

Global Engagement Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

September 20:

International Staff and Faculty Event

September 20: Peace & Justice — Felipe Queipo, United Nations Communications Officer

September 21: Ethics Awareness Week — Felipe Queipo

September 22: DLI Principals Conference

September 29: Kyrgyzstan Tech Conference

Welcome

Welcome to a new school year! The Office for Global Engagement is excited for what the new year has to bring. We have recently moved to a new office and are now located on the second floor of the Liberal Arts building, in LA210. Come visit us!



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Global Student Leadership Program

We're excited to announce the new students of the Global Leadership Program for the 2023–24 school year! The program will expose students to diverse cultures, immerse them in international experiences, and help them develop diplomatic skills.

This year on the program, we have three students:

- **Stephan Atkinson**, Political Science
- **Anna Lesa**, Accounting
- **Allison Herrera**, International Business



New Staff



Hannah Christiansen

*Administrative Assistant III
Part-Time Employee*

Hannah is our new admin assistant over the newsletter! She earned her bachelor's degree in English from Brigham Young University and loves to study languages.



Noopur Chokshi

*Office/Marketing Assistant
Student Employee*

Noopur is our new office and marketing assistant! She is from India and is majoring in biological science. In her free time, she loves to cook and read books.

International Faculty & Staff Networking

Since September 2021, the Office for Global Engagement has worked to provide international faculty and staff on campus with a place to meet each other. As a part of this effort, we host events that facilitate sociality and networking.

On Friday, August 25th, the Office for Global Engagement held a dinner to welcome our international faculty to the new school year. The dinner included a get-to-know-you bingo game, allowing everyone to interact and learn fun facts about the other international faculty.

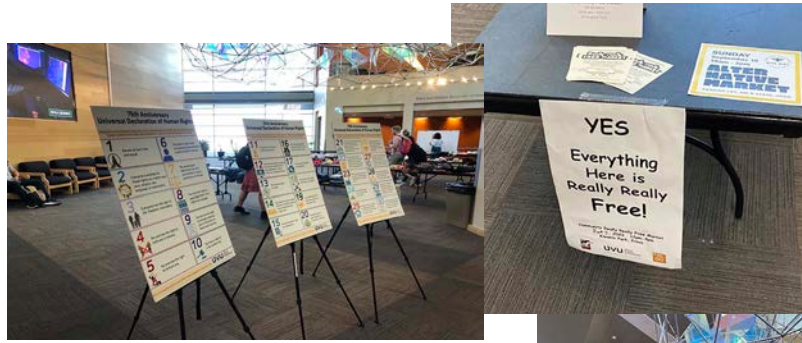


Faculty!

Are you looking to travel abroad or initiate an international agreement? Contact us!

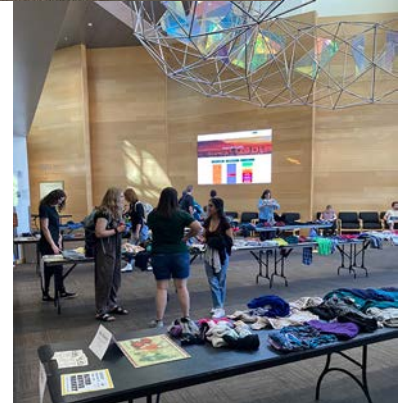
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Events



UVU Really Really Free Market

On August 30th, our office had our first really really free market, where members of our community brought in gently used items and could take from anything else left there. This initiative matches our sustainability goal, as outlined in the 17 United National Sustainable Development Goals, in article 12—ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.



African Diaspora

For the UN International Day of African Descent, the Office for Global Engagement, the African Diaspora Initiative, and the Black Student Union hosted a Proud to be African Festival on August 31st, with performances, food, and guest speakers.

AUDII


The Utah State Board of Education World Languages & Dual Immersion Office, in collaboration with the Office for Global Engagement, hosted their Annual Utah Dual Immersion Institute (AUDII) on July 31st through August 1st. This event brought hundreds of Dual Language Immersion educators to our campus for a seven-day conference.



75th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document was written by representatives from all over the world and was adopted by the UN General Assembly in Paris on December 10th, 1948. To honor the 75th year of this first document of fundamental human rights, we will be highlighting a few articles each month.

1




We are all born free and equal.

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.


Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

2



Everyone is entitled to these rights no matter your race, religion, sex, language, or nationality.

3



Everyone has the right to life, freedom, and safety.

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of person.

Wolverines Around the World

Men's Basketball in Italy

Our own men's basketball team had the opportunity to travel internationally for the first time since 2013—this time to Italy to play games in Milan, Florence, and Rome. In addition to winning all three games, the team had the opportunity to explore the cities and bond with each other as friends and teammates.



Women's Volleyball in the South Pacific

Our women's volleyball team got the chance to travel to New Zealand, Samoa, and Fiji this summer to play a few matches and give service! They even had the special opportunity to visit Coach Sam Atoa's hometown of Pesega, Samoa. On the trip, the team forged lifelong friendships, overcame challenges, and learned the beauty of diversity.



Poland



Dr. Vance Gough traveled to Warsaw, Poland, to assist in teaching courses in the MBA program at SWPS, a sister school to our Woodbury School of Business. While Dr. Gough has been teaching multiple Business Model courses for them in the past few years, this was his first year doing so in person due to COVID-19. He said about the trip,

“The experience is very rewarding, as students in their program come from all over Europe. Teaching students there about different business models, as used primarily in the West, creates wonderful dialog from different perspectives, especially as Poland was part of the former Warsaw Pact. . . . The students I worked with had diverse backgrounds and perspectives. . . . Add to that, there are almost a million (999,690) Ukrainian refugees in Poland due to the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine. The diverse experience set that these students has, brought forth questions and discussions that I’ve not encountered while living in Utah. The students were friendly, open to multiple perspectives, welcoming, and thoughtful.”



Beit Lehi, Israel



Professor Darin Taylor has been the director of the Beit Lehi project in Israel since 2007, but this year was the first he was able to take a group of students there since COVID-19. Beit Lehi is an archaeology site about 21 miles south of Jerusalem that dates back to 700 BC. The site contains remains of monumental buildings and government buildings from long, long ago. Professor Taylor brings architectural design and digital media students each year, and the students get to survey and map the site, do drone work, and film the site, receiving firsthand experience of the history of the area. Students report that the experience is life-changing, and there is more exploration and discovery each year.



Women's Soccer in Costa Rica



Our women's soccer team had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica this summer! They were able to play in a match against Liga Deportiva Alajuelense, as well as explore Costa Rica and have an amazing time there.



Here's Where UVU MBA Programs Traveled this Summer!

Vienna, Austria

Led by Professors Pat Milligan and Ruthann Cunningham



Paris, France

Led by Professor Eugene Seeley



Panama

Led by Professors Marty Van Wagoner and Xu Sun



Global Spotlight

Got an idea for an international event? The Office for Global Engagement sponsors events that promote global and intercultural engagement. Faculty may receive up to \$1500 to make the event a reality.

For more information, visit the Global Spotlight page on our website.