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Message from the President

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Dear Colleagues:

Happy spring! It was so wonderful to see everyone at the annual conference in Atlanta this past year. Thank you, Dr. Yali Zhao for organizing this year's events – what a marvelous program we had. Congratulations to Dr. Merry Merryfield! IA was honored to award Dr. Merryfield the 2009 Distinguished Scholar of Global Education. We wish you continued success and look forward to your future endeavors. I invite each of you to join IA in Denver this coming fall for what will be an equally exciting and productive conference.

Our IA Adopt-a-School Project in Malawi is in dire need of our help. Resources at the Mwanji Full Primary School are minimal, yet the children are so deserving. If you can assist with a monetary donation by MAY 1, 2010, please contact Dr. Masato Ogawa (mogawa@iuk.edu). Every donation counts – you can make a difference. Read more about this project and donation details on page 3 of this newsletter.

Enjoy the remainder of the spring semester!

Sincerely,
Iftikhar Ahmad

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Message from the Vice-President and Program Chair

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Dear Colleagues:

Greetings! What a delight it was to see everyone in Atlanta for our annual conference this past year! I trust that everyone benefitted as much as I did from all of the informative sessions hosted by the International Assembly, in addition to the joint session with the College and University Faculty Assembly. Every year I am reenergized after such an event to pursue my work and collaborations with vigor and excitement. Thank you for continuing to inspire me!

I am already looking forward to reconnecting with each of you at our upcoming annual conference in Denver, Colorado, USA. The 2010 theme “Vistas, Visions, & Voices” encourages participants to contemplate global issues in a very thoughtful way. I believe this theme welcomes a multitude of fresh, international and comparative perspectives and allows presenters to truly push the envelope when considering such topics as human rights, global citizenship, sustainable world, and 21st century skills, literacy, and pedagogy. Please see the IA website and the attached IA call for proposals for submission details. *As I reminded IA members in previous emails, the deadline for IA conference proposals is April 15, 2010.*

Our membership continues to expand each year. I encourage you to pass this newsletter and/or our website address on to your colleagues. Invite them to submit proposals and share their work with us during our annual round table discussions.

Best wishes for a productive spring!

Sincerely,
Yali Zhao

2009 Distinguished Scholar of Global Education Award Winner Dr. Merry Merryfield

The Executive Board of the International Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies was proud to honor Dr. Merry Merryfield as the Distinguished Global Scholar of the Second Half of the 20th Century at the 2009 IA conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The Global Scholar Award was sponsored by the generosity of the Eleanor and Elliot Goldstein (EGEG) Family Foundation.

Dr. Merryfield is a professor at The Ohio State University, and her area of research is in global education. On her website she shares two questions that drive her inquiries: How do teachers teach? How do students learn about the world and its people? These questions have prompted many explorations for Dr. Merryfield at home and around the world in such places as Hong Kong and Africa. Her work can be found in *Social Education, Teacher Education & Practice, Journal of Curriculum and Instruction*, etc. Additionally, she has published in numerous texts and written educational books such as *Democracy and Diversity: Principals and Concepts for Educating Citizens in a Global Age*.

Congratulations Dr. Merryfield, and thank you once again for your amazing contributions as a global scholar.

Visit Dr. Merryfield's website:

<http://people.ehe.ohio-state.edu/mmerryfield/>

IA Online Journal

Journal of International Social Studies

<http://iajiss.org/>

Journal of International Social Studies is the official publication of the International Assembly and serves as a forum for social studies scholars from around the world to present and discuss common concerns and issues. The journal's mission is to heighten awareness of the international, global, and transnational nature of issues in social education.

The emphasis is on social studies scholarship and research with an international focus. The journal is particularly interested in social studies in an international setting. **The first issue will be available September 2010.** We welcome submissions of scholarly research that address the purpose and mission of the journal. The journal will continue to be published biannually in the spring and fall. Inquiries regarding the IA Journal may be sent to the editor, Dr. Lee Bisland (Beverly.Bisland@qc.cuny.edu).

Nomination for 2010 Distinguished Scholar of Global Education Award

This International Assembly award, sponsored by the EGEG Family Foundation, recognizes scholars who have made seminal contributions in teaching, writing, and leadership in the field of global education during their careers.

Our culture pays homage to pop celebrities, athletes, politicians, and movie stars. In a world made small by internet communications and jet travel, it is important that our society begins to recognize global educators, people who have made international and cross-cultural understanding their life's work. This award honors scholar-educators: as scholars they have devoted time to research, using the best techniques of problem-solving and inquiry; and as educators, they have transmitted this information to their peers and students.

Jan L. Tucker was the first recipient of this new award in 2005; James A. Becker was the second recipient in 2006; Charlotte and F. Lee Anderson were the recipients in 2007; Dr. John Cogan was the recipient in 2008; and Dr. Merry Merryfield was the recipient in 2009.

For information about the Distinguished Scholar of Global Education Award, and to submit nominations, please contact directly Dr. Toni Fuss Kirkwood-Tucker of the International Assembly at kirkwoodtf@aol.com. *Nomination deadline is May 30, 2010.*

The International Assembly of Social Educators 2010 Travel Grant

Persons applying for the travel grant must meet the following criteria:

- "International scholar" traveling from overseas;
- NCSS/IA member at the time of application;
- Expected to attend the conference, taking advantage of the conference sessions offered;
- Expected to use information and skills gained at the conference to improve your education efforts;
- If awarded a grant, the person will not be eligible for a grant for two subsequent NCSS/IA annual conferences;
- If declining to attend, the award is forfeited and cannot be applied to other conferences.

The complete application form is attached in this issue of newsletter and is also available on IA website.

Please send completed applications by May, 30 2010 to:
Dr. Patricia Pederson, Travel Grant Administrator
ppederson@ets.org

Special Project Supported by the International Assembly

Adopt-A-School Project

Help Children Living on Less than \$1/Day Receive the Education They Deserve

The Adopt-A-School Project provides resources (e.g., backpacks) to needy schools in the developing world. The International Assembly continues to lend its support to the Mwanje Full Primary School (1st-8th grades) in Malawi. People in this area live on less than \$1/day and need our help. Dr. Josiah Tlou has a long-standing relationship with the school and maintains efforts in making sure donated resources are transported and utilized effectively. Each summer Dr. Patricia Kelly and her students from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (known as Virginia Tech) deliver backpacks and other supplies to the children in Malawi.

The International Assembly continues to support this effort through an annual \$500 donation. Individual IA members provide matching funds to bring the total to at least \$1,000 each year. A donation of \$1,000 covers backpacks for one grade level. In 2008, during our Houston conference, we collected a total of \$1128. **Currently, we are in desperate need of additional funding.** YOU can make a difference – spread the word about this opportunity for giving with colleagues, families, and friends.

Check out our website for more details:
<http://ncssia.org/pages/adopt-school.html>



MWANJE PRIMARY SCHOOL



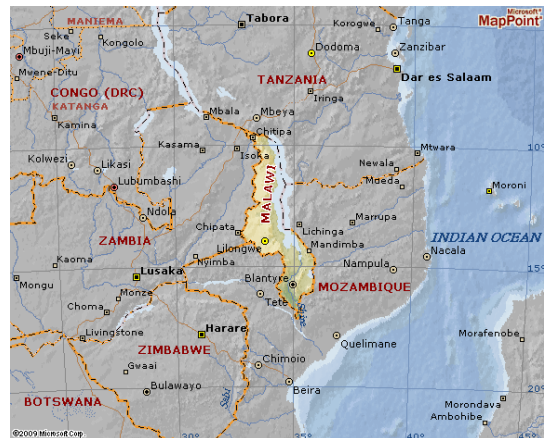
DONATIONS NEEDED by MAY 1, 2010

Donations are needed by May 1. Please share this opportunity for giving with your friends, family, and colleagues! Thank you in advance for your generosity and concern for the education of needy children around the world!

To make a donation, checks should be made payable to the the International Assembly and mailed to:

Dr. Masato Ogawa
Division of Education
Indiana University Kokomo
2300 South Washington St.
Post Office Box 9003
Kokomo, IN 46904-9003

Should you have any questions or ideas for other ways you can support this worthy cause, please e-mail Dr. Ogawa (mogawa@iuk.edu).





Study Abroad Spotlight on ... Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA, USA

As professors of social science education, we often grapple with the variety of experiences our future teachers are offered that truly help them in developing a deep understanding of culture and a strong sense of global perspectives. As instructors, we provide readings, projects, and conversations that expose our students to such topics. Field placement experiences in local area schools push students to apply theoretical frameworks studied within coursework. However, it is important that students are provided with *an experience*, as Dewey might say, outside of their norm to really question and identify connections he/she may have with the world. International and cross-cultural immersion experiences open pre-service teachers' future classroom doors much wider.

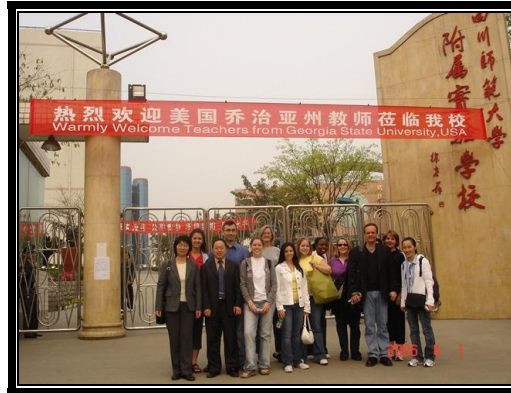
The Department of Early Childhood Education (ECE) at Georgia State University offers a variety of study abroad programs for both student teachers and interns and international exchange programs with many countries. Dr. Yali Zhao created a cultural immersion experience in China for student teachers taking place the last four weeks of students' final semester. Similarly, Dr. Laura Meyers created a three-week experience for student teachers in Mexico. Both programs involve a faculty member accompanying the student teachers abroad and serving as a mentor/coach in the cross-cultural immersion experience. Recently, this department added spring break excursions to study overseas educational systems (Norway and Sweden). Programs that include a faculty mentor have proven to be very successful in scaffolding students' thinking and broadening their development as culturally responsive practitioners. Additional ECE study abroad sites from 4 weeks to half a semester student teaching include: Norway, Sweden, Turkey, Ethiopia, and Korea.



Have you created a study abroad program at your university? Do you have students traveling abroad as part of a cultural immersion experience? We would like to highlight your programs and your students' experiences in our next issue of the IA Update Newsletter. Please send your favorite photos with informative captions to Dr. Laura Meyers (lemeyers@gsu.edu).



Dr. Laura Meyers with students in Gothenburg, Sweden.



Dr. Yali Zhao with students in Chengdu, China.



Student teachers with their Korean classroom teachers.



Student teachers in Puebla, Mexico.

The International Assembly of Social Educators Meeting
90th Annual Conference of the National Council for the Social Studies
Vistas, Visions, & Voices
Denver, Colorado, USA
November 12-14, 2010



The International Assembly provides a forum for collaboration and interchange of ideas among NCSS members from the United States and other countries. The Assembly promotes linkages among NCSS educators to enhance professional development; to enrich social studies learning; and to share research, learning activities, and teaching methods with global perspectives. All NCSS members are welcome to attend these events.

As global educators we prepare global citizens who hold inspiring dreams for our future and contribute to the betterment of our world. We need to help our students become citizens who are equipped with appropriate skills, attitudes, and approaches in this constantly changing and increasingly diverse society. The 2010 conference will highlight the central role of social studies in our schools: preparing 21st century citizens who have learned from the voices of the past to envision an interdependent global society of the future.

International Assembly welcomes proposals which are aligned with the conference theme and address global issues, including the integration of global perspectives, practices that enhance global citizenship, and the enrichment of human life through global and local partnerships. The following are the strands for the 2010 conference:

Human Rights - Past and Present

Global Citizenship

Globalization and Economic Interdependence

Sustainable World

21st Century Skills, Literacy, and Pedagogy

Social Studies for Young Learners

IA MEMBERSHIP

The International Assembly provides a forum for collaboration and interchange of ideas among NCSS members from the United States and foreign countries. The Assembly promotes linkages among NCSS educators to enhance professional development, to enrich social studies learning, and to share research, learning activities, and teaching methods with global perspectives. The Assembly conducts its own program and business meeting during the NCSS Annual Conference.

Annual dues: \$20 for residents of the United States.

International members of the International Assembly are required to be members of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS). International members of the NCSS need to pay \$5 to become members of the INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

If you are a current U.S. member of NCSS and wish to join the INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY, please do it online at <http://www.socialstudies.org/membership/> or send a \$20.00 (US) check or money order to:

**National Council for the Social Studies,
Membership Department
8555 Sixteenth Street – Suite 500
Silver Springs, MD, 20910
Phone: 1-800-296-7840**

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IA UPDATE

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IA Update is published twice a year by the International Assembly. Previously published newsletters are available on the IA website: <http://ncssia.org>. A special thank you to all who contributed to this issue of the newsletter! If you would like to contribute to future issues, contact the editor directly (lemeyers@gsu.edu). We welcome stories, photos, and other worthwhile contributions!

The International Assembly of Social Educators 2010 Travel Grant

Please Type

Name:	Address:
City:	State/Province:
Country:	Zip/Postal Code:
Telephone:	Fax:
E-mail:	Institutional Affiliation:
National Council for the Social Studies Membership Number:	
How many years have you been a member of the International Assembly?	
How many International Assembly/NCSS annual conferences have you attended in the last five years?	

Please answer the following on a separate page. Responses should be 1-2 paragraphs each. Please type responses.

1. Briefly describe your current position as a social studies educator.
2. Briefly describe the value you see in attending an Annual NCSS/IA conference. Please identify specific information, skills, or contacts you seek at the conference, and indicate how they will be used and shared with your colleagues *and* students.

I understand that:

- *U.S. citizens and persons living in the U.S. are ineligible for this award;*
- I must be an "international scholar" traveling from overseas to be eligible for this grant;
- I must be an NCSS/IA member at the time of application to be eligible for this grant;
- I am expected to attend the conference, taking advantage of the conference sessions offered;
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- If awarded this grant, I will not be eligible for this grant for two subsequent NCSS/IA annual conferences; and
- If I decline to attend, the award is forfeited and can not be applied to other conferences.

By submitting this application, I certify that all statements made above are true and correct.

Please send the completed application to:
Patricia Pederson, Travel Grant Administrator: ppederson@ets.org

GRANT APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE: May 30, 2010
No extensions or waivers of grant deadlines will be allowed.

The International Assembly of Social Educators reserves the right to review, accept or reject any and all applications without penalty and further reserves the right to pursue legal recourse in the case of fraudulent application for funds.

2010 PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

Due April 15, 2010

TITLE OF PAPER: (Please type or print)

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS (Give all the information below for each of the participants.)

PRESENTER 1:

Position/Title:

School/University/Organization:

Contact Address:

City/State/Province

Country:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

PRESENTER 2:

Position/Title:

School/University/Organization:

Contact Address:

City/State/Province

Country:

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Fax:

Email:

PRESENTER 3:

Position/Title:

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ABSTRACT: In the space below, type or print legibly an abstract of 150 words outlining the content of your proposal.

In the following space, please present a rationale for the inclusion of your manuscript in the International Assembly Round Table session. Please print or type.

Please include a short statement of background that we can share with other participants. We will share this and your contact information unless you direct us otherwise.

For the purpose of avoiding any misunderstandings, your electronic submission acknowledges the following statement of intent:

I certify that the named participants and I have agreed to take part in this program if this proposal is accepted. It will be my responsibility to notify each co-presenter regarding the status of the proposal as well as the date, time, and location of the presentation if accepted.

If you are sending your proposal by mail carrier, please sign your name below and date your proposal.

Name _____

Date _____

INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The International Assembly is a forum within the NCSS for discussion of the international dimensions of the Social Studies. Membership is open to all members of NCSS who are interested in the development and implementation of Social Studies within the Global Village.

Please send your proposal by **April 15, 2010** either electronically via email attachment to yzhao@gsu.edu or send three copies by regular mail to the address below. Thank you.

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