As we welcome in the New Year, I would like to extend my warmest greetings and wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2015. I thank you for taking the time to read our inaugural newsletter for the Center for Global Studies!

The CGS was established at Purdue University Calumet in 2006 and is a research and educational center designed to promote multi-disciplinary research on globalization and area studies.

CGS focuses on the humanities and social sciences and is committed to studying practice-oriented fields such as global environment and global health.

Our organization also coordinates outreach efforts in the area of global studies by facilitating faculty and student collaboration on research and education activities.

STRATEGIC PLAN & GOALS: As director, I have created a strategic plan for 2015 through 2017 for which I intend the Center for Global Studies to carry out.

The goals of the strategic plan are to promote interdisciplinary research on global and area studies through core research projects, a global forum and student-research forum on globalization and through sponsored research programs on global studies.

Another goal in our strategic plan is to support global education and training programs, which we intend to do through curriculum development on global studies, study abroad and international student research projects and through global communication projects.

Finally, our last goal is to develop global research collaboration through a global research abroad program, research collaboration with the Purdue University campuses and a research partnership with other regional and national institutions.

ACTIVITIES: The CGS has already done much of the legwork necessary in 2014 to make the many exciting activities scheduled for 2015 a reality.

1) Research Abroad Program: We have already designed, coordinated and initiated a new program in Taiwan, which will be implemented from June 4-12 of this year. In order to do this, our organization visited Taiwan and finalized the agreements with two Taiwan universities that have committed to supporting the lodging, meals, field trips, local transportation, International symposium organization and all necessary logistic services for 15 Purdue participants.

On December 12, 2014, the RFP was distributed to Purdue Calumet, Purdue West Lafayette and Purdue North Central.

After this time, we secured the financial support from PUC’s LASS, Office of Research and Graduate Studies and the International Affairs Offices.

2) Events and Publications: On October 14, 2014, the CGS, University of Michigan and Purdue West Lafayette designed and organized a workshop entitled “Multi-Methods Research Design for Spatial Study.”

This online workshop series focused on the Spatial Study of Chinese Religions and Society.

On December 3, 2014, the CGS, and the National Chengchi University in Taiwan designed and organized a training workshop entitled “Spatial Study
Message from the Director, continued

of the Protestant Market in China.” The workshop, which took place at the International Workshop, informed attendees on the Spatial Study of Chinese Religions and Society.

As an upcoming event, the CGS will host its first global forum on Wednesday, April 8 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Purdue Calumet. The topic is “China’s Dilemma in its Global Initiative: Issues with Confucius Institutes.” The event will be chaired by myself and the event speaker will be Professor Licheng Gu from Northwestern University. Also involved in the discussion will be Dr. Wei Hong, professor and director of the Chinese Language Program and director of the Confucius Institute at Purdue University, West Lafayette.

During the past decade, China has aggressively promoted Confucius Institutes throughout the world in its ambitious global initiative. Since 2004, 14 Confucius Institutes have been established in the Midwest, 100 in America and 1,000 throughout the entire world. While celebrating its great success, China has encountered various forms of resistance from hosting institutions.

In his presentation, Professor Gu will discuss this dilemma by comparing two stories: the story of the Confucius Institute’s failure at the University of Chicago and the story of the Institute’s success at Purdue University. At this event, problems will be identified, merits will be celebrated, puzzles will be solved, but most importantly, lessons will be discussed.

3) Grant proposal preparation and submission: During the end of 2014, I took the necessary steps to request funding for our organization. On October 1, on behalf of the CGS, I completed and submitted an Online Funding Inquiry on “promoting religious freedom and entrepreneurship in China” to the John Templeton Foundation. I also worked with Professor Yueqi Zhang in November to draft and submit a grant idea on “The Digital Gary Museum,” sponsored by the Knight Foundation. Currently, I am preparing a highly competitive National Endowment for Humanity grant proposal for a training program on spatial study of religion and society, which is due on March 10, 2015.

4) Center’s Infrastructure: As our organization is getting off the ground, we are making strides in our infrastructure.

As such, our website (http://blogs.purduecal.edu/cgs/) has been completely redesigned and maintained, offering information on the organization and a listing of all PUC courses on global studies.

Our organization has selected and invited 10 research fellows to join the CGS and our organization has worked with Professor Jin Lu to draft a proposal to develop a global studies minor.

I have also engaged in discussions and finalization of the CGS strategic plan with the LASS council, LASS dean, department head, CGS research fellows and International Affairs administrators. Lastly, we have secured financial resources in support of the CGS operation, graduate assistant—of which we have hired two current graduate assistants—and external guest lecture.

As you can clearly see, Purdue Calumet’s Center for Global Studies has already made large strides to completing its goals and will continue to build a lasting legacy for the Purdue Calumet campus.

As the director of this organization, I am proud of what has been accomplished so far and look to our future with optimism and excitement as we move through 2015.

Meanwhile, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. Ronald Corthell, Dean of LASS, who provides visionary leadership and effective support to CGS.

My thanks also goes to the Office of Research and Graduate Studies and the International Affairs Office for their exceptional support and help. In particular, I am grateful to our center’s research fellows, other PUC faculty and supporting staff who have devoted their talent, time and effort in support of CGS initiatives.

Thank you,

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Lee Artz: Professor, Media Studies, Communication & Creative Arts

Lee Artz (Ph.D., University of Iowa) is professor of media studies. He teaches courses in mass communication, media theory, international communication, and persuasion and social movements. Before coming to Purdue, Dr. Artz taught at Loyola University Chicago, the University of Iowa, and Stanford University.

He has written numerous articles on media influence, cultural diversity and democratic communication for leading journals.

His edited books include: Marxism and Communication: The Point is to Change It; The Media Globe: Trends in International Communication, Bring ‘Em On! Media and Politics in the Iraq War; The Globalization of Corporate Media Hegemony; Public Media and the Public Interest; Communication and Democratic Society; and Cultural Hegemony in the United States.

He has received awards in both scholarship and teaching, including the Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence at Loyola, the National Communication Association’s Applied Communication Division’s Distinguished Article Award (with Frey, Pearce, Pollock and Murphy, 1998), and the First Paper Award at the Global Fusion Conference (2001). He was selected as Outstanding Scholar at Purdue Calumet in 2005 and served as director of Purdue’s Center for Instructional Excellence for four years.

A former machinist and union activist, Artz has been a frequent advisor on communication and education for labor organizations and public and private schools in Illinois and Michigan. He received his B.S. in Education and Black Studies at Wayne State University and his M.A. in Communication at California State University-Hayward.

Book:

Book Chapters:

Conference Presentations:

Journal Articles:

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Z. George Hong, Professor of History, Department of History and Political Science

Dr. Hong is professor of History and director of the Center for Global Studies at Purdue University Calumet. He also serves as co-director of the Center on Religion and Chinese Society at Purdue University, West Lafayette, and guest professor at Zhejiang University, China.

Dr. Hong received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Maryland at College Park. Dr. Hong has authored four books, edited and co-edited five books, and published more than 100 refereed articles and book chapters in the fields of modern China, US-China relations, comparative modernization, and economic history.

He has received more than 40 external grants of $12 million as PI and Co-PI in advancing interdisciplinary research, teaching and programmatic projects. Recently, as a PI, he received grants of $700,000 from the Henry Luce Foundation in support of the spatial study of Chinese religions and society.

Book:

Journal Articles:

Speeches:
- Delivered an invited speech, “The Poverty of Rights and the Protestant House Church in China.” Invited by the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong. December 2014

Paper Presentations:

Grants:
- As a PI, Dr. Hong received a grant of $400,000 from the Henry Luce Foundation in support of the spatial study of religion and Chinese society.

Administrative Services:
- Co-Director, the Center on Religion and Chinese Society at Purdue University, West Lafayette. (2008-present)
- Chief Research Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Professional Development at Purdue University Calumet. (2005-2010)
- Associate Vice President for Sponsored Research and Faculty Development at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. (2001-2005)
- Director of the Asia/Pacific Initiative at Savannah State University of Georgia. (1996-2001)
Jin Lu, Professor of French

Education:
- Ph.D. in French Literature (May 1995). Department of Romance Languages & Literatures, Boston College
- M.A. in French Literature, Peking (Beijing) University and Université de Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle (1988)
- B.A. in French Literature, Peking (Beijing) University, China (1985)

Awards and Grants:
- State of Indiana French Teacher of the Year Collegiate Level (2011)
- Purdue University Calumet Faculty Summer Research Grant (2007)
- Purdue University Calumet Experiential Education Award (2007)
- Purdue Library Scholars Grant (2000)
- Purdue Research Foundation Summer Faculty Grant (1997)
- Tsai Shao-Hua Scholarship Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (1993)

Books:

Book Collaborator:

Book chapters/Journal Articles:
- “From the Seventeenth to Nineteenth Centuries: Evolution of Western Missionaries’ Attitudes towards Chinese Footbinding.” Cultural Encounters and Mediations between China, the Occident and the Autochthonous World: Missionaries, Shamans and Religious Intermediaries, Québec, Laval University Press (Forthcoming).

Invited Lectures:
- “Prévost and His Philosopher Cleveland”
- “Jesuit Philosophers: A Debate on the Relationship between Reason and Faith (1734-1745)”
- “Women and the Enlightenment: Madame de Lambert (1647-1733) and the Quarrel of the Ancients and the Moderns”

Conferences:

Center for Global Studies Contributions:
- Worked with the Center’s director, George Hong and drafted a proposal to develop a minor in global studies.
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Meg E. Rickner, Associate Professor of Political Science

Professor Rickner’s research interests are in the areas of political representation, political institutions, and public policy.

Dr. Rickner’s book manuscript is entitled *What Women Want: Global Decentralization and Democratization.*

What Women Want uses 112 semi-structured interviews with women’s organization leaders, meso and national-level politicians in the United Kingdom, Poland, and Pakistan, showing that women have diverse policy priorities within these countries.

This book demonstrates that meso politicians do a better job matching women’s policy priorities than their national counterparts. Further, meso politicians respond to women’s policy priorities when countries pursue gender inequality offsetting and the decentralization trifecta.

Gender inequality offsetting involves shifting resources to weaker meso units to bolster women’s organizations. The decentralization trifecta refers to the pursuit of gender candidate quotas, gender responsive budgeting, and women’s policy machinery at the level of governance to which power is being shifted.

Conference Activities:


Invited Presentations:

- “Miss Representation.” Led campus discussion of the film “Miss Representation” for Women’s History Month. March 2014.
- “Building Transnational Women’s Networks at PUC and Beyond.” PUC International Programs Office World on Wednesdays Series and Women’s History Month. March 2014.

Other Activities:

- Faculty Advisor for Michael (Zack) Thomas, Purdue University Calumet McNair Research Fellow, who presented his paper on the Sri Lankan LTTE nationalist movement. Summer 2014.
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Richard Rupp, Associate Professor of Political Science

A native Californian, Richard Rupp worked on a variety of political campaigns and served as a Senate Fellow with the California legislature before pursuing his Ph.D. His research and teaching interests center on International relations, with a particular focus on cooperation among the major powers during times of armed conflict. His classes feature student-led simulations of international conflicts. He has spent a considerable amount of time in the Balkans researching the wars in the former Yugoslavia and has published several book chapters and journal articles on the subject. His year ahead involves spending the next four months in Muscat, Oman. As the academic coordinator between Purdue Calumet and Bayan College, a liberal arts college in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula, he will spend his time there teaching, participating in conferences and giving public lectures.

Education:
- B.A. California State University, Hayward
- M.A. California State University, Sacramento
- Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara (1997)

Book:

Book in Progress:
- What Not to Do: Case Studies in U.S. Foreign Policy

Article in Progress:
- “Gulf Security and the Arab Spring: Continuity and Change in Oman.”

Public Lectures:

Research Interests:
- International Security Organizations
- Post-Cold War Armed Conflicts and Humanitarian Interventions
- NATO Expansion

Teaching Interests:
- Introduction to International Relations (POL 130).

Governments of the World (POL 141).
- Introduction to U. S. Foreign Policy (POL 231).
- The Middle East (POL 308).
- Post-Communist Europe (POL 390).
- Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict in Post-Communist Europe (POL 390).
- International Organization (POL 433).
- International Law (POL 435).
- United States Foreign Policy Making (POL 439).
- Governments and Politics of Russia (POL 442).

Our “Spotlight” series will introduce you to the Center for Global Studies Research Fellows. Be sure to check out our next issue, which will feature biographies for the other Research Fellows!
The Center for Global Studies is pleased to announce a new initiative: the Purdue Global Research Abroad Program. This program is designed to develop research collaborations between faculty members at Purdue University Calumet, Purdue University West Lafayette and Purdue University North Central.

PUC, PUWL and PNC will work with the Graduate Institute of Chinese Religions, the Center for the Study of Chinese Religions, the National Chengchi University and the Chinese Cultural University in Taiwan to initiate this new program June 4 through June 12.

This initiative is sponsored by the Purdue Calumet College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue University West Lafayette, the Office of Research and Graduate Studies at Purdue Calumet and the International Affairs Office at Purdue Calumet.

The proposal was organized by the Center for Global Studies, along with the Center on Religion and Chinese Society at Purdue University West Lafayette.

The major goals of the proposed program are to:

1) Conduct research field trips investigating religious and cultural sites in Taiwan
2) Facilitate the joint efforts of Purdue and Taiwan faculty members in organizing an international symposium on Cross Cultural and Religious Studies in Taiwan
3) Develop grant proposals on the cross cultural and religious studies
4) Promote collaborative research projects between Purdue and Taiwan faculty members
5) Establish student and faculty exchanging programs.

This program will select a maximum of 15 Purdue faculty and administrators. The application guidelines are as follows:

1) Applicants must be faculty members or research fellows at PUC, PUWL or PNC.
2) Interested applicants must submit: an application form, a one-page presentation abstract, a one-page research project/grant proposal abstract, and a one-page resume.

3) The one-page presentation abstract should focus on the following subjects:
   - Secularization and De-secularization
   - Religious Markets and Regulations
   - Religious and Cultural Economy
   - Religion and Cultural Identity
   - Spatial Study of Religions and Culture

4) The one-page research project/grant proposal abstract must include the following information:
   - Problem/need statement
   - Project objectives
   - Plan of work
   - Four to five key words to be used to search for funding opportunities

All applicants must submit their application form, presentation abstract, research project/grant proposal abstract, and resume to Dr. George Hong via email at hongg@purduecal.edu before January 28, 2015.

For more information about this initiative, visit our Call for Proposal and Participation website.
Research Reflections of a Graduate Assistant

By Jiamin Yan

I have been a graduate assistant for Dr. Hong almost as long as I have been attending Purdue Calumet. As I am going to graduate in spring 2015, my assistantship must come to an end. But before I officially leave my position, I want to take a moment to express my thanks to Dr. Hong for all the experience I have received under his wing.

I still remember the first time I saw the recruitment information Dr. Hong posted. I was a mechanical engineering student who was eager to find an on-campus job, but I couldn’t see how taking an assistantship in religious study would help my future career. I discussed this with my uncle, who suggested that I take the challenge and apply for the position. According to him, any kind of on-campus job experience could be helpful in my life.

I took his advice and quickly started to learn ArcGIS, an essential software in religious study. After about two weeks of learning the basic operation software on my own, I was given the job.

Since that time, armed with my knowledge of ArcGIS, Dr. Hong and I have completed seven religious papers related to the Protestant church, Buddhism, Islam and Taoism, with three of those papers having been published.

Along with those publications, I have received the “Best Paper Award” from the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research.

Aside from this experience being a great resume booster, my position as a graduate aide helped financially by taking away the pressure of paying tuition fees.

From this experience, I have also learned the importance of maintaining a good balance between daily studies and job tasks. I have learned that by completing a task or a project correctly and with patience, you can become a more efficient person.

Another important thing I have learned during my graduate assistantship is how to work with others. It’s important to remember that you may not always be the only one working on something – others may be relying on you and it’s important to be accurate.

But by understanding the cooperative relationship between you, the professor and the other graduate assistants, you learn to work together. This creates a positive environment where you know the overall rule is to obey the professor, but know deep down that you are encouraged to present new ideas that could improve the study.

During my time as a graduate assistant, I was given a wonderful opportunity to grow. Because of this, I would like to once again express great thanks to Dr. Zhaohui Hong, Le Zang, Lu Cao, Sishu Qian and Jianfeng Jin, all of whom have helped or worked with me. It is people like you that have made my study at Purdue Calumet valuable and unforgettable.

Welcome New Graduate Assistants!

Mr. Jianfeng Jin is one of the newest graduate assistants to the Center for Global Studies. He is currently taking classes at Purdue University Calumet towards his graduate degree in accounting. He is in charge of maintaining the website and other administrative works and has been a student worker and graduate assistant in various campus positions for the last two-and-a-half years.

Do you have a suggestion for the website? Contact Jin at jeffrey-jin1992@gmail.com.

Ms. LeAnne Munoz is the second graduate assistant to the Center for Global Studies. Munoz is in charge of writing/editing the newsletter and other public relations works. She is currently taking classes at Purdue University Calumet towards her graduate degree in communication, along with classes at Purdue West Lafayette towards a certificate in crisis communication.

Do you have suggestions for the newsletter? Contact Munoz at munoz.leanne@gmail.com.
Mission

- Promote and support innovative research to better understand global issues confronting the world’s populations
- Partner with faculty and units to develop new courses and programs in global studies
- Facilitate mutual understanding and dialogue of the values, ideas, and practices of the global cultures
- Develop professional training opportunities, public programs, and teaching resources in global and area studies.

CGS Research Fellows: The Full List

1) Dr. Lee Artz
2) Dr. Kuan-Chou Chen
3) Dr. Marisa Garcia-Verdugo
4) Dr. Z. George Hong
5) Dr. Lisa Hopp
6) Dr. Jin Lu
7) Dr. Paul McGrath
8) Dr. Meg E. Rincker
9) Dr. Richard Rupp
10) Dr. Kathleen Tobin