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Year of Snake

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After spending the first month of my year long exchange trip to Peru, alone in my isolated studio apartment, I decided that enough was enough and I moved in with a host family. Host families can be challenging because you barge in on a well established household with their own set of social norms and personalities, and you’re expected to be part of their family. That’s a daunting task for an exchange student who is already overwhelmed by just being in another country. However, if your understanding of the culture and language of a country is weak (which mine was), it’s by far the best learning setting. My host family helped me speak Spanish like a Peruvian and they gave me a better understanding of the culture I was living in. Living with them was the first half of my trip. It was the more difficult half.

After you get your bearings, learn the language and get a rough grasp of how the society works everything will get a lot easier and a lot more profound. (continue on page 3)
For the second half of the year, I moved out of my host family’s house and into student housing. I lived with Peruvians, Norwegians, Americans, Germans, El Salvadorians, Japanese, Brazilians, French, Spanish, as well as people from a smorgasbord of other countries. I studied indigenous languages, acted in a Peruvian play, volunteered with underprivileged children, swam in the Amazon, held three monkeys on a boat, introduced ultimate Frisbee to my university, sand-boarded, and took part in a host of other adventures and activities that I never considered plausible. Most importantly I talked to people from all over the world and I learned more about the human condition and myself than I ever have during any other period of my life.

I can’t picture not going to Peru; Through everything I’ve come out a stronger and better person. I wholeheartedly recommend to anyone considering studying abroad to pursue this great adventure and remember to apply for scholarships like the Benjamin A. Gilman scholarship and the Audrey S. Furukawa scholarship.

David acting in a Peruvian play
At the sand dunes with his housemates
David sand boarding
I was lucky enough to have the chance of studying abroad in Japan for 2 years back to back. I learned a lot and experienced many things. One experience in particular was that of being asked to play Hawaiian music (Ulupalakua, Pearl Shells, and Puamana) for an event at school which was to welcome all the international exchange students to the university. My advisor just so happened to be a practitioner of Hula and her Kumu was originally from Hilo. Once she found out where I was from and that I played ukulele, she asked me on several different occasions for me to perform for her and her halau. I had the chance of playing for the Head Director of the Tobu Hotel chain at one of their hotels in Tokyo. I met Koji Sakamoto, also a practitioner of Hula, at the hotel and he requested that I come to his establishment and perform some music. It was a small Hawaiian style bar in Roppongi where they served imitations of Hawaiian food, such as Laulau, poke, and lomi salmon as well as normal Japanese food. From that day on I became part of the tree that was Hawaiian practice in Japan. I met with the 2009 Hawaiian falsetto winner, Hiroshi Okada, and was lucky enough to accompany him to a Keiki hula competition where my connections within the Hawaiian community grew even bigger. I would say that my trip to Japan not only made me more intertwined with the Japanese culture, but more secure and rooted with my Hawaiian side.
One of my favorite experiences while participating in the Semester at Sea program was the bullfight I was able to attend in Seville, Spain with about forty of my shipmates. Our ship was docked in Cadiz, Spain, an hour and a half bus ride from Seville; because of this we received a very informative introduction from our tour guide on our way to the fight. I learned about the history of bullfighting, how the bulls are bred for certain traits, how they are prepared for their fight, and also learned that the meat of the bulls is donated to charity after the fight.

This bullfight was the last fight of the season with two matadors fighting three bulls each (one at a time). The fight was sold out, and the stadium was packed with about 12,000 people. Not only was it incredible to see how the matador challenged the charging bull with so much skill, but I will also never forget the passion of the spectators. There would be a wave of “shhh” throughout the stadium each time the matador and bull stared each other down. Then, as the matador would swiftly have the bull make passes around him, the crowd would cheer “ole” louder for each pass until the sixth pass after which the entire stadium would erupt in cheering, many waving their arms wildly and fist pumping the air. I am thankful that I was able to experience such a historically significant part of Spanish culture, and this bullfight was an unforgettable event that I hope one day I will be able to experience again.
Hi, I’m Kori Pedraja and I had some of the best times of my life in Australia. There are so many incredible memories made and experiences I had while spending four and a half months at James Cook University, Townsville. I was able to travel to some of the larger cities; see, pet and hold some amazing wildlife: kangaroos, koalas, echidnas, platypuses, the littlest penguins in the world, etc.; see some breathtaking landmarks and national wonders; get involved in a new sport: Ultimate Frisbee, and come to love it and the friends I made through it. Among all of these experiences, some of the most memorable for me come from the diving I was able to do and since I am a Marine Science major it made perfect sense. I was able to dive the Great Barrier Reef in Port Douglas and the SS Yongala, which is a hundred year old shipwreck. Diving the Great Barrier Reef was on my top 10 list of things to do before I die and thanks to studying abroad, I am able to cross it off. Once I heard about the SS Yongala, the ecosystem it sustains and the size of the marine life that lives on it, I quickly added it to my bucket list. (Continue on page 7)
On the Yongala there were fish that were easily 2 meters, or 6.6 feet, in length. The marine life on the SS Yongala grows larger than anywhere else, there are also species found there that are seen in few other, if any other, locations in the world. It supports a diverse ecosystem supported solely by the wreck; there is nothing else around. It is frequented by sharks, rays, and even whales. Unfortunately, I was unable to see sharks during my diving trips, but the crew I was diving with saw some. When I dive, I feel amazed at everything around me. It’s easy to disbelieve that you are actually witnessing the things you are, it always leaves me feeling blessed and awestruck. I leave the water feeling excited yet relaxed that I get to experience these ecosystems that can be unchanged for centuries.

Getting to dive the Great Barrier Reef was a big deal for me. It is one of the largest Marine Reserves in the world and one of the greatest natural wonders. It is a World Heritage site, so all the world considers it a pretty spectacular place. I got to enjoy my dives with the great friends I met while in Australia which made my dives that much more exciting. Diving the SS Yongala wreck has piqued my interest in diving wrecks professionally, maybe doing search and recovery, and has solidified my desire to dive in my career.

Ultimate frisbee champions! Kori’s team went into the finals in 6th place (out of 8) and ended up beating the number one team to make it to the finals. Kori’s team beat the 8th place team in the finals to become the ultimate Frisbee champions.
Hello, my name is Taylor Coons. I went abroad to the University of Stirling, in Scotland. It was a beautiful and welcoming country. While I studied in Scotland, my most memorable time abroad was on my weeklong trip to Ireland! Three friends and I hopped aboard a Paddy Wagon tour bus and traveled around the entire island. It was absolutely gorgeous. We went to Dublin, up into Northern Ireland, down to the Cliffs of Moher, Galway, and even kissed the Blarney Stone. It was a wonderful adventure. I’m usually against tours, as you don’t get to see too much of what you are touring, but this was different. I got to see so much more of Ireland because we had a guide. I visited the most beautiful place I have ever been, the Dingle Peninsula, and was thrust into an incredibly different world than my own, in Belfast. Embarking on a study abroad journey is one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.
“Experiencing Personal Growth”
Ron O’Brien
Uppsala University, Sweden
Major: Agriculture

My name is Ron O’Brien, I’m studying at Uppsala University, Sweden and I am studying Tropical Horticulture at the college of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Recourse Management at University of Hawaii at Hilo. There where too many memorable moments to choose from, but these are just two of some great personal ones. The solo picture below is a shot of me at an awesome lookout on the Isle of Skye, looking towards the mainland of Scotland. Though there may not be any significant landmarks that make it obvious how abroad I was when this photo was taken, it tells the story of how happy I was to be in Scotland. I am part Scottish and as an American that grew up in Hawaii, seeing Scotland or Europe for that matter was only a dream to me until January 2012 when I took that bold step into the CGEE office. I think this picture gives viewers an understanding of the high feeling I felt when standing at such a scenic vista in the highlands of Scotland. After the Skye trip was done, and we returned to my friend’s house in Edinburgh, Scotland I received news that my Scottish grandmother had passed away the day I took this picture. I think that my grandma would have loved to know I made it to Scotland and she was with me that day. I had more than one close relative pass away while I was abroad and personally that is one of the hardest challenges to overcome. These people know what life is about and they would most likely encourage you to go see as many places as you can around the world. Life is short and the world is wide, so live it up. I think by living the life and fulfilling the dreams of our friends and family that never got to see these places, they are living through you. (Continue on page 10)
This picture probably doesn’t mean much to people, but for me it has a greater meaning. This is a familiar sight that I grew up with in Hawaii with imaginations of it really existing. This was taken in Lindveit Norway, which is a small farming area between the districts of Lillesand and Grindstad. My great, great Norwegian grandfather built this small structure as a school house in the 1800’s. My great grandfather grew up in the real house just further up the driveway before he moved to America in the early 1900’s. His name was Thorlief Gjerdsen and he was a painter. Upon arrival to Ellis Island, NY he changed his last name to Lindveit. One day when he must have been dreaming of his home back in Norway he painted a picture from memory that looks almost identical to this picture I have taken above. Only difference is that there were a few sheep in the foreground in replacement of the red cabbage. This painting has always hung in my mother’s house and I was honored to see the real thing, and that it is still exactly the same. The nice man that currently owns the house let my Norwegian relative and I inside to see this old wooden door from the 1800’s that Thorlief had hand painted three murals on. He had also brought down a painting he did of the original house that they live in before it was extended and remodeled.
My first thought after landing in Korea happened as an elder was pushing me in the aisle of the airplane, trying to get out. Not saying a word, she just kept pushing, making it harder for me to move into the row to let her through. She was apparently frustrated, as she made a type of Korean sound effect as she passed. However, putting that incident on the side, the people here are so friendly! I had a guy help me carry one of my 50lb suitcases up the stairs at the train station. Not able to speak very good English, he called some of his friends, trying to find someone that could help us. He was cute too, as a majority of the guys in Korea are, so I should've gotten his number, just kidding! In Korea, there are so many places to visit, things to experience and so many new friends to make. It's pretty much the total opposite of Hawaii! Living in Hilo my whole life, I honestly felt a little overwhelmed with the amount of things to do here in Korea. I don't think I could experience a quarter of them in a year. However, it's so much fun actually being able to do things other than to see a movie, go bowling, or to the beach. Korea also has so many different things to experience, especially the food! The food we see in Hawaii labeled as “Korean” cuisine, does not even come close to the authentic dishes and flavors of the food. Koreans are also very friendly and very interested in international people, making it very easy to make friends with them. There are also many other international students, from all over the world to make friends with. (Continue on page 12)
My all time favorite event was the competition that my university and our rival university have every year. It’s basically a challenge, consisting of 5 sporting events (baseball, hockey, basketball, soccer, and rugby). These games are so much fun! Initially, I wasn’t planning on going, but I am so glad I did! It’s an experience you can get no other place. During the games, people are constantly cheering/chanting throughout the game and are led by these very uniquely dressed and spirited cheerleaders. They have some very unique cheers/chants, with ones that use plastic bags or ones that contain very extensive bowing. I really felt that many people were merely there to cheer and many didn’t pay attention to the game at all. At the end of the competition there is a tradition, that both universities partake in, where they both go to a home institution’s main street (containing restaurants, bars, shops, etc.) and “beg” for food. Groups of students form a train line and go to various restaurants and bar asking for food, beverages, and whatever they can get! Both universities also come together to cheer even more, all night long! It’s so crazy, but it’s so fun!!

Korean cheerleaders at the Ko-Yon Jeon Hockey Game
Hi, my name is Rebecca Rogers and I am a Marine Science Major at UH-Hilo. I went to study for one semester at the University of Essex in Colchester, England. I met some amazing people during my time there, and I was able to visit some great landmarks that I had always wanted to see! You might think that England would not be a very good place to study Marine Science, but it is an island and there are many opportunities to go to the ocean! I was even able to get my Dry Suit SCUBA certification there! The time I spent there went by so quickly, but I learned so much about England and myself while I was there and it will be an experience I will never forget.

This first picture is of my flat and most of the 16 of my flat gathered around the table for a Thanksgiving dinner. There is not a Thanksgiving celebration or any equivalent holiday in England, so the Americans in the flat had a Thanksgiving celebration for everyone to experience it. It was so much fun to share food and stories with everyone there. This was the first time we had all sat down at one time to eat during the whole term and it was nice to see everyone at once! This was also the first Thanksgiving dinner that I had cooked on my own as well. Cooking that turkey was nerve-wracking! Luckily someone else had done it before and could help me; it turned out great! I learned a lot about planning a meal and appreciate what my family does every year for this feast! It was so stressful preparing the meal to get it served on time, but I was able to do it with a little help from my awesome (and hungry) flatmates! (Continue on page 14)
This picture is of the gate to Strawberry Fields in Liverpool. It was made famous by the Beatles song “Strawberry Fields Forever.” I was so excited to go to Liverpool and see all of the Beatles sights. Liverpool ended up being my favorite place in England. There was live music every night in bars and pubs all over the city and great live music that I would normally pay to see in concert. All of my English friends told me how miserable Liverpool would be before I went there, and I mostly went there because of the ties that the Beatles had to the city, but it greatly exceeded my expectations. I met many great friends in the city that people told me I should avoid.
It's hard to pick just one or two memories to sum up my journey, however my time in Ghana is something I will never forget. I signed up for a service project with Global Grins to be part of the delivery squad as we visited the City of Refuge. Global Grins is an organization that promotes oral hygiene by donating tooth brushes and having groups go out to deliver them and also teach people the proper way to brush their teeth. My first day in Ghana, we headed to the City of Refuge, a Christian organization which rescues children who have been trafficked, orphaned, and abandoned. What blew my mind the most about this trip was how incredible happy the children were even though they had been through so much. Also it was heart wrenching when I realized how excited these kids were to just receive a tooth brush. That experience altered my perspective on life. It's easy to focus on the things you don't have and be unhappy, but true happiness is when you're thankful for the things and experiences you've been blessed with. For me this trip wasn't just about seeing the world, but it was also a learning experience. Not the kind of learning you get from reading textbooks and sitting through lectures, but the learning you get from experiences. While in South Africa, I had the opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity, an organization that builds homes for people who need it the most. I know I take my home for granted, but after seeing the poverty in these other countries I realized how precious a house really is, and I'm so thankful I was able to help out in building a home for someone who needs it.
There are so many memorable experiences I had in Korea that it was very difficult to choose just two. The first photo is of snow. I am not sure if many people are familiar with Korea’s winters but it gets extremely cold! The coldest I experienced there was 7 degrees Fahrenheit. It took a lot of motivation for me to go out anywhere because of the many layers of clothing I needed to put on just to keep warm. I have seen snow before but have never experienced snowfall. I remember when it first started to snow, I had just finished one of my classes and I ran out like a child into the falling snow. Of course onlookers gave me strange looks but, who cares, I’m from Hawaii!! Snow fell everywhere. It fell in my hair, eyes, mouth, and clothing. After a while I had to use an umbrella to block the snowfall so that I would not get wet from the melting snow. I enjoyed watching everywhere turn white. It was a beautiful sight to see. (Continue on page 17)
The second memorable experience is when I had the opportunity to be an audience member on the set of a game show filmed at KBS. I am a huge Korean Drama fan so just visiting KBS was an awesome experience for me. The name of the game show is Bul hui myeong gyuk 불후이명국. It is where famous groups challenge each other and the audience votes who stays and who goes. I guess you can say it is almost like our version of American Idol. The show is aired every weekend in Korea. There were even famous guest judges. The cameras came our ways a few times and I waved. Hopefully you can watch it on youtube and see me. There were so much people who attended the show. There weren’t enough seats so people sat all around on the floors. I got to see two famous K-Pop groups, Infinite & Brown-Eyed Girls. The energy of the audience was amazing. It was such a neat experience to see how much Koreans support their K-POP idols. Photos were not allowed so I snuck many of these photos...
My stay in Australia has been pretty interesting. For example, I did not expect to be attacked by: Wombats, Eclectus parrots, Cockatoo’s, Koala’s, and Magpies. It truly lives up to the idea of dangerous and venomous animals, but I have to say some of the most peculiar animals here have to be the humans. I say this because one event that has reached the epitome of “interesting” was my one week backpacking vacation in Brisbane. There was a festival going on that month so I was prepared for some long overdue relaxing time. Everything seemed to be going accordingly until the 3rd day of my visit. My friend, let’s just call her Jo, decided it would be a great idea to rent a car and go out of the city to the coasts. As soon as we rolled out of the car-dealer’s parking lot, Jo mentions, “Hey let’s go to China Town! Also I never drove on the left side of the road before”, she then zooms off. The GPS leads us to the back entrance of China Town; I take a break from watching the left side of the road to look down at the map for a second when suddenly she turns a wide right. I look up and yell “Oh my God, Jo stop!”, Jo freaks out and yells “WHAT” and drives faster…and side swipes some dude’s parked car. We pull over a block away, silence fills the car. Jo then turns to me and utters, “Can we just drive away and pretend that never happened.” For someone usually so responsible, she was dead serious with that idea. Don’t worry we left a note…the dude (thankfully) never called us back. (Continue on page 19)
The week started to get stranger when we’d go to McDonald’s around midnight to use their free Wi-Fi. The weirdo’s always seem to go to that spot at night, such as yodelling Lithuanian’s accusing my friend and I “not looking American enough”, a group of policemen that staked out and pummelled a drug addict right in the restaurant, and a violent, evil old lady screaming in my friend’s ear. Now before I go any further, I got to say I had some weird homeless people come up to me in the past, but this next story takes the cake. I look up from my computer to see a man with long hair tied in a pony-tail, a scuffed-up business suit, and a dazed expression, waltz over to our table and sit between Jo and I. He then leans over to check out both our laptops, putting his hands on our shoulders, and sleazily whispers, “Are you guys (heavy breathing) playing battleship!? I look over to Jo, she has turned to stone, and that creep is slowly encroaching into her personal bubble. With my voice wavering I interjected, “Hey can you leave us be we’re trying to concentrate on our assignments”. Battleship-guy is all like, “Nahh mannnn, its cooool.” I reply back, “No it’s not cool, we’re trying to make a deadline, go away”. He stands up, snaps his fingers, points at us, hands out, palms up. I realize he wants a high-five, so I go with the flow and give him one; Jo just looks at his hands like they were something vile and filthy, which they probably were. Battleship-guy eventually waltzed off in another direction, Jo and I grabbed our laptops and ran the other direction. The rest of our week did not cease to be all kinds of strange as we relied on our GPS to take our car out into the boonies of Glass House Mountains and the Gold Coast. Most of it was filled with fruitless attempts to find wild platypus, weaving in and out of the mountainous mazes and traffic from the beaches. I think the best comically-timed part of the trip was when the hub to our wheel popped off and rolled right in front of the car rental guy. We feigned ignorance and managed to get past any charges. It was really fun getting in and out of shenanigans, a new change of pace in my life, but I have to say I learned a very important lesson that week: Never, ever trust the GPS.

A small picture guide to the Macropodidae Family. Photos and written descriptions done by Nicole.
Semester At Sea

Semester at Sea is a pioneer and leader in global comparative studies—a critical educational component in an increasingly global world. We partner with the University of Virginia, the nation’s second-ranked public university, to select exemplary deans and faculty, create engaging course curricula, and explore the world with a unique, comparative studies focus. Semester at Sea is much more than another semester at school; it is a life-altering learning adventure. Our itineraries take us to the four corners of the world, making our campus truly global in scope.

~The Experience of a life time~

Spring 2013 Voyage

Embark: San Diego, CA, United States
Hilo, Hawaii, United States
Yokohama, Japan *
Kobe, Japan *
Shanghai, China *
Hong Kong, China *
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Singapore, Singapore
Rangoon, Burma

Cochin, India
Port Louis, Mauritius
Cape Town, South Africa
Takoradi, Ghana *
Tema (Accra), Ghana *
Casablanca, Morocco

Debark: Barcelona, Spain

STARTS: January 09, 2013
ENDS: April 25, 2013

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Spring 2013 Voyage

1 Participants will be transported by bus from San Diego, Calif. to Ensenada, Mexico to board the ship on January 9. Boarding will take place from 0700-1200.

2 *Actual arrival time may vary due to tides.

* When the ship repositions to a different port in or near the same country, it is considered an overland port. This means that participants have the option of traveling with the ship as it repositions or staying in-country for the entire span of scheduled time. Overland ports for this voyage are: Yokohama / Kobe, Shanghai / Hong Kong, Takoradi / Tema (Accra)
Summer 2013 Programs

*NOTE: Students can attend summer programs anywhere, but here is a list of summer programs through our partner institutions.*

**Seinan Gakuin University: Summer Intensive Japanese Language Program**

The four-week Summer Intensive Japanese Program accepts up to 40 students each year at the Refresher (beginning II), Pre-intermediate, or Intermediate and Advanced levels of Japanese. Lecturers are all highly experienced in Japanese language education, both in our year-long exchange programs and at other universities both here and abroad. The incoming students are from partner and non-partner institutions from around the world, making for a richly international learning environment in which to experience many other cultures and to learn more about the world, in and through the Japanese language.

Program Fee: $1,600  
Credits: Six credits  
Length: Four weeks  
Program Date: Late June—Late July

**Hanyang University: International Summer School**

The programs offered in the Hanyang Summer School are designed to help participants gain a broader perspective in areas including history, culture, and communication, to name a few. To help your studies at Hanyang and your life in Korea pass as eventfully and comfortably as possible, the Office of international Cooperation is here to provide you with any assistance you need. All courses are taught in English by renowned educators invited from prominent institutions abroad and from Hanyang University. HISS offers a wide-range of courses including Korean Studies, Humanities, Business, Economics, International Relations, Media & Communication, Design, Science, Engineering, Sports and Korean Language.

Program Fee: Tuition & room fees are waived  
Credits: Three credits  
Length: Four weeks  
Program Date: Early July—End of July

**Korea University: International Summer Program**

The Office of International Affairs at KU offers an International Summer Campus program. The program offers Over 110 fascinating and challenging courses taught by distinguished faculty from prestigious universities from around the world, transferable credit, Courses covering a wide range of subjects pertaining to international issues, with a particular emphasis on the East Asian region, including its history, culture, society, politics, economics, law, business management, science and art/design. In addition students will take part in Korean cultural workshops, field trips, and special lecture conducted by notable experts.

Program Fee: $3,184  
Credits: Maximum of nine credits  
Length: Six weeks  
Program Date: July 2–August 9, 2013

**ESSCA: Shanghai Summer Program**

Shanghai summer program is taught entirely in English and it offers an excellent introduction to contemporary China and to the essential aspects of doing business there. It also provides a first hand initiation into the essential aspects of doing business in China and its interaction with other important regions in the world. Participants will have the opportunity to gain academic credit and experience of Chinese culture through a variety of courses and activities. Based in China’s booming economic capital, Shanghai, the program is open to business students. A limited number of places for exchange students is offered. This program is open for both undergraduate and graduate students.

Program Fee: Tuition is waived  
Credits: Six credits  
Length: Five weeks  
Program Date: June 17 to July 26, 2013
ESSCA: Paris Summer Program
The Paris Summer Program by way of our partner institute ESSCA offers a mixture of international business and marketing themes in one of the world’s most vibrant cities. Combining course instruction, corporate visits and cultural activities, the course is open to undergraduate students from anywhere in the world and successful participants are awarded ECTS credits. Business topics include international strategy, internationalization, cross-cultural communication and negotiation. On the marketing side, some of the themes covered are consumer behavior, international marketing, current segmentation and positioning, and all from a very European point of view. Visits to French and international corporations in and around Paris will round out the academic aspects of the course. Cultural events also on offer include a trip to Versailles, guided visits to Montmartre, the old Marais and historic Père Lachaise cemetery.

Program Fee: $1,925.30
Credits: Three credits
Length: Four Weeks
Program Date: June 25–July 18 2013

ESSCA: Angers Summer Program
This summer program is also offered through ESSCA. The Angers Summer Program begins with three weeks in the beautiful Loire valley city of Angers, then moves to Brussels for several days, with the final week in Paris. It is a perfect opportunity to be part of a multi-cultural student group, learn about Europe and gain credit! The program is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. It is specially designed for students of business and management, political sciences and international relations but applications submitted by students from other disciplines may also be considered. The program is taught entirely in English, non-native-speaker applicants should therefore be sure to communicate in English without problems.

Program Fee: $2,952.12
Credits: Three–Six credits
Length: Four Weeks
Program Date: June 12–July 11 2013

Australia: AUIP
This AUIP summer program will examine the natural (and related social) history and environmental conservation of North Queensland, Australia. Using north Queensland as a case-study, this course aims to improve your understanding of the relationship between human societies and the natural environment by exposing you to these relationships through the different perspectives of the natural and social sciences. Assessment will be delivered through educational travel, field trips, active participation, presentations and seminars, and coursework exercises. In the field, students will snorkel (scuba diving is optional) and explore the marine diversity of the Great Barrier Reef, learn about Aboriginal culture and history through interactions with indigenous communities, investigate natural resource management, ecotourism and farming practices in the bushlands, and hike through the tropical rainforest of the Daintree World Heritage Area to study the diverse wildlife and flora of Australia.

Program Fee: $5,300 (based on 2012 price)
Credits: Six upper division credits
Length: Three Weeks
Program Date: May 19–June 13, 2013

Castellano en Peru Language & Culture Summer Program
Through daily interactions with native speakers, students will be immersed in castellano—the Spanish spoken in Latin America. They will have an opportunity to explore historical sites where the Inca and Pre-Inca cultures flourished at one time; discover the rich Peruvian culture through music, dance and savor some of the best dishes in Perú world class emerging cuisine. Participants will also participate in Service Learning projects alongside their Peruvian peers.

Program Fee: $5,000 (based on last year’s cost)
Credits: Six credits
Length: Four Weeks
Program Date: Early June—Early July
Gertrude E. McVickar Endowed Excellence Scholarship
The UH-Hilo Gertrude E. McVickar Scholarship is an endowed scholarship in memory of a woman who believed that an opportunity to be transplanted into an unfamiliar country and culture would lead to a more tolerant and peaceful world. She also believed that all students should be encouraged to participate in international exchange programs.
Recipients must be full-time undergraduate students with a declared major and acceptance into a study abroad program of at least one semester, as pre-approved by the UH Hilo Director of Global Education.

Eligibility Requirements:
» Full-time and classified undergraduate students with a declared major
» Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above
» Duration of exchange must be at least one semester to a pre-approved program by the Director of Global Education
» Scholarship recipient must return to UH Hilo upon completion of the study abroad program

For more information contact CGEE office

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. The Gilman Scholarship Program accepts applications two times per year. Ideally, students should begin their application one full semester before their study abroad program is scheduled to begin. The program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go by supporting undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints. The Gilman Scholarship Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries to promote friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations. The Gilman Scholarship Program is open to U.S. citizen undergraduate students who are planning to study abroad. The program aims to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go by supporting undergraduates who might otherwise not participate due to financial constraints.
The Audrey S. Furukawa Study Abroad Scholarship will enable eligible students to begin their global education journey, open infinite doors of opportunity and to promote world peace. The deadline is the last Friday in February. As a lifelong resident of Hilo, Audrey S. Furukawa values the opportunity to give back. With the support from her family & friends, Ms. Furukawa has established a scholarship which will enable students to study abroad & explore the endless horizon.

Ms. Furukawa spent over 30 years as a faculty member and administrator at UH-Hilo. She retired in 2008 from dual positions as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, and Director of the Center for Global Education and Exchange, which she established in 2005.

Eligibility Requirements:

» Applicant must be enrolled as a full time classified student at UH-Hilo.
» Applicant must have 24 UH-Hilo credits at the time of departure.
» Applicant must show academic merit as demonstrated with a minimum 3.2 GPA.
» Applicant will study abroad for at least one semester.
» The applicant must not have studied, traveled, or lived abroad for more than one month.
» The selected student must return to UH Hilo upon completion of the study abroad program.

The University of Hawaii at Hilo Semester at Sea Scholarship Program is a cooperative partnership between the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the Institute for Shipboard Education (ISE). This scholarship is to cover 60% of the total program fee for an economy priced cabin (price varies by semester); The UH-Hilo Financial Aid Office will assist students with financial aid options to cover the remaining 40% of the program cost.

Eligibility Requirements:

» Must have at least 3.0 UH-Hilo Cumulative GPA
» Student must be a classified full-time student semester before time abroad.
» Must have a need-based financial status as determined by the UH Hilo financial aid office
» Must have completed 24 UH-Hilo credits prior to intended study abroad term.
» Student must return to UH-Hilo after Semester at Sea voyage for at least a semester at UH-Hilo due to community service requirements.
Andrew “Jack” Musick IV is a recipient of the Gilman Scholarship and the Asian Freeman Scholarship. Jack is currently attending University of the Ryukyus in Japan.

Ron O’Brien is a recipient of the McVickar Scholarship & Gilman Scholarship. He is currently attending Uppsala University in Sweden.

Semester at Sea Scholarship Recipients

Top left: Amy Marke I (Double majoring in Marine Science and Biology with a minor in Chemistry) with Dr. Keith Miser.

Top right: Carrie Soo Hoo (Majoring in Marine Science) with Dr. Miser.

Both recipients are currently on the Spring 2013 Semester at Sea voyage.
UH Hilo’s Spring 2013 Global Vulcans

Happy Year of the Snake! All of us at the Center for Global Education and Exchange are excited about the cohort of students studying abroad this semester. For many, it is the first time out of the US, and for others, even the first time out of the State of Hawai‘i! There are year-long, semester and short-term programs. Many students participate in an exchange program where they pay UH Hilo tuition to study abroad. There are numerous possibilities. Stop by PB9, Room 6 and meet with an advisor to learn about the opportunities to study abroad.

Warmest aloha,

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Study Abroad Application Deadlines
*Note: Deadlines are due a year in advance (except for Summer programs)
Fall Semester & Academic Year: October 1st
Spring Semester & Calendar Year: February 1st
Summer: March 1st

Fun Facts:
» Hawaii is the most isolated population center on the face of the earth. Hawaii is 2,390 miles from California, 3,850 miles from Japan, 4,900 miles from China, and 5,280 miles from the Philipines.
» Honolulu’s zenith star, (the star that rises directly above it) is Arcturus. The Hawaiians called it Ho-kule’a. (Hoe koo lay uh.)
» Hawaii was the 50th state admitted to the union on August 20th, 1959.