

Global Engagement Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

October 11: Really Really Free Market

October 12: Global Spotlight: Utah's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

October 17: Fulbright Program Info Session

October 24: United Nations Day

October 24: World Polio Day with UVU Rotaract

October 26: International Faculty/Staff Networking Meeting

Welcome

The Office for Global Engagement's mission is to create opportunities for students to succeed also to empower them to become responsible global citizens. Since students may not have the time or the funds to go out and travel the world, we invite the world to UVU. We want to create global experiences that are local—a "glocal" approach. Our vision states that we are committed to the principle that international experiences, awarenesses, and perspectives are vital to a strong, sustainable world, and we believe that this applies to a strong university community as well.

Through international events and networking, students get to hear the different perspectives that come from being from somewhere else and learn about how to work with others on a global level. UVU is focused on being a place for everyone—including students and faculty from all around the world. Bringing a global culture to UVU helps people from everywhere feel like they belong here.

The Office for Global Engagement



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UN International Day of Peace

On September 20th, the Office for Global Engagement hosted Mr. Felipe Queipo, Communications Officer for the United Nations, to come speak for the UN International Day of Peace. In his address, he discussed how peace isn't just the absence of conflict but includes people's quality of life as well. He brought up four different aspects of peace: peace making, peace building, peace keeping, and peace enforcing. While the UN strives for peace in and between all countries, local people are the key to peace making, and reconciliation more often than not in faith engagement. Peace can't be forced—it has to be chosen.



Ethics Awareness Week

The following day, September 21st, Felipe Queipo also gave the keynote address for Ethics Awareness Week. He discussed the Sustainable Development Goals and what the UN does to promote and achieve them. He also spoke on the effects of misinformation, disinformation, and hate speech, and what these can do to negatively impact communities.



International Staff & Faculty

On September 20th, the Office for Global Engagement hosted a social for our international faculty and staff. The social allowed faculty and staff to socialize with each other and enjoy some refreshments. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 26, at 2pm.



Faculty!

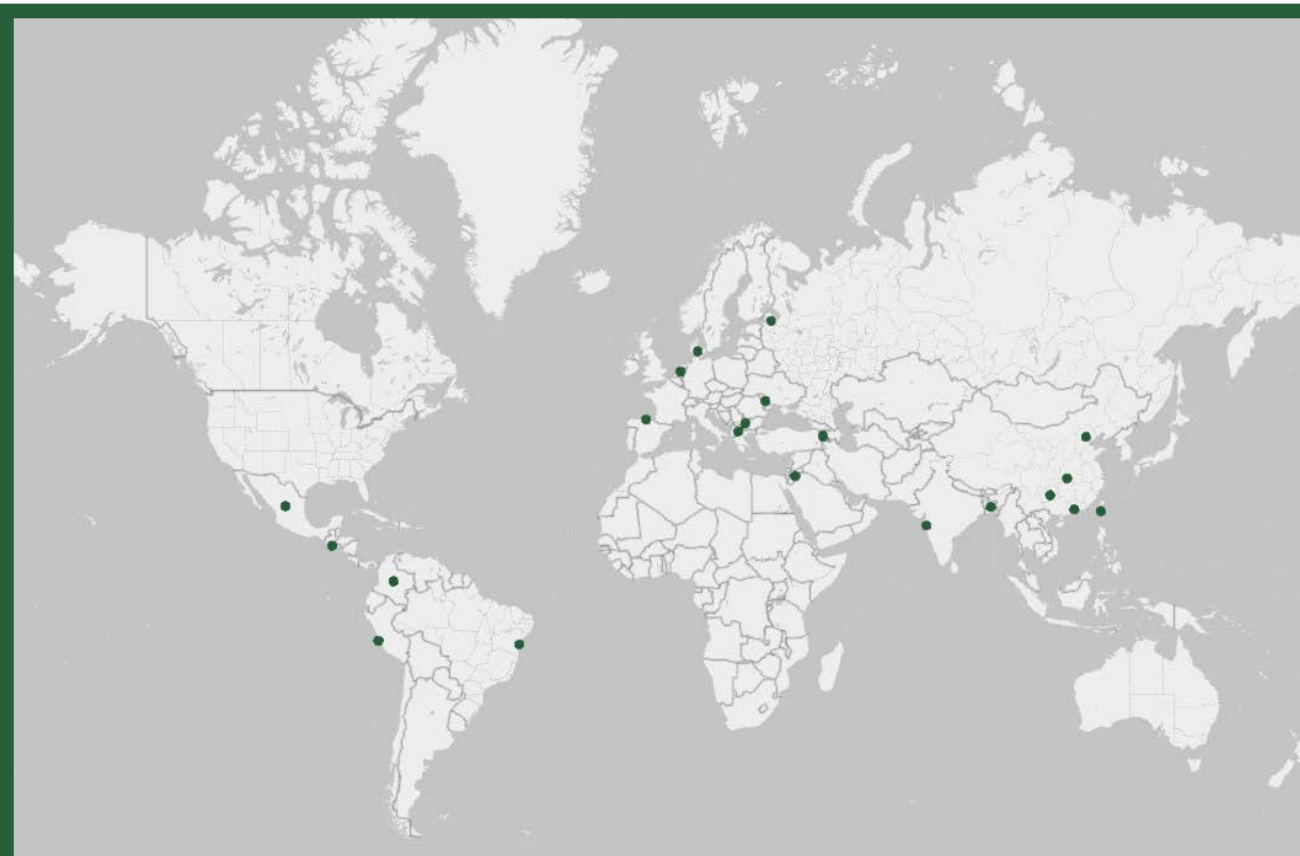
Are you looking to travel abroad or initiate an international agreement? Contact us!

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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.



Events



Kyrgyz Tech Leaders Visit UVU

From September 26th to the 29th, the Office for Global Engagement, in collaboration with the College of Engineering and Technology, welcomed the Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to the US and Canada, His Excellency Bakyt Amanbaev, along with his wife and several representatives from Kyrgyz tech companies. We are grateful to Reliable Controls, Pluralsight, and Security Metrics for hosting the delegation to visit their businesses. We are also grateful to Hon. Stuart Adams, president of the Utah Senate, for obtaining passes for the delegation to visit the Silicon Slopes Summit. Culminating the week, we held a luncheon for the group to network with some of the UVU community and tech leaders from Silicon Slopes.



Delegation visiting Pluralsight



Security Metrics



Reliable Controls

United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

On September 13th, the UVU Native American Initiative collaborated with the Office for Global Engagement, the UVU Latino Initiative, Multicultural Student Services, and the Roots of Knowledge to host a celebration in honor of the 16th year of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The event centered around a discussion on a few of the articles of the declaration and their vitality to securing the rights of Native American peoples.



Really Really Free Market

Our September Really Really Free Market was a success! Our next one will be on October 11th. If you would like to donate to the market, bring gently used items to LA 210.



DLI Principals



On September 22, the Office for Global Engagement hosted over 220 principals from Utah to convene for the annual Dual Language Immersion Advisory Council meeting. They were welcomed to campus by Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Vesela Ilieva and SOE Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Mia Kang.



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.

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No one has the right to hold you in slavery.

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

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No one has the right to torture you.

6

You have a right to be recognized everywhere as a person before the law.

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

Wolverines Around the World

Tokyo, Japan



Professor Roberto Flores represented UVU at the International Studies Association's Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, hosted at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan, from 8–10 August. The conference was focused on peace and security in the Indo-Pacific and hosted scholars and practitioners from over 40 countries. Professor Flores presented his work on avenues for strategic collaboration between the U.S. government and U.S.-based diaspora communities to promote mutually beneficial foreign policy outcomes. This is part of a larger project Professor Flores is undertaking focused on U.S. engagement with Indian diaspora communities based in the U.S., aimed at strengthening the overall U.S.-India partnership; including enhanced security cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.



Buenos Aires, Argentina

Professor Maritza Sotomayor spent her sabbatical (spring-summer 2023) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as a visiting professor at Universidad Nacional de Moreno (UNM). According to her, It was a productive time, and she enjoyed the experience of teaching at an institution similar to hers in its commitment to first-generation and non-traditional students, many of whom balance full and part-time work with their academic goals. Maritza co-taught an international economics course, lecturing students on different topics of US trade while also deepening her understanding of the Argentine economy. During her stay, Argentina's inflation rate rose from 81% in February to 113% in July. Beyond the classroom, Dr. Sotomayor collaborated on a research project and organized a panel discussion on Latin American issues. Upon her return to UVU, Maritza felt a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm. Overall, it was a valuable sabbatical experience that she will build on going forward.



UVU Global Community Advisory Board

We are grateful to the UVU Global Community Advisory Board for the direction they have provided us this past year. We look forward to meeting with them again this coming month.



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Fulbright Scholar Info Session



The Fulbright Program is a program of merit-based grants for international educational exchange for students, scholars, teachers, professionals, scientists, and artists. There will be an info session to discuss the program and answer questions on Tuesday, October 17th, at 8:30am in LA 210.