giudice received the highly competitive FLAS



award, which is given to students pursuing a disciplinary program with an International Studies focus and learning one of the targeted languages: Arabic, Mandarin, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Persian, and Turkish. Smith added that his degree in INST and Asian Studies really set him up to succeed: "Utilize the knowledge you learn in your undergraduate, and you will be able to set yourself apart for the scholarships that are out there. You just need to find them. I didn't realize how beneficial my undergraduate degree would be for providing me with this opportunity. I am appreciative to the University of Arkansas: they taught me well and they showed me how to succeed," Smith said.

Student Spotlight



Alex Alvarez

INST graduate Alex Alvarez was a Rhodes finalist in 2022 and Fulbright College Valedictorian.

The INST program was the way that she figured out her career goals and how she found the areas that she most loves to study and hopes to make a change in! She is interested in global studies, specifically peace studies and human rights as she sees both as pathways towards creating positive change for the individuals most impacted by violence or injustice. The INST program let her figure this out and learn so much more about it through the Peace, Security, and Human Rights concentration with some of her favorite classes being Intro to Peace Studies and Universal Human Rights, both with Dr. Phillips. Throughout her time in the program, she also had the opportunity to do her own research for her honors thesis focusing on Human Rights for LGBTQ+ communities in El Salvador with the guidance of Dr. Phillips. This research project was awarded a SURF grant and accepted to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Conference that also received funding from an honors college research travel grant. Alvarez said: "My time with the INST program was incredible and I am continuing in the field of International Studies as I will be a Master of International Affairs candidate at Columbia University this fall- focusing on human rights and humanitarian policy with a concentration in gender and public policy. I could not have gotten to where I am without the amazing mentorship, leadership, and curriculum that are offered from the International & Global studies program at UARK and for that I am forever thankful!"

Anna Raezer



A junior double majoring in History and International and Global Studies, was selected for participation in a prestigious think tank program, the I.D.E.A.S in R.E.E.S. program in 2022. Her selection allowed her to

connect to top scholars in the field of Russian political science and international relations and present at the international conference for the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies in Fall 2022.

INST senior Julianna Kantner was a Marshall finalist in 2022.



INST students, along with students from other departments on campus, competed against a total of 850 students from 57 other colleges and universities from across the country at the Model United Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. in Fall 2022 and achieved sensational results. Every one of the students from the University of Arkansas Model UN team was recognized in one way or another. In total they earned 16 awards at the conference.

Alumni Spotlight

Sol Halle

Sol Halle graduated from the University of Arkansas in 2022 with an Honor's double major degree in International Studies and Political Science and a minor in French. She is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Halle said: "The INST program was the perfect amalgamation of my background and personal interests; having lived in several different countries, I sought a degree that focused on understanding the complexities of global affairs, highlighted the importance of intercultural exchange, and provided me with opportunities to carry out advanced research projects on topics I was passionate about. I found all of this and more within the INST department, and I am incredibly thankful to have learned from such intelligent, patient, and caring faculty. They are the reason for this program's continued growth and success."

During her undergraduate career, Halle was an intern for the U.S. Department of State, an environmental advocacy volunteer with Audubon Arkansas, and became a published author in collaboration with Dr. Rogelio Garcia Contreras on the project: "Vivir más y mejor: El impacto de las blue zones en la longevidad y calidad de vida de las personas" en Hacia una tercera edad activa: longevidad, calidad de vida y tecnología". (Live longer and better: the impact of blue zones on longevity and people's quality of life" in Towards an active third age: longevity, quality of life and technology).

After graduating, she was awarded an English Teaching Assistant (ETA) position with the Department of State's Fulbright Program in Madrid, Spain. As an ETA, she

taught English, Model United Nations, and a range of other subjects to secondary school students in Sevilla la Nueva. Halle noted: "Teaching challenged me to become a better mentor and academic while being in Spain allowed me to learn from its vibrant culture, history, and people. It was a privilege to participate in the program, and I owe the fact that I even knew about its existence to a professor within the INST program (shoutout Dr. Laurence Hare)".

This fall she will be starting a Master of Science in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. "I am eager to continue honing my skills within the field and excited at the prospect of pursuing my research interests abroad," Halle said.



Amy Mccampbell (BA, International & Global Studies, '22) currently serves as a professional development associate at the Osgood Center for International Studies, an organization that specializes in tailor-made international leadership experiences.

INST Undergraduate Honors Theses, 2023

Eileen (Alex) Alvarez, "Queering Latin America: Human Rights, LGBTQ+ Communities and El Salvador"

Mary Fuhrman, "Coalition-Building and Violence in Negotiated Revolutions: South Africa and Zimbabwe in Transition"

Samantha Giudice, "Commodification of Korean Cultural in the West: Orientalism in the Era of Modern Social Media"

Grace Greer, "The Influences of the Public Health Care System and Education System on the Economic Growth on Swaziland"

Juliana Kantner, "Expanding Volunteer Program Effectiveness in Refugee Resettlement"

Annette Quinn, "From Migration Externalization to Coercive Engineered Migration: Effects of the European Union's Migration Policies on the Human Rights of Migrants"

Grant Smith, "Taiwanization in the Strait Conflict: Public Opinion's Effect on Peace vs Conflict"

Adoette Vaughan, "Buried Treasure: What Gold Mining in Guyana Means for Indigenous People, Traditional Knowledge, and Sustainability"

Highlighted Faculty Awards & Publications

Dr. Ka Zeng has published:

- a co-edited volume with Dr. Wei Liang entitled the *Research Handbook of Trade Wars* (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar);
- a co-edited journal special issue with Shiping Hua on the “Politics of the U.S.-China Trade War” for *Business and Politics* 24, no. 4;
- four articles in journals such as *Business and Politics* and *Review of International Economics* in 2022.



Dr. Kelly Hammond has published:

- two book chapters forthcoming in 2024;
- she has also given a dozen invited presentations and talks and served as a participant, chair, discussant, or moderator at four conferences in 2022-2023;
- she continues to serve as the Associate Editor for Modern China for the *Journal of Asian Studies* and serves as an editorial board member for *Twentieth-Century China*;
- in addition, she is the recipient of the Stanton Foundation curriculum development grant, the History Department Winter Research Assistantship for research support.

Faculty & Staff News

Dr. Kelly Hammond, Associate Professor of History assumed the position of the INST Associate Director in July 2022.

Dr. Jared Phillips moved out of INST to a full-time teaching-focused tenure track position in the History Department in July 2023. Dr. Phillips will continue to teach courses for INST in the near future.

In Spring 2023, we welcomed **Marija Srbinovski** as a full-time administrative assistant. The program for the first time has its own administrative support personnel. Marija has a B.A. in International Relations and a Master of Business Administration.

New Classes Offered

“Nuclear Asia: From Hiroshima to Fukushima,” taught by Dr. Kelly Hammond was offered for the first time in Spring 2023. It provides a comprehensive overview of Asian history in the late 20th and early 21st centuries with an emphasis on the intersections between the region’s economic, political and social transformation and its experience with the emergence of nuclear technology and nuclear conflict from the end of the Second World War through the decades after the end of the Cold War. As Hammond explains: “By focusing on the development and acquisition of nuclear weapons, the testing of nuclear weapons and the development of nuclear energy from Pakistan to the Marshall Islands, we will develop new insights into an era of internationalism, decolonization and environmentalism that is often overshadowed by the superpower rivalry.” This course will be offered again in Spring 2024.

“Environmental Conservation and Society: Special Topics in International and Global Studies”, taught by Dr. Cadi Fung will be offered for the first time in Fall 2023. This course is also cross-listed with Geography. The course is an interdisciplinary exploration into the physical and sociocultural dimensions of environmental conservation efforts around the world. Students will explore historical and contemporary roots of current environmental problems, sociocultural perceptions of nature (flora, fauna, and landscapes) and human relations (including conflict) with the natural environment, environmental conservation movements and theories, key figures in these conservation movements, and the diffusion of such movements across cultures. Other contemporary issues that will be discussed include food production systems, wildlife conservation, environmental justice, and the geography of global change.

Events



INST Undergraduate Research Workshop

To better support students completing their theses and enhance their research experience, INST held its inaugural Undergraduate Thesis Workshop in March 2023, where three seniors presented part of their thesis projects and responded to questions from Dr. Hammond, Dr. Holland, and Dr. Zeng. The purpose of this workshop is to give advanced undergraduates who are near completion of their thesis a chance to workshop and present their papers to a panel of professors and their peers before they defend their thesis. In doing so, students not only gain experience in talking about their thesis in a clear and coherent way, but they also get the chance to receive feedback from an expert panel and their peers at a critical stage of development. This allows students to absorb feedback and incorporate it into their final thesis submission, hopefully resulting in a better finished project.



Interdisciplinary Speakers' Series on Global Development and Governance

The International and Global Studies (INST) program, along with the Department of Political Science in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Economics in the Walton College of Business, has sponsored an interdisciplinary Speakers' Series on Global Development and Governance. The series is intended to provide University of Arkansas students and faculty with an opportunity to interact with experts on global development. In Spring 2023, INST hosted three visiting speakers on the following topics:

- Dr. Maria Repnikova (Georgia State University), "Chinese Soft Power in Africa: Production of Ambivalent Solidarities."
- Dr. Sarah Bermeo (Duke University), "Climate Change, Migration and Development."
- Dr. Lindsey Dolan (Wesleyan University), "Conditionality and The Composition of the World Bank Staff."

The speakers' series will continue in 2023 with a thematic focus on Global Sustainability.



Upcoming Events

Speakers' Series on Global Development and Sustainability

We are launching a Speakers' Series on Global Development and Sustainability. The purpose of this series is to bring in leading experts on issues concerning global sustainability and development to coincide with programming already being offered by INST. Through this speaker series, our students will be exposed to a variety of methodological approaches and various spatial and temporal approaches to thinking about sustainability in local and global contexts. This series will also help us to start thinking seriously about how to map out a minor in development and sustainability. INST is hosting four visiting speakers for 2023-2024:

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Dr. Javier Puente – “The Rural Origins of the Modern State: Legibility, Reform, and Revolution in the Andes”.

Javier Puente is Associate Professor of Latin American and Latino/a Studies and Chair of Latin American and Latino/a Studies at Smith College. Puente's interests focus on Andean history and environmental history, the agrarian question in Latin America, insurrectionary and revolutionary processes, the intersection of ecological transformations and sociopolitical conflicts, and the material roots of rural violence. In 2022, the Student Government Association (SGA) at Smith College distinguished him with the annual Faculty Teaching Award for junior faculty members.

OCTOBER 12, 2023

Dr. Tabitha Grace Mallory - “Oceans Apart: Global Governance Approaches to the Deep-Sea Strategic Frontier”.

Tabitha Grace Mallory is an affiliate faculty member of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and specializes in Chinese foreign and environmental policy. She is CEO of the consulting firm China Ocean Institute and has consulted for organizations such as the United Nations Foundation, the World Wildlife Fund, the World Bank, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). She is currently conducting research on China and global ocean governance and has published work on China's fisheries and oceans policy.

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Dr. M. Scott Taylor- “International Trade, Noise Pollution, and Killer Whales”. Dr. Taylor is a professor of Economics at the University of Calgary and a research Associate at The National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, Massachusetts. This talk is co-sponsored with the Department of Economics.

MARCH 7, 2023

Dr. Jayson M. Porter - “Strong Enough to Remove Dirt Skin: Coconut Soap, and Other Early Histories of Biofuels in the US and Mexico”. Dr. Porter is a Voss Postdoctoral Research Associate in Environment and Society at Brown University and a Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Maryland.

Sigma Iota Rho Induction Ceremony (The Honor Society for International Studies)

The International and Global Studies Program resuscitated The Honors Society for International Studies (Sigma Iota Rho) with 11 inductees in Spring 2023 and is planning an induction ceremony in Fall 2023.

China Town Hall 2023

U.S. Ambassador to China Nicholas Burns will be the featured speaker for CHINA Town Hall 2023, a national conversation on how the U.S.-China relationship affects our cities, towns, and communities, on Wednesday, October 11, from 6:00pm-7:30pm. From supply chains to national security, new technologies to climate change, the future of both countries will be determined by their diplomatic relations, and through their engagement with the broader global community.

The on-campus discussion will be facilitated by Dr. Tabitha Grace Mallory, affiliate professor at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and CEO of the consulting firm “China Ocean Institute”. She will be joined by Dr. Ka Zeng, Director of INST, and Professor of Political Science and by Dr. Kelly Hammond, Associate Director of INST and Associate Professor of History. Mallory, Zeng, and Hammond are all members of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and served in various cohorts of their Public Intellectual Program.

Advising Information

Academic Advising

All non-honors students are advised by the Fulbright College Advising Center. The program encourages students to meet with advisors regularly for curriculum planning and graduation checks.

For mentoring questions, including questions about careers, internships, research, or study abroad, please contact the program director, Dr. Ka Zeng (kzeng@uark.edu).

Honors in International Studies

First-year honors students are advised by the Fulbright College Honors Program in Old Main 517. All second-, third-, and fourth-year students are advised by the Fulbright College Advising Center.

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