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Global Education Center, Semester and Summer Study Abroad Programs  
Suite 102, Franken Center for Faith, Learning, and Living

## Welcome Message from the Associate Dean of Global Education

The GEC study abroad programs help students:

- ◇ gain informed understanding of the host culture and its value systems
- ◇ reflect critically on their own culture and values
- ◇ acquire a global perspective on contemporary issues
- ◇ develop beginning or advanced skills in the target language (where appropriate)
- ◇ connect cross-cultural learning to their vocation and calling
- ◇ build self-confidence and cross-cultural competencies through interactions with the constituencies of the host country

“The world is a book,” said St. Augustine, “and those who do not travel read only one page.”

The college years are a time of great opportunity, where doors are open for students that close abruptly after graduation. Study abroad is one of those opportunities. The Global Education Center is committed to enabling students to spend significant time in other countries and cultures, to read more pages of that large book. Northwestern’s Vision for Learning includes the statement that “to love God is also to live joyfully as participants in a variety of communities, valuing the diversity of the human family, and seeking opportunities for learning, growth and transformation through intercultural relationships.”

We believe that immersion in another culture, whether for three weeks or a semester, offers a profound educational experience – of intellectual, emotional, spiritual and vocational dimensions. We encourage you to make a study abroad experience a priority for your college career.

You hold in your hands the first issue of GEC’s semiannual newsletter. We invite you to take a look at all we have to offer to NWC’s faculty and students. If you want to learn more about us and become part of us, we also invite you to visit us in the Global Education Center.

Dr. Douglas Carlson

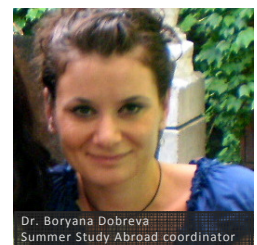
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## 2011 Study Abroad Photo Contest

Every November, the GEC hosts its annual Study Abroad Photo Contest. The contest is open to all NWC students, who have participated in one or more of our semester or summer study abroad programs. The only requirement is that the pictures are taken during the particular study abroad trips.

The 2011 SA Photo Contest was comprised of five categories: *Sensational Sights*, *People & Portraits*, *Global Green*, *Defining Moments*, and *Crossing Cultures*. With over 50 entries, the competition was rigorous, and the originality of the photos drew the attention of the wider student audience.

Students voted for their favorite pictures on our Facebook page and in the Fern Smith Lobby.

The winning photographs were announced after Thanksgiving and are now part of our picture gallery located in the Franken Center. They can be also viewed on our webpage. The prizes included a study abroad t-shirt and a SA certificate.

Jannelle Aguirre

Sensational Sights



Bob Latchaw

People & Portraits



Tyler Zeutenhorst

Global Green



Heather Pagelkopf

Defining Moments



Leslie Stover

Crossing Cultures



## Semester Study Abroad: Oman and Romania

*"God knew what he was doing when he put Romania on our hearts and brought us together in the small city of Lupeni, the city that is hugged by the mountains and kissed by the sunsets each evening. As our time draws near to an end here, I pray that we would never forget all that we have learned about ourselves and how we have learned more than a few lessons about loving others more than ourselves."*

---Words from a 2011 NWC Romania Semester Student

### ROMANIA

On December 8, 2011, eight NWC students and one Gordon College student came back to the U.S. after spending the semester learning and growing in Romania as part of the 5th year that Northwestern has offered the Romania Fall Semester. These students earned 16 credits in Romanian Culture, History and Language, Eastern Orthodoxy, Sustainable Development and Experiential Education: theory and practice. Dana Bates, founder and director of the New Horizons Foundation based in Lupeni, Romania, serves as the primary faculty member.

Honna Brown, Bethany Gray, Kate Wallin, Renee Eisenhour, Sara Simmons, Dana Franken, Taylor Culver, and Samantha Bender will all be back on campus this semester and will be willing to share about their experience!

### OMAN

On January 23, five men and three women will engage in Christian-Muslim relations as they travel to and study in Oman for a Spring semester. This is the second year that students have had the chance to attend this program that is offered through Northwestern and the Al Amana Center of Muscat, Oman.

Rev Doug Leonard, director, supervises the semester program and teaches the course of Christian-Muslim Relations. Students earn 16-17 credits in Arabic, History and Politics of the Middle East, Christian-Muslim Relations, and an independent Research Project.

The 2012 group of students are: Hannah Barker, Taylor Bodin, David McGarvey, Jennifer Carlson, Tamara Smith, Devon Thompson, Bradley Smith, and Andrew Schneider.

**The application deadline for all off-campus semester programs is February 10, 2012.**

## Summer Study Abroad Opportunities

*"I learned a lot about myself and my own culture through studying the Czech culture. It has helped me to be more receptive and conscious of other people, cultures, and beliefs. It is so important to broaden your view and knowledge of the world around you."*

2011 Student Participant  
Czech Republic

In the summer of 2011, 61 NWC students traveled on five summer study abroad trips organized by faculty and staff from different departments: Laird Edman (Psychology) and Sally Edman (Counseling Services), Paul Bartlett (Kinesiology) and Jennifer Feenstra (Psychology), Kim Van Es (English), Michael Kensak (English and German), and Doug Carlson (History). Consequently, the foci of the 2011 programs varied widely.

Students could choose from "Culture, Faith, and Mental Health in Turkey," "Czech Physical Culture," and "Faith and Justice in Israel/Palestine" to "Topics in German Cultural Studies" and "Japan: From Traditional to Modern."

The SSAO now accepts applications for its 2012 trips. We are excited to offer two new programs—"Austria: Music History and Culture" with Juyeon Kang and Luke Dahn and "Israel: Theater and the Bible" (over Christmas Break 2012/13) with Jeff Barker and Jim Mead.

Students also have the opportunity to apply for well established programs like "Ecuador: Topics in Cross-Cultural Studies" with Rick Clark and "British Culture through Art and Theater" with Bob Hubbard and Jeff Taylor, as well as previously offered programs such as "Ethiopian Visual Culture" with Arnold Carlson and "Topics in Indian Cultural Studies" with Joel Westerholm. **The application deadline for Austria, India, Ecuador, England, and Ethiopia is February 1, and for Israel April 2, 2012.**

**SSA statistics:** Since the start of SSA programs, NWC has sent a total of 466 students on 47 trips. Our most popular destinations include England, Germany, Ecuador, Czech Republic, India, and more recently, Turkey, Japan, Israel, and China.

### NWC Global Education Center

#### Mission

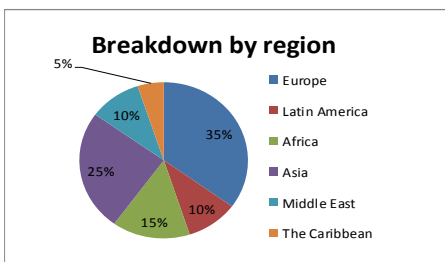
To foster cross-cultural appreciation and competence through semester and summer study abroad programs. We advise and assist students and faculty who seek opportunities for growth and reflection that integrate faith, learning and living in the context of cultural diversity and a global community.

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#### Why should you see us?

... if you are curious about summer/semester study abroad  
... if you are interested in leading a program  
... if you know you want to propose a program



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