

Global Engagement Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

November 1: Really Really Free Market

November 1: Global Spotlight: Rescuing Children from Human Trafficking in Uganda

November 14: Global Spotlight: France and Human Rights

November 14: International Faculty/Staff Networking Meeting

November 15: Dr. Sari Tojkander lecture, Finland Education Attaché

November 28: Ukrainian Culture Night

Welcome

The Office for Global Engagement has been delighted to work with so many people to bring the world to UVU. Our Global Spotlight Initiative is starting off this school year well. This past month, we were able to spotlight Hispanic cultures in Utah—in the Spanish language. This coming month, we are looking forward to featuring rescuing children from trafficking in Uganda, as well as France’s role in human rights, discussed in the French language. We love that we have the opportunity to bring the world to students and be a part of their global education.

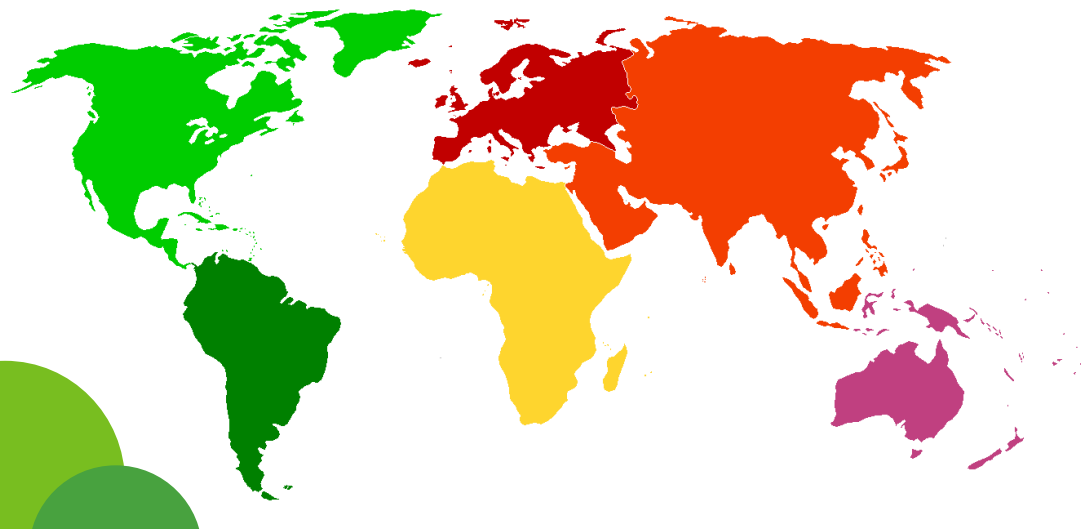


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Global Spotlight: Utah's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

On October 12, the Office for Global Engagement hosted Mr. Juan Pascua, executive director of the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, to speak to UVU students. He discussed the makeup and influence of the chamber, with over 20,000 Hispanic businesses, and the three types of businessperson: employee, self-employee, and business owner. Mr. Pascua challenged the students to choose what they want to be in the future, and then addressed the attitudes they'd need to have to achieve that goal. The students—business students with an understanding of the Hispanic world—benefited from Mr. Pascua's presentation.



Events

World Polio Day

On October 24, the Office for Global Engagement, in conjunction with UVU Rotaract, the UVU Department of History & Political Science, and the Orem–Lindon Rotary Club, hosted an event to honor World Polio Day. Speakers included Carter Darger, UVU Rotaract president; Rotary District Governor John Redd; Dr. Geoffrey Cockerham, associate professor of political science; and Stephan Atkinson, president of Utah International Mountain Forum. The event focused on the history of polio, what has been done to eradicate it, and what remains to be done to rid the world of the disease completely.



Events

United Nations Day

On October 24, we celebrated United Nations Day by hosting a tabling event to spread information about future events and activities hosted by our office and others. Featured at the event was the Office for Global Engagement, UVU Rotaract, Utah International Mountain Forum, UVU Sustainability, and Ukrainian Center Utah. We enjoyed being able to interact with students and share what we do.



Really Really Free Market

This month's really really free market was another success! The next one is on November 1. If you have items you'd like to donate, bring them to LA 210.



Fulbright Information Meeting

The Office for Global Engagement hosted an info session on the Fulbright Scholar Program to give faculty more information on this wonderful opportunity available to them. We'd like to thank Hilary Hungerford for sharing her experience with the program and application process. The meeting was well-attended and an overall success.



International Staff & Faculty

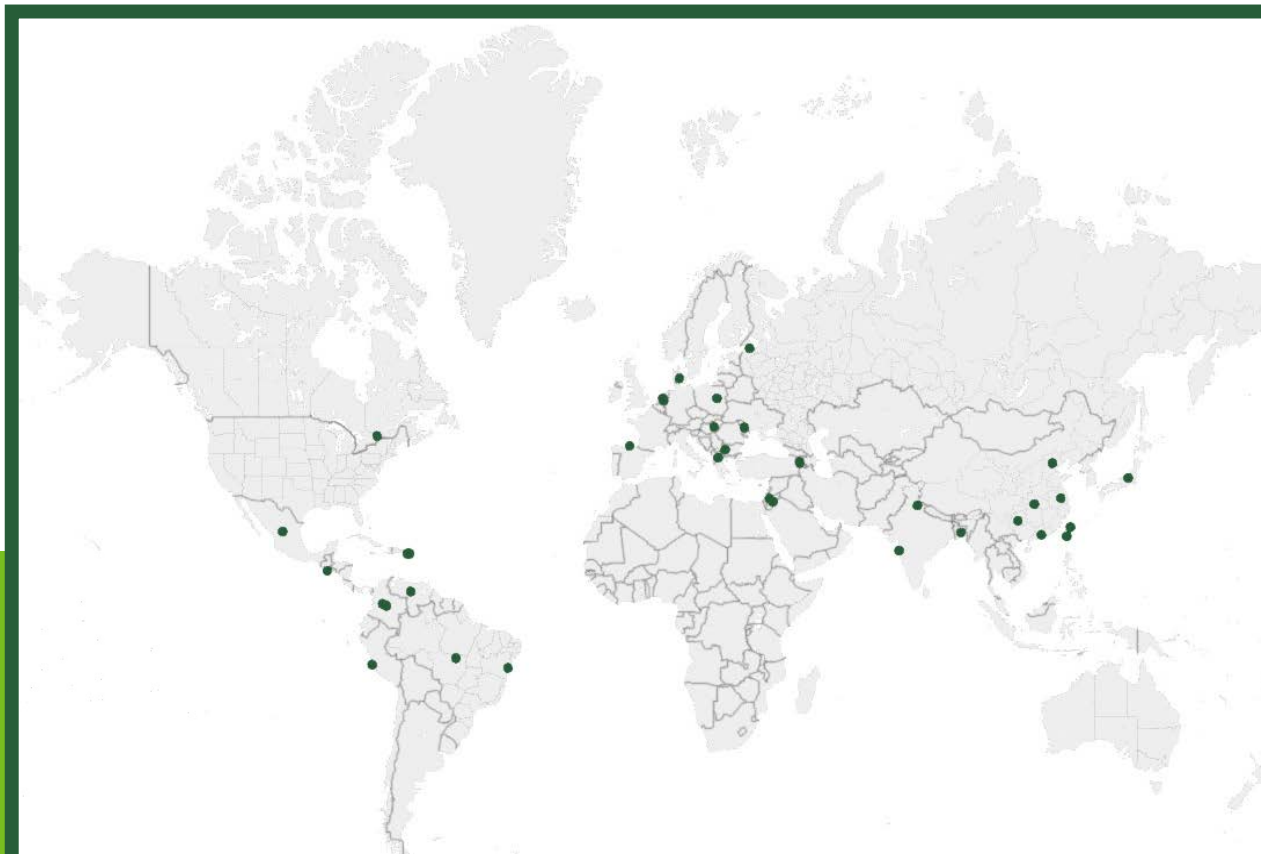
On October 26, we held our monthly social for the international staff and faculty of UVU. We had a delightful time sharing photos and getting to know each other while enjoying refreshments.



Worldwide Wolverines

This map shows some of the locations where our international faculty and staff are from!

The map will be updated in future newsletters as we receive more locations.





Join us for a celebration of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights!

What is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?

Following the Second World War, the international community wanted to ensure that the atrocities of the war never happened again. This led to the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), consisting of 30 articles, which was adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948. Now, 75 years later, the world has evolved, raising the question—what does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights mean for us today?

Submission Instructions:

Submission deadline: Sunday, November 19, 2023

Email submissions and questions to goglobal@uvu.edu.

For more information on submission guidelines for each category, please visit our website.

Call for Submissions

We invite you to submit a creative work representing one, several, or all of the articles of the UDHR. Optional prompt: What does the UDHR mean for you?

Categories:

- Creative essays
- Poetry
- Art/Poster
- Music composition
- Dance composition
- For other categories, please email goglobal@uvu.edu

Celebration

On December 6, 2023, we will be hosting a celebration in honor of the 75th anniversary of the UDHR. Selected submissions will be presented and displayed at the celebration. The event will take place at 3pm in the Grande Ballroom.

Selected submissions will also be published at a later date.

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 are highlighting a few articles each month.

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We are all equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law.

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

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You have the right to seek legal help if your rights are violated.

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No one has the right to wrongly imprison you or force you to leave your country.

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Wolverines Around the World

Greece and Rome

Professors Aliko Milioti and Paul Monson took a group of students to Greece and Rome over the summer to explore Greek and Roman architecture. This trip was unique because the group had the exclusive opportunity to go “behind the ropes” and walk in places tourists cannot usually go. They were able to get closer looks at many iconic monuments, including the Parthenon and Acropolis, and gain a better understanding of these sites. The group was also able to tour actual excavations conducted by worldwide specialists, learning from the best. In Rome, they got to tour the Pantheon, the Vatican, and other iconic sites. Many students said that this trip was life-changing and unforgettable, and the professors are looking forward to being able to take more groups in the future.



Czech Republic

In 1993, Professor Daniel Fairbanks traveled to the city of Brno in the Czech Republic for the first time to visit the place where Gregor Mendel conducted his foundational experiments on genetics. On that trip, he had the amazing opportunity to photograph and later publish Mendel’s annotations in his personal copy of Darwin’s *Origin of Species*. Since then, he has returned to the Czech Republic multiple times as a Mendel specialist. This past September, Daniel had the opportunity to return to conduct research on Mendel. For this trip, Donna Fairbanks and Hilary Demske, who are professors of music here at UVU, had the opportunity to record the Sonata for Violin and Piano by Leoš Janáček, a Czech composer who was the choirmaster in the St. Thomas Augustinian Abbey where Mendel was abbot. In 2022, Daniel was commissioned to paint a portrait of Mendel in

honor of Mendel’s 200th birthday, which is on exhibit in the Mendel Museum located in abbey where Mendel lived for most of his life. For this most recent trip, at the request of the museum, Daniel painted and delivered a portrait of Janáček. He described the experience as “art, science, music, and history all coming together” with three UVU faculty members. It was an overall marvelous trip and one that will stand out in memory for all involved.”



Global Community Advisory Board Meeting

On Tuesday, October 24, we held our semiannual advisory board meeting, which focused on the past and the future of the Office for Global Engagement. The meeting included a review of events our office has conducted in recent months. Such events include the AUDII conference, the promotion of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, our international faculty and staff networking socials, and the really really free market, among many others.

A new direction for the Office for Global Engagement was also presented to focus more on our mission statement: “Create opportunities for students to succeed and empower them to become responsible global citizens.” We want to concentrate our work to support the faculty and the university to be globally minded. The meeting also addressed recommendations going forward.

Our advisory board members:

- **David Utrilla**, *Board Chair, CEO of US Translation and Hon. Consul of Peru*
- **Karl Bowman**, *Director of World Languages, DLI Utah State Board of Education*
- **Michelle Conley**, *Director of Partner Relations, World Trade Center Utah*
- **Michael Frandsen**, *Director of International Government Relations, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*
- **Wallace Harkness**, *VP of Partnerships, Rume Health*
- **Jennifer Hogge**, *Executive Director, Engage Now Africa*
- **Peter Jay**, *Associate Vice President, UVU University Relations*
- **Ben Kolander**, *Former Executive Director of Economic Development, Salt Lake City Cooperation*
- **Golden Moore**, *Senior Vice President, International Banking, Zions Bank*
- **Dee Mower**, *Community Business Leader*
- **Felipe Queipo**, *United Nations Communications Officer*

“When we think of universities throughout the state of Utah, USU is referred as the agriculture university, the U of U is the flagship university of the state in the medical field, and UVU is the university where global engagement happens.”

~Ben Kolander, Board Member
World Trade Center Utah

