

From the Podium and Beyond

By Carol Olechowski

Fulbright Gateway Site UAlbany Welcomes the World

Mention “gateway,” and people undoubtedly think of cities – New York, Miami, Los Angeles – renowned for their hospitality. Now, UAlbany can claim an association with the word, too.

One of only eight institutions in the country selected as 2009 Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program sites by the U.S. Department of State and the Institute of International Education (IIE), the University welcomed about 40 international graduate students in early August. UAlbany’s Office of International Education coordinated the local arrangements for the week-long program, which included lectures, workshops, panel discussions, group projects and tours that introduced the guests – who will study at universities throughout the U.S. – to American culture, education and government, and to the Albany area. Sessions also focused on stress management, non-citizens’ rights, physical and mental health and wellness, banking, housing and community engagement.

Among those on hand for the event was IIE Director of Enrichment and Professional Development Carl DeAngelis, M.S.’84, who holds a

degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). DeAngelis oversees all Fulbright enrichment activities, including English-language and orientation initiatives, as well as the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program.

Sponsored by the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program prepares international students planning to pursue master’s and doctoral studies in the U.S.



Mark Schmitt

Lane Conducts Research in Middle East



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Jason E. Lane spent part of his summer studying. As a 2009-10 Fulbright New Century Scholar, the assistant professor of Educational Administration & Policy Studies visited the Middle East for six weeks, examining why universities and colleges establish campuses in foreign countries. Hosted by Michigan State University Dubai at the Dubai International Academic City (DIAC), Lane also “traveled in country to Abu Dhabi and Sharjah, and took a trip to Qatar to explore the international branch campuses there.” Universities, he explained, “no longer function simply as resources for education and training. By serving as economic drivers in communities within other countries, these institutions are, in a sense, rewriting the theory of a university.”

Lane will return to Dubai for a follow-up visit in January.

Ravi Is Distinguished Teaching Professor



Mark Schmidt

The State University of New York recently added something to S.S. Ravi's title: the designation "Distinguished Teaching Professor."

Ravi came to UAlbany in the 1980s, attracted by the prospect of teaching alongside such respected researchers as Daniel J. Rosenkrantz and Turing Award winner Richard E. Stearns. He has taught computer science at UAlbany for 25 years and administers his department's internship program.

Chancellor Honors UAlbany Student Athletes

UAlbany undergraduates Katie Neer (women's lacrosse); Steward Ceus (men's soccer); Nasim Siddeeq (men's track); and Kamilah McShine (women's track) were among 72 SUNY students recognized June 9 as Chancellor's Scholar Athlete Award winners.



Kamilah McShine

Each scholar athlete received a congratulatory letter from Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher and a plaque.

SBA Ranks UAlbany's SBDC Among Top 10

The UAlbany-based New York State Small Business Development Center is one of the top 10 such centers in the nation, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

For 25 years, the center – part of the School of Business – "has helped start-up and existing companies develop strategic business plans and identify funding sources," noted William Brigham, SBDC director. Its goal, he added, "is to provide Capital Region entrepreneurs with the facts and business acumen they need to help their organizations succeed."

Since 1984, SBDC has provided business assistance to 17,273 entrepreneurs, spurred more than \$224 million in economic investment, and created or saved 8,586 jobs.

USAID Supports CLD's Work in Lebanon

UAlbany's Center for Legislative Development (CLD), the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities of Lebanon, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have signed a three-year, \$9.3 million initiative government-reform training initiative that will offer specialized assistance to Lebanese municipalities.

With Lebanon preparing for municipal elections in 2010, the USAID-funded Assistance to Sustain Local Democratic Practices program will address such issues as training for new mayors, improving relations between citizens and their representative institutions, and developing strategies to facilitate smooth transitions to newly elected councils.

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Photo: Mark McCarty

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BY THE NUMBERS: UAlbany's Class of 2013

The University at Albany is pleased to welcome another outstanding freshman class to campus this fall. Characterized by continually rising interest, growing selectivity, increasing quality and strong diversity, the Class of 2013 is one that we can all be proud of.

	2008	2009
Applications	21,892	22,186
Admit rate (percentage)	50.4	47.0
Enrolled	2,404	2,277
Freshman targets	2,350	2,250

*Traditional Freshmen	2008	2009
Mean high school G.P.A. enrolled	89.7	90.7
Top 10 class rank (percentage)	16	22
Mid-range SAT	1080-1210	1090-1220

Scholars & Honors	2008	2009
Presidential Scholars	147	241
Frederick Douglass Scholars	25	22
Honors College	81	140

Gender (percentage)	2008	2009
Male	50.8	50.3
Female	49.2	49.6

Ethnicity (percentage)	2008	2009
Students of color	27.2	30

Most popular intended majors of enrolling freshmen:

business and accounting sciences (including biology, human biology, chemistry, earth and atmospheric science, and physics)	English, communication and journalism
psychology	criminal justice
political science and public policy	computer and information science
	history
	mathematics

**Excludes students admitted through the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and other special admission categories*

Information provided by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Clinical Psychology Program Earns ABCT Recognition

UAlbany's Clinical Psychology Program, which integrates scientific and professional training to prepare students for eventual roles as researchers, academics, clinicians, and problem solvers, has earned the 2009 Outstanding Training Program Award from the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.

Offered through the Department of Psychology and accredited by the American Psychological Association, the program admits only eight to 10 students each year.

BYRON HAS A NEW GIG

Grammy-nominated musician and 2007 Guggenheim Fellow Donald E. Byron's next gig is in Europe. The winner of the 2009-10 Samuel Barber Rome Prize for Musical Composition will spend the next year at the American Academy in Rome, Italy, working on a chamber opera based on the novel *Gentlemen's Agreement* and the film of the same name.

Byron, a visiting associate professor at UAlbany, was also a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in music this year. His albums include 2004's "Ivey-Divey," which was nominated for a Grammy Award.



Till Krautkraemer