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## Faculty Value Chances to Teach Abroad



For Louise Westling, teaching abroad offers not only unmatched opportunities for students, who can see and experience cultural icons first-hand, but also invaluable scholarly resources for faculty members such as herself, who have the chance to explore original sources and

locations.

"Being on-site is marvelous for teaching because you have resources at your fingertips that you would be hard-pressed to have here," she says. "Small class sizes mean that teachers get to know their students very well. To me, it is the best kind of teaching!"

For Jeffrey Hurwit, who normally must illustrate his art history class lectures with slides of works of art and architecture, there's no substitute for looking at art in the original.

"I've had splendid teaching and research experiences during my two trips to Siena, Italy," he reports. "Not only is it wonderful to have access to original art and the remarkable opportunities for travel, but also the students one teaches in study-abroad programs are strongly motivated and inherently interested in their studies."

Westling, English, and her husband George Wickes, English emeritus, have made two trips to London, in 1998 and in Fall 2003, through the Northwest Council on Study Abroad (NCSA), one of the four consortia representing 30 colleges and universities served by AHA International. The couple also have taught at several other sites abroad.

## Garrett Helps Diversity Bloom



*By Kaya Hardin*

Denise Garrett, Architecture and Allied Arts, is applying her degree in horticulture to the growth of a creative and diverse office environment. Her innate ability to make diversity thrive has won her one of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. awards.

Garrett said she felt honored by the award and the "beautiful ceremony" that made her feel appreciated for her work with the SEIU 503 union, her diverse office

and her sharing of tribal culture.

"I didn't set out to create such a diverse office," she says about the variety of ethnicities that fill her work environment. "It was an unconscious choice to create this atmosphere. Diversity is innate to my nature--it's part of who I am."

A member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Garrett lived and worked in Siletz for 15 years before moving to Eugene. She remains closely connected to Siletz by family ties and through activities such as taking traditional basket weaving classes and staying active in the tribal affairs.

Garrett is the editor of SEIU Local 085's monthly newsletter and is a board member of CAPE (Citizen Action by Public Employees). Through the union, she has had a hand in organizing Workers' Rights are Human Rights Day and an upcoming candidates forum.

"I work with a wonderful group of people. This job is very social and in it I feel connected to the school and have a part in its development," she says. "The students are so creative and hopeful

Hurwit's foreign teaching assignments, in 1995 and in Spring 2001, both were arranged through NCSA, too. He developed a new course, on the impact of ancient monuments on Renaissance art, which he's taught while in Siena as well as in various forms on the UO campus.

AHA, a leading provider of study-abroad programs for faculty and students, became a UO academic program on June 30. AHA's board of advisers and program site directors will meet Feb. 25 on campus for the first time.

Westling, as well as Sharon Schuman, Clark Honors College, and Associate Vice President Harry Battson, Strategic Communications, serve on the advisory board.

In London, Westling taught classes on the Bloomsbury avant-garde group of writers between the two world wars and conducted research on writer Virginia Woolf. Wickes, "especially apropos in London, the world capital of theater," taught a theater course.

According to Westling, the selection of faculty participants for NCSA assignments is very competitive because the working conditions are very attractive.

"Faculty are paid for teaching a normal class load, without the added expectations of committee meetings and other ancillary duties on campus," she says.

AHA International, a Portland nonprofit that has delivered study-abroad programs to U.S. college students since 1957, continues to operate there. It administers a wide range of academic programs in 14 countries--including Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico and Spain--and maintains partnerships with a prestigious list of overseas universities.

Since the 2003 merger, AHA has worked cooperatively with International Programs, which offers 80 programs in more than 50 countries worldwide from the UO campus. During 2002-2003, a total of 775 UO students participated in AHA and other study-abroad programs, 13 percent more than the previous year.

For more information, visit the UO International Resources web site, <[international.uoregon.edu/](http://international.uoregon.edu/)>, and the AHA web site, <[www.aha-intl.org/index.html](http://www.aha-intl.org/index.html)>. A list of the 57 UO faculty members who have participated in NCSA assignments overseas is on-line at <[comm.uoregon.edu/supp/ncsafaculty.html](http://comm.uoregon.edu/supp/ncsafaculty.html)>.

## In Brief...

### Panel Solicits Committee Choices

about the future. Their engaged, positive energy is wonderful and keeps my outlook fresh."

*Kaya Hardin is a student reporter for Inside Oregon.*

## People

### IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Bill Moos**, Intercollegiate Athletics, received Washington State University's Alumni Achievement Award at halftime of the UO-WSU basketball game Feb. 14 in Pullman.

### ON THE MOVE

**Mick Westrick**, Lundquist Business director of technology and user services since 1998, will leave Feb. 27 to become director of technology for the University of Washington business school.

### IN PRINT/ON DISPLAY

**Hill Walker**, Education, is co-author of the cover story and of a second major article in the Winter 2003-2004 issue of *American Educator*, the professional journal of the American Federation of Teachers. The lead article is "Heading Off Disruption: How Early Intervention Can Reduce Defiant Behavior--and Win Back Teaching Time," while the other story is "How Disruptive Students Escalate Hostility and Disorder--and How Teachers Can Avoid It."

## This Week

- Jeffrey Hollender, ceo of Seventh Generation, discusses his book, *What Matters Most: How a Small Group of Pioneers Is Teaching Corporate Responsibility to Big Business and Why Big Business Is Listening*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 26**, in 182 Lillis.
- University Theatre's "Wild Nights With Emily" opens at 8 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 27**, in Robinson Theatre and continues **Feb. 28**, **March 4-6** and **12-13**, with a 2 p.m. benefit matinee on **March 7**.
- The Humanities Symposium, "War and Martial Metaphor in Scripture," opens at 8 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 29** and ends at 8 p.m. Monday, **March 1**, both in 182 Lillis. Included are two keynote lectures and a panel discussion.

For more about University events, visit the [Calendar of Events](#).

The Committee on Committees is asking each faculty member to indicate on which of the nearly 30 standing committees and administrative advisory groups they wish to serve during 2004-2005. Visit [committees.uoregon.edu/](http://committees.uoregon.edu/) for information about each committee. The deadline for responding is Friday, March 5. Send completed preference cards to Kathy Wagner in the President's Office, 6-3037.

### **APRU Nominations Due March 19**

Administrators and faculty members are invited to nominate junior faculty members in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and public policy for the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Fellows Program. One or two will be chosen to represent the university at the two-week summer program, "Globalization and the Environment: Multidisciplinary Perspectives." Fellows will also be able to compete for the \$6,000 Collaborative Research Paper Award for the best paper on the program theme. The University of California at Santa Barbara will host the Aug. 15-21 session, while Osaka University in Japan will host the Aug. 22-28 program. The UO Research office will provide the \$2,600 registration fee for each UO fellow; International Programs will pay \$700 per fellow toward airfare costs. Nominations are due Friday, March 19. For more about the APRU Fellows Program, visit [www.chancellor.ucsb.edu/apru/](http://www.chancellor.ucsb.edu/apru/). For information, call Moira Kiltie, 6-3188; e-mail [kiltie@uoregon.edu](mailto:kiltie@uoregon.edu), or Todd Lundgren, 6-1226; [lundgren@darkwing](mailto:lundgren@darkwing).

### **Staff Service to be Honored March 1**

Nearly 150 classified employees--with 1,720 total years of service among them--will be honored on Monday, March 1, during a reception from 3:30-5 p.m. in Gerlinger Alumni Lounge. At 4 p.m., President Dave Frohnmayer will recognize those who have reached five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service to the university. For a complete list, visit [hr.uoregon.edu/recognition/reception-invitation.htm](http://hr.uoregon.edu/recognition/reception-invitation.htm). Call 6-2939 or e-mail [kcooks@hr](mailto:kcooks@hr).

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