Welcome from Our New Director
by Bruce Carruthers

I am personally thrilled to be the new director of the Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies. As a Northwestern faculty member in the sociology department since 1990, I have been eyewitness to the extraordinary growth and energy of the Buffett Center, and so I can well appreciate what a remarkable intellectual community it has become. This academic year marks the Center’s 20th anniversary, and so in addition to our usual menu of intellectual stimulation we will be doing some special programming to honor the occasion.

The Center’s vitality is due in no small measure to my talented predecessors Hendrik Spruyt, who led the Center from 2008 until 2013, and Brian Hanson, who served as interim director in 2013–2014. I am especially pleased that Brian will continue as a key member of the Center’s leadership. The Center thrives because of substantial and ongoing support from Roberta “Bertie” Buffett Elliott, the Keyman family, and the Rajawali Foundation, as well as other donors. A recent additional gift from “Bertie” will allow us to expand our activities even further.

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Protecting Refugees Where There is No Legal Safety Net

Center for Forced Migration Studies hosts workshop on protecting the world’s displaced people
by Rana Khoury and Galya Ruffer

The number of people forced to flee their homes on account of conflict, environmental disasters, and gross human rights abuses has reached crisis proportions this year, with more people forcibly displaced today than in World War II. There are an estimated 9 million displaced people from the Syrian crisis alone as well as over 50,000 children from Central America fleeing into United States. As the nature of displacement changes, so too must the international and national response to refugee protection.

With the number of unprotected refugees reaching a catastrophic level, particularly in countries with few or no official policies to assist them, refugee protection demands greater attention. Despite all these challenges, Galya Ruffer, Director of the Center for Forced Migration Studies (CFMS) at the Buffett Center, affirms that refugee status is an “increasingly coveted status for tens of millions of people.”

To address the crisis, CFMS convened an international workshop in May titled “Refugee Protection Outside the International Legal Framework,” part of a broader interdisciplinary research study led by Galya Ruffer (Political Science) and Bruce Spencer (Statistics). Thirty-five academics and practitioners from around the world deliberated on topics such as the history of refugee reception, formal and informal refugee determination processes, and the methods of measuring and studying refugee issues.

Defining “refugee protection” and its importance in the current global climate

The most essential question asked at the workshop was, “What do we mean by protection?” For some, it means the rights guaranteed by UN standards. As the celebrated scholar Barbara Harrell-Bond stated, “Formal recognition saves lives.” Yet others contended that legal processes are also problematic – law is inherently hazy and often ignored. In practice, recognition does not always translate to protection.

Even in places where there are formal refugee status determination (RSD) processes—which up to this point have received the most scholarly and practical attention—protection is neither uniformly administered nor consistently provided. Quasi-legal and informal processes, such as social networks and civil society organizations, prevail where there are no formal legal processes.

Reception of refugees by host nations has historically been restrictive, with political and economic interests often overruling humanitarian ones. That exclusionary tradition persists today, particularly in

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Fresh Insights on Old Controversies in the Middle East

MENA faculty members present groundbreaking research in their first book, *On the Ground*

By Laura Hayes

After years of rapid growth in research and programming, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) working group at the Buffett Center celebrates another milestone in 2014 with the publication of *On the Ground: New Directions in Middle East and North African Studies*.

Edited by the Director of the MENA studies program and Buffett Center affiliate Brian Edwards, the publication also has the distinction of being the first collaboration between Northwestern University, Evanston campus and Northwestern University in Qatar. The themes of *On the Ground* emerged from a series of conferences on MENA studies beginning in 2010 and held in partnership with the Buffett Center. The group met for a final symposium in September 2012 in Doha, Qatar with the faculty and students of NU-Q.

A more effective approach towards a new type of revolution

The last few years have seen incredible growth, destruction, turmoil, and power shifts in the Middle East and North Africa, and in his introduction Edwards argues that having a fresh set of eyes for these issues leads to more innovative, relevant research and enhances inter-cultural understanding. The multi-disciplinary approach of the MENA working group allows for a much more meaningful analysis of an extremely diverse, culturally complex part of the world that is often misjudged.

The book’s ten chapters, eight of which were written by Buffett Center faculty affiliates, advance arguments in new research currently in progress at Northwestern. Chapters are intended as jumping off points for discussion, and attempt to bring new insights on important topics that need an updated perspective.

The first half of *On the Ground* takes aim at the widely accepted notion that the 2011 uprisings in the Middle East were impossible to forecast by scholars of the MENA region, and therefore took the academic world by complete surprise. As Edwards explains, “Through research before and after the Arab uprisings, these [Northwestern] scholars, working in a range of disciplines, offer a variety of well-drawn examples of how Middle East scholarship, particularly when it focuses on the local and the individual, can open up understanding of the pressures that revealed themselves on a large scale in 2010 and 2011.”

The second half of *On the Ground* addresses cultural issues resulting from globalization, transnational migration, and the intermingling of cultures across the MENA region. These chapters are meant to challenge your ideas about how culture is circulated, digested, and repurposed in a region that is frequently dismissed by Westerners as being “stuck in the past.”

Questions for a new conversation on MENA studies

On the Ground deals with thought-provoking questions that guide and inspire the groundbreaking research of its authors. Here are just a few examples:

- Is there a better way to address current conflicts, particularly in the Middle East where many people identify with multiple religions, than framing them as being purely motivated by religious differences?
- Are authoritarian governments like Syria’s abusing and overplaying the idea of “protecting religion” in order to go to war on their own people?
- What causes some groups (particularly those active during the 2010/2011 uprisings) to use violence to advance their cause while others in the region do not?
• In a politically unstable region where states often draw strict national borders with little regard to cultural diversity, what happens to the indigenous groups who can no longer migrate freely within their own communities?

• How and why did some Islamists gain a more conservative outlook in the 1920s?

• How do American cultural institutions, from film to social media and the Internet, change and acquire new meaning when they are consumed in countries regarded as anti-American such as Iran?

• How is Islamic law shaping and influencing new constitutions currently being written in the Arab world? With the emerging trend of nations copying each other’s constitutional language, will important nuances be lost?

• How will digital technology, the increasingly rapid circulation of cultural products, and our newfound ability to edit and tailor widely circulated media to individual cultures affect the approach to comparative studies in the 21st century?


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that collaboration will continue to flourish thanks to CFMS’s partnership with the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, the Refugee Research Network, the Asian Pacific Refugee Rights Network, and the Southern Refugee Legal Aid Network. The workshop was funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation Law and Social Sciences Program, with additional support from the Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University. For a list of participants, summary of remarks, and additional resources related to refugee protection, please visit www.bcics.northwestern.edu/programs/migration.
EDGS Program Continues to Grow in 2014
Equality Development and Globalization Studies welcomes 2014 Arryman Fellows
by Elizabeth R. Morrissey, EDGS Senior Program Coordinator

The Equality Development and Globalization Studies (EDGS) program finished the 2013-14 academic year on a high note by awarding over $63,000 in faculty and graduate research grants. Since December 2012, EDGS has had the privilege of awarding more than $430,000 in grants and funding to faculty and graduate students. The funding supports their work in Anthropology, Communication, Economics, History, Political Science, and Sociology.

The Arryman Fellows and Scholars program also enjoys continued success, with five Fellows returning as Arryman Scholars for the Fall 2014 term. The six-year award will fund Luthfi Adam (History), Muhammad Fajar (Political Science), Hipolitus Ringgi (Political Science), Najmu Sopian (Political Science) and Rahardhika Utama (Sociology). They join 2013 Arryman Scholar, Gde Metera (Political Science) in their respective PhD programs. In addition, three new Arryman Fellows arrived in July 2014 to participate in Northwestern’s International Summer Institute (ISI) before they begin their work in Political Science and Sociology this fall.

Introducing the 2014 Arryman Fellows

Yoes Chandra Kenawas (Political Science) graduated from Parahyangan Catholic University, Bandung, majoring in international relations in 2007. In 2013, he completed his master’s degree in Asian Studies at S. Rajaratman School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He most recently served as a lecturer at Parahyangan Catholic University, and as a research associate at the Centre for Innovation, Policy and Governance. His research interest is comparative politics, focusing on the rise of political dynasties and oligarchy at the local level in the post-New Order Indonesia.

Sabina Satriyani Puspita (Political Science) graduated with honors from Ursuline Wenzao College of Languages, Kaoshiung, Taiwan, in 2011, majoring in translation and interpreting in Mandarin and English. She worked as a translator and interpreter in the Public Affairs Division, Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Jakarta (the equivalent of their embassy) where she translated from Mandarin to Bahasa Indonesia and English. Her research interests lie in comparative politics, focusing on China, Indonesia and the Philippines.

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Kadek Wara Urwasi (Sociology) graduated from the department of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering, Udayana University, Denpasar, Bali in 2006. She obtained her Master of Architecture in Urban Design (First Class with Distinction) at the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, India, in 2011. Wara is also an award-winning writer and a poet. She is a recipient of an Asian Public Intellectual (API) Fellowship from the Nippon Foundation for 2012–2013 and conducted research on the cultural landscape of urban design in Japan and Malaysian cities.

Department of Political Science EDGS Speaker Series

Political Science Professor Elizabeth Hurd was awarded funding from EDGS to sponsor a year-long speaker series: “Religion, Law, and Politics.” Serving as a forum on critical issues in law and society, religion and diversity, and culture and politics in the US and globally, the series will take a cross-disciplinary approach to these questions, drawing on insights from political science, law, religious studies, anthropology, sociology, and history.

EDGS Visiting Scholar

This fall quarter EDGS will host the first EDGS Rajawali Research Scholar in Residence, Professor Rudolf Mrázek from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor. Mrázek is a preeminent historian of Southeast Asia, especially Indonesia. This fall he conducts a graduate seminar in the History department entitled, “Indonesian Utopia: Readings from the Late-Colonial Netherlands East Indies.” The seminar is open to all Northwestern graduate students in the social sciences.

Southeast Asian Historian

EDGS recently played a catalyzing role in creating a new tenured faculty line in the History department for a Southeast Asian historian. EDGS and Northwestern will jointly fund the position, with EDGS contributing $500,000. Through this arrangement, Northwestern demonstrates its deepening commitment to Southeast Asian studies. The search for the assistant or associate professor level position will commence this fall.

To learn more about Equality Development and Globalization Studies at the Buffett Center, visit www.edgs.northwestern.edu.

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for and reflect on their internships, apply lessons learned to their coursework and future career plans, and share their experiences with the broader University community. Additionally, a new, one-year post-baccalaureate fellowship will be created to support work on a significant project in partnership with a non-governmental organization, government agency, or international body dedicated to development, human rights, or social justice.

The Buffett Center will also substantially increase the size of graduate student research travel grants. These grants, which are targeted primarily at students in the early stages of their graduate training, support exploratory thesis research that is critical for the development of strong dissertation topics and for the writing of competitive applications for prestigious dissertation research fellowships.

Finally, funding will go to new initiatives to expand and support our interdisciplinary faculty research, which aims to understand and seek solutions for pressing international problems ranging from warlords to international law disputes to global development.

“We are deeply grateful for Bertie’s continued support of the Buffett Center and its mission to keep Northwestern at the forefront of international scholarship,” said Buffett Center Director Bruce G. Carruthers. “Through her generous donation we will continue to build programs that prepare young leaders to take on critical global challenges as well as to deepen our understanding of the world around us through collaborative scholarship.”
the Buffett Center. Social scientists like myself are fond of quantitative measurement, so we did some counting of the activities and people associated with Buffett. The numbers are impressive: currently we have welcomed 218 faculty affiliates and 173 graduate student affiliates to our Center. Over the last five years, we’ve had more than 60 visiting scholars from 5 different continents, and have hosted over 500 speakers. During the same period, more than 1000 undergraduate students have been involved in the Center’s Global Engagement programs.

Where does this “energy” come from? Certainly it is facilitated by the superb Buffett staff and faculty leaders, but some core values help us set our priorities. We are curious about the world; we are engaged in a global conversation; we encourage exploration and learning; we try to comprehend and appreciate the extraordinary diversity and complexity of modern society; we want to make a difference; we want to broaden our horizons.

Consider just some of this fall’s events:

- EDGS’s Jeffrey Winters discusses the recent Indonesian elections;
- Alessandro Ferrari reflects on Muslims in Italy;
- Noelle Sullivan presents on medical volunteers in Tanzania;
- Jacqueline Bhabha examines child migration;
- Bonnie Oh discusses her research on “comfort women” during World War II;
- Eric Posner considers international human rights.

We’ll also have some of our Global Engagement alumni offering reflections on their experiences at a special event in October. And we will offer a similar feast of presentations, conversations and ideas in the winter and spring quarters, too. It never ends.

Tracking the world’s progress for 20 years: the Buffett Center then and now

The world was a very different place when the Center opened in 1994: current Northwestern seniors were only 1 or 2 years old (and I was still an assistant professor!) Bill Clinton was in the White House; Nelson Mandela became President after winning the first open and free general election in South African history; Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin shared the Nobel Peace Prize “for their efforts to create peace in the Middle East;” war raged in the former Yugoslavia; Justin Bieber was born; Apple’s hottest product was something called the “Macintosh” (no iPods, iPads, or iPhones); and regular gas sold for about $1.08 per gallon. In the mid-1990s, many policymakers were focused on the transformations occurring in post-communist Eastern and Central Europe, people wondered about the significance of a one-superpower world, and some even argued that the triumph of capitalist democracies signaled “the end of history.”

But history did continue and so the last 20 years brought a lot of surprises: the continued rise of China, the Asian Financial Crisis of 1998, the global financial crisis of 2008, the invention of the BRICS (by a Goldman Sachs economist in 2001), the uneven democratization and liberalization of Eastern and Central Europe, the post-9/11 “global war on terror” combined with recognition of “moderate Islam,” the identification of climate change as a global issue, the “Arab Spring,” global epidemics like SARS and MERS, the rise of internet-based social media like Facebook (BTW, Buffett has its own Facebook page, so OMG please “friend” and “like” us), the emergence of new forms of international law and governance, and so on. Buffett Center scholars, visitors, and students have tracked these global events, and worked together to comprehend their significance.

It is our job to be curious, to learn, to make comparisons, and to engage. Who knows what the next two decades will bring, but the ongoing challenge for the Buffett Center will be to help understand what unfolds. We live in exciting times.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge Rita Koryan, who until very recently was the Buffett Center’s Associate Director and Director of the Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program. For many years she contributed mightily to the success of the Center, but now has moved to a new post at Indiana University in Bloomington. We will miss her dearly, and wish her every success, but I know that we will continue to build on the solid foundations she helped to lay down. We are going to have a terrific year!

Bruce G. Carruthers
John D. MacArthur Professor of Sociology
Global Engagement Studies Institute
Undergraduates share their struggles and success with international development and experiential learning through the GESI Program at the Buffett Center

This summer, almost 60 undergraduate students traveled to six different countries on four continents to participate in the Global Engagement Studies Institute (GESI) at Northwestern. The philosophy behind the GESI curriculum is rooted in asset-based, community development, but it is also intended to give students a firsthand experience in collaborating with communities that, at first glance, have very few cultural, linguistic, or geographic similarities to their own.

Through internships with grassroots organizations, all GESI students design and implement community-driven projects that align with the social mission and development goals of the local partners they work with. Upon their return in August, students are asked to reflect deeply on their work and personal experiences and share their stories as a group. Here are some of their stories:

Impact Garden
Doringbaai, South Africa
Lauren Culbertson, Chris Harlow, Alice Zhou

Doringbaai has historically been a community focused on the sea, yet climate change and declining fish populations in recent years have led to less profitable fishing and even the closure of a major crayfish factory. Among other factors, these challenges have led to more than fifty percent unemployment in the community. The goal of the project was to help address unemployment and low incomes by improving upon an under-utilized, existing community garden, in conjunction with raising agricultural awareness and stimulating interest from Doringbaai’s youth.

At the time of the group’s arrival, only one indi-
individual was planting the community garden, despite it having enough land for more than ten. Years of mismanagement and declining membership led to the land barely being used, while also remaining off limits to community members who might otherwise be interested.

Revitalizing the community garden took multiple forms: navigating the existing social politics of the garden to open land for new members, recruiting interested community members, facilitating the process of electing a new, interim management team, and offering suggestions to improve the collective business operations of the garden.

To ensure that garden’s future success, the Doringbaai group advised building relationships with marketers and suppliers to ensure a more efficient and effective business process with the intention of creating a state of mind where the community views the soil as favorably as they do the sea.

**Improving Health, Building Relationships**

*Masaya, Nicaragua*

*Kristen Snyder, Kelsey Henquinet*

The GESI team worked with Alternativa, a microfinance and community outreach organization located in Masaya, Nicaragua. Alternativa expressed interest in having the team develop their relationship with six clients in the rural area of Las Flores by improving community health conditions. The clients in Las Flores discussed their limited access to health services and the issues they face with insect-borne diseases. Working with Alternativa’s resources and local connections, the team created a project aimed at disease prevention through education and improved infrastructure.

First, they hosted a series of workshops to increase knowledge about health, addressing issues of hygiene, family planning, self-esteem, and the relationship between the environment and public health, using materials from local organizations. Then they focused on improving infrastructure in order to immediately reduce the spread of disease. A partnership with a local organization that specializes in water-based projects allowed the community to build six water filters to drain and prevent contaminated standing water. Finally, one model chicken coop was constructed through the knowledge and effort of the community. The chicken coop will provide a safer environment for the chickens and will serve as a prototype for other families who want to build one for themselves.

The ability to create more chicken coops represents one way this project can be continued by members of Las Flores in the future. Chicken coops are beneficial to public health and have the opportunity to provide an additional source of income. The work in Las Flores will serve as a pilot for Alternativa to reproduce with other clients.

**Improving Income and Health for Women of Busuyi Village**

*Jinja, Uganda*

*Omeke Eromosele, Ellen Garrison, Michael Hopkins, Sarah Hsu*

The focus community chosen for this project was a group of women in Busuyi Village in Jinja,
Uganda, who identified the improvement of their fish-drying process as their first priority. Silver fish are their main source of income, but their method of drying was extremely inefficient and unhygienic, with a great deal of their fish ending up contaminated or spoiled. The women were aware they could make a much better profit if they found a way to fix this problem. Another need the community identified was nutrition – the women and their families only eat one meal a day of fish and rice or posho (flour and water) and a garden would be very helpful in improving their overall health.

The project aimed to address both issues by designing and building a simple natural-convection solar dryer for the fish and by building a community garden. The group conducted extensive research on existing solar dryer designs and combined aspects of several different ones to design a unit that is easily replicable and uses only materials readily available in the community or in the nearby town. The GESI group was delighted by the community’s warm reception to these projects: the village mason spearheaded the construction of the dryer and the entire process was done in collaboration with many of the women’s husbands. Finally, the group created a manual for the construction of the solar dryer, including the materials required and the builders’ contact information so the dryer could be easily replicated.

For the garden, the group contracted a local agricultural specialist to teach and assist the community in creating nursery beds, making organic pesticide, setting up a simple irrigation system, and transplanting. With these two projects, Busuyi village has the tools to creating a healthier and more economically stable community.

Cuentos a Cuentas
Cochabamba, Bolivia
Emily Fung, Kelsey Pukelis, Bria Royal, Connor Smith

As all GESI alumni know, one of the most important qualities in working on a community development project is flexibility and the ability to think on your feet.

The group that worked at Centro Integral Warmi this summer in Cochabamba, Bolivia experienced a flexibility test unlike any other. Instead of dealing directly with the working mothers and high-risk youth the center supports, upon arrival they found out their host organization was in the midst of a major and unexpected financial crisis. With only eight weeks to help solve a problem they had not anticipated, the group went to work right away in creating sustainable, cost-effective, and easy-to-use resources that would help the center raise funds. By helping to keep this important community organization open, the students were ensuring the continued well-being of the women and children who use Warmi’s services.

To improve the future financial stability of the organization, Warmi needed to increase engagement with donors. The center was lacking in any sort of formal system for collecting donations before the GESI team arrived, so the students constructed a database for storing donor information, created template letters for fundraising requests, and made personalized postcards and calendars for donors.

At the beginning of the project, the group concentrated on finding ways to receive funds from outside Bolivia, creating online donation forms, instructional documents, templates in English and Spanish, and even a promotional YouTube video. Through these channels Warmi brought in about $900 in donations in a very short period of time.

The group also worked alongside staff to plan storytelling workshops with the kids that would give the children new platforms for expression. By collecting content from the children of Warmi, they were able to create more appealing promotional materials for the center.

The end of the project involved training staff to use the new resources, and like all GESI projects, future success will rely on the year-round staff at Warmi to continue their plan. We are hopeful this project is the catalyst for an inspiring comeback story at Centro Integral Warmi! ♦
Educating women about their bodies and health rights is one of the most effective ways to encourage them to be advocates for well-being in their own communities. It’s also a local, sustainable approach rather than one that relies on constant foreign intervention or oversight. With this in mind, Davis Projects for Peace award winners Neha Reddy and Matthew Zhou worked with rural women in Amhara, Ethiopia. By conducting a series of reproductive health workshops, they fostered an environment for women to dialogue about prevalent local practices such as early marriage, sexual violence, unsafe sex, and their effects on women’s health in the community.

Reddy and Matthew hosted two three-day workshops for twenty women each, and despite a language barrier, both sessions were received extremely well. In addition to the educational component, the workshop provided a safe space to talk about issues which are considered too taboo to discuss openly.

Neha and Matthew reported that “All forty workshop participants were ready to discuss, question, and critique the norms of their own communities, a notion that we did not expect to openly hear. Many people had told us that the material in our curriculum might be too culturally sensitive.

Ultimately, not only were the women open to discussing taboo topics like proper condom usage and strategies to discuss sexual health with partners, but they did so enthusiastically and passionately after overcoming initial shyness.”

To ensure sustainability, Neha and Matthews encouraged a continuation of dialogue where each woman agreed to share what she learned about female health rights and gender-based issues with others in her community. These women can now be called upon to serve as liaisons and representatives for other women’s and community groups.

“\textit{It was extremely humbling to see the gratitude and happiness the women expressed at the end of each workshop day—a reminder that the desire for adequate health care and justice endures worldwide, and that there must be opportunities to propel this desire into action for change.}”

—Neha Reddy, WCAS ’16

2014 Davis Project for Peace Winner

About the Davis Projects for Peace

The Davis Projects for Peace program awards a $10,000 grant that enables undergraduates around the country to design grassroots “projects for peace” that use a summer to address global social issues. The program, which began in 2007, is run through the University of California-Davis. At Northwestern, the Buffett Center and the Office of Fellowships work together to facilitate the grant process. Applications are due in January each year.

If you have questions about applying for the Davis Project for Peace, email Patrick Eccles at patrick.eccles@northwestern.edu.
GlobeMed Hosts Annual Leadership Institute
GlobeMed national office hosts student leaders from across the nation

In 2007, GlobeMed was founded by a small group of Northwestern students through the assistance of the Buffett Center. Their mission was to empower students and communities to work together to improve the health of people living in poverty around the world.

Now, in 2014, GlobeMed has close to 60 chapters at universities across the nation with around 2,000 student members, all supported by eight full-time staff and several interns here on Northwestern’s campus. One of the reasons for GlobeMed’s rapid growth and success is its devotion to professional development and personal growth of its student groups through the annual GlobeMed Leadership Institute (LI).

This past August, co-leaders from every GlobeMed chapter met for a three-day summit in Evanston that helped them to better understand the GlobeMed model and mission, exchange resources, practice leadership skills, create strategic plans for the year, and network with their peers.

GlobeMed’s emphasis on collaboration and inclusion means that students of all disciplines and backgrounds are encouraged to lead and participate, making events like GlobeMed LI a truly fruitful experience for everyone involved.

GlobeMed at Northwestern

GlobeMed’s Northwestern chapter is excited to start the 2014-2015 school year after winning first place in the Northwestern Student Holdings Impact Week, a competition for student-run social justice and charity oriented organizations on campus.

2014-2015 Co-Presidents (pictured at right) Brittany Zelch (’15) and Matthew Zhou (’15) will be leading the Northwestern chapter in GlobeMed’s mission to work for global health equity through diverse student and community partnerships. Brittany and Matt will incorporate the leadership tools and professional development training they received this summer at GlobeMed LI to plan and execute a successful year.

According to Brittany and Matt, this year’s focus is to continue to find ways to build and strengthen the relationship with their official partner organization, the Adonai Child Development Centre in Namugoga, Uganda. Last year, GlobeMed helped fund the startup costs of a health clinic that will provide affordable healthcare to the entire Namugoga community.

Interested in being a part of GlobeMed at Northwestern? Send us an email at northwestern@globemed.org with any questions.
Global Engagement Summit (GES) Update

GES is a student-run organization that strives to build a community of people who think critically about the world, particularly in the realm of social change. Together we create an annual summit that brings together student delegates from around the globe who are committed to change the world around them.

This year we celebrate GES’s 10th birthday! As a tribute to this amazing milestone, for 2014-2015 we want to provide more opportunities for GES staff, strengthen our partnerships, and grow our network of delegates and participants to reach our fullest potential. And don’t forget to save the date: our 10th annual summit will take place on April 15-19, 2015.

We’d also like to introduce the Global Engagement Summit (GES) 2015 Co-Directors (pictured): Anisa is a SESP senior from Wilmette, IL majoring in Human Development & Psychological Services and minoring in Global Health. Joey is a Medill senior from Kalamazoo, MI majoring in Journalism and Political Science. This is their third year participating in GES.

This fall, GES is part of the Center for Civic Engagement’s “NU in Chicago” event on September 28th. Our student staff application will be open from September 28th to October 5th. We also look forward to our annual OpenShutter photo exhibition featuring photography from all over the world. In addition, we plan to collaborate and co-sponsor various events with other student groups.

You can find out more details about our events and the summit on our website www.theges.org and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/globalengagement.

NU Community for Human Rights (NUCHR) Update

The Northwestern University Community for Human Rights (NUCHR) plans and hosts the largest undergraduate student-run human rights conference in the country, providing students around the world the opportunity to discuss global issues through a human rights lens.

We are excited to welcome Caleigh Hernandez (WCAS ’15) and Callie Floyd (WCAS ’15), as NUCHR’s new co-chairs. Their goal for the upcoming year is to increase and diversify NUCHR programming outside of the annual conference and broaden our community’s understanding of global issues.

This year’s NUCHR conference, “Human Rights in the Digital Age,” takes place from January 15–17, 2015. We look forward to discussing human rights issues as they relate to topics such as technology, national security, and access to information in a digital world. We are also planning a series on the prison industrial complex and its effects on human rights that will be open to the Northwestern community.

If you’re interested in getting involved with NUCHR, email conferenceonhumanrights@u.northwestern.edu.

There are many more student groups at the Buffett Center than the ones listed in this newsletter! To learn more about the Buffett Center’s many co-curricular groups and programs for undergraduates as well as other student resources, visit www.bcics.northwestern.edu/students
New Faculty, Staff, and Visiting Scholars

Please welcome the following faculty, staff, and scholars to the Buffett Center community. We encourage our friends and affiliates to introduce themselves to our new arrivals this fall!

**Lina Britto**, History, (PhD New York University, 2013) is an historian of modern Latin America and the Caribbean. Her research focuses on the social, political, and cultural history of drug economies in Colombia, particularly marijuana. Her work situates the emergence and consolidation of illegal drug smuggling networks in the Caribbean and Andean regions in the context of growing articulation between Colombia and the United States during the Cold War. At Northwestern, she will be teaching on the transnational history of narcotrafficking and the “war on drugs” in the Americas, popular music and nation, and oral history and the production of archives.

**Danielle Cohen** is a Visiting Predoctoral Fellow at the Buffett Center and a PhD candidate in the Department of Government at Cornell University. Her research interests lie at the intersection of international relations and comparative politics, with a particular focus on East Asia. Her dissertation research explores the impact of China’s integration into the international system on its population policy. Prior to beginning graduate work, Cohen was a Junior Fellow with the China Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. She received her AB, summa cum laude, from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

**Irina Espana** is a doctoral researcher at the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) in Cologne, Germany. She is an economist with a master’s degree in economics from Universidad de los Andes in Bogota, Colombia. She worked for the Center of Economic Development Studies (CEDE) at Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia where she was part of different research projects on decentralization, urbanization, development and economic history. She taught Colombian economic history as teaching assistant in the Department of Economics at Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. Her research interests are economic history, institutional theory and regional development.

**Alessandro Ferrari** is the Roberta Buffett Visiting Professor of International Studies. Ferrari has an LLB from the University of Modena (1993), a PhD in law and religion from the University of Milano (1999), and a PhD in canon law from the University of Paris XI (2003). He is a professor of law and religion at the Department of Law, Economy and Cultures of the University of Insubria (Varese and Como - Italy), where he is the director of the research center Religion, Law and Economy in the Mediterranean Area (REDESM). He is also the Research Master of “Islamologie, Droit et gestion” at the University of Strasbourg. He was the coordinator of the inter-university project “New Religious Presences in Italy: a process for Integration,” and he cooperates with the Italian Home Ministry for the questions related to the legal status of Muslim communities. His most recent research interests and publications focus on Islam in Europe; secularism and laïcité; and religious freedom in Europe and the MENA countries. His latest books are *Libertà religiosa in Italia: Un percorso incompiuto*, Carocci, Roma 2012 and *The Burqa Affair across Europe* (ed. with Sabrina Pastorelli), Ashgate, Farnham 2013.

Ferrari will be giving the talk, “Europe and the Challenge of Religious Diversity: The Case of Muslims in Italy” at Wednesday, November 5 at 5pm in Harris 108 for the annual Roberta Buffett Lecture in International Studies.
Badi Foster, Buffett Center Visiting Scholar (PhD, Princeton University) has an extremely varied background, extending from higher education and nonprofits to the corporate world and federal government. Born in Chicago, Foster spent his adolescent years in Morocco. He earned his bachelors degree in international relations at the University of Denver and received his PhD in Politics from Princeton University. As a Fulbright fellow, his doctoral research focused on the impact of rapid urbanization in Africa. Foster has held several positions at Harvard University, including Director of Field Experience Program, Graduate School of Education and Assistant Director of the Kennedy Institute of Politics. Foster has also held teaching positions at Princeton University, Rutgers, and the University of Massachusetts. He currently serves on the Advisory Council to the Joan Kroc Center for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame University. He is a Fellow at the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute of African and African American Studies at Harvard University where he continues work on his book length manuscript on leadership and organizational change in the fight against anti Black and anti American Indian racism (1911-2011).

Sean Hanretta, History, received his PhD from the University of Wisconsin and taught at the Colorado College, Dartmouth College, and Stanford University before coming to Northwestern. Since his first research trip to West Africa nearly twenty years ago he has focused on the intellectual, cultural and religious history of that region. He is currently completing a long-term project on the history of Muslim weddings and funerals in Ghana, and beginning collaborative projects on the “grandfather” of Pan-Africanism, Edward Blyden, and on the history of higher education in West Africa. He is particularly interested in the theory of historical evidence and in non-documentary forms of historical sources.

Laura Hayes joins the Buffett Center as its Communication Coordinator. She received a BA in Graphic Design from the University of Notre Dame, and has professional experience in digital marketing, social media management, print media, blogging, and web design. She is a board member and founding member of Little by Little, a nonprofit that partners with clinics in rural Haiti to provide efficient and effective primary health care.

Forrest Hylton, History, (PhD New York University, 2010) is an historian of Latin America. He has taught at NYU, the Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá), and Harvard University, and has been a postdoctoral fellow at NYU’s Tamiment Library. He won prizes for teaching at NYU and Harvard, and his doctoral dissertation, entitled Reverberations of Insurgency: Indian Communities, the Federal War of 1899, and the Regeneration of Bolivia, won the Dean’s Outstanding Dissertation Award in the Humanities at NYU. He is currently revising his dissertation for publication and working on a second project, entitled Atlantic Borderlands: Colonialism, Trade, and Sovereignty in the Guajira and the Darién, 1727-1831.

Nabeel Khoury, Buffett Center Visiting Scholar, is senior fellow of Middle East and national security at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Khoury works on projects and programs that highlight America’s role in the Middle East, as well as the emerging political and cultural changes taking place across the Middle East and North Africa. Most recently, Khoury taught Middle East and US strategy courses at the National Defense University. Khoury was director of the Near East South Asia Office of the State Department’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research from 2008 to 2012 and served as deputy chief of mission in Yemen (2004-2007) and deputy director of the Media Outreach Centre in London (2002-2004).
In 2003, during the Iraq war, Khoury served as department spokesperson at US Central Command in Doha and in Baghdad. He has served as Consul General in Morocco and was serving in Casablanca when it established its sister city relationship with Chicago. Khoury earned his BA in political science from the American University of Beirut and his MA and PhD in political science from the State University of New York at Albany. Before his foreign service career, Khoury was an assistant professor of political science at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY, and earlier, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Jordan in Amman. Khoury has published articles on issues of leadership and development in the Arab world in *The Middle East Journal*, *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies*, and *The International Journal of Middle East Studies*. Follow Nabeel on Twitter @khoury_nabeel.

Rudolf Mrázek, EDGS Rajawali Research Scholar in Residence, is professor emeritus in History from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Mrázek’s scholarly work focuses on the history of modern Southeast Asia with special expertise in Indonesia history. His research critically examines and explores Indonesian–United States relations, major Indonesian nationalist leaders, Dutch colonialism through the prism of colonial technology, and colonial Jakarta. He is a prolific author and teaches courses on modern Southeast Asian history, comparative history, history of colonial expansion, technology and nationalism, and oral history.

Jason P. Rancatore, Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, recently obtained his PhD in international relations from American University in Washington, DC. His teaching and research are on multilateralism and diplomacy in world politics and foreign policy. Prior to coming to Northwestern, he worked as a consultant for the UNEP in Brussels and Nairobi, spent 18 months in Ghana writing his dissertation, and completed his MA in international relations at the Brussels School of International Studies (University of Kent).

Mark Tilton, Buffett Center Visiting Scholar, (PhD, UC Berkeley), is an associate professor of political science, Purdue University; researcher, Purdue Climate Change Research Center. Among his publications are *Restrained Trade: Cartels in Japan’s Basic Materials Industries*, “*Seeds of an Asian E.U.? Regionalism as a Hedge against the U.S. on Telecommunications Technology in Japan and Germany*” and “*German-Japanese Climate Change Relations*.” He has been a visiting scholar at the University of Tokyo, Hamburg University, the Berlin Social Science Center, the Woodrow Wilson Center, and George Washington University. At the Buffett Center he will be working on “Climate Change and Renewable Energy Policy in Japan, France, Germany and the United States.”

Fatih Turkmenoglu, Keyman Program Visiting Scholar, is a well-known journalist on human interest stories and TV host in Turkey. For the last nine years he has focused on travel journalism and production. Turkmenoglu studied at Bosphorus University and received his bachelor’s degree in psychological counseling. After completing a certificate program at NYU, New York, he started working for newspapers and magazines in Istanbul. In his first years, he mainly interviewed celebrities and politicians, then started writing observation-based articles. His television career started in 1996, reporting for CNN International from Turkey and hosting a widely followed travel show on CNN TURK for more than ten years. Between 2001-2003 he worked as the CNN International reporter and producer in Turkey for the region. He is a Knight-Wallace Journalism Fellowship alumnus and has produced and hosted more than 1000 television shows, traveled to over 80 countries, wrote 3 books, and co-authored a travel book. ♦
FALL 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

Events are free and open to the public, and located at the Buffett Center on 1902 Sheridan Road in Evanston unless otherwise indicated.* We hope to see you there!

**SEPTEMBER**

Friday, September 26

**INDONESIA’S 2014 NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

**Jeffrey Winters**, Political Science

12pm at the Buffett Center

Tuesday, September 30

**BUFFETT CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

4pm to 6pm at the Buffett Center

**OCTOBER**

Wednesday, October 1

**THE NEW ARABS: HOW THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION IS CHANGING THE MIDDLE EAST**

**Juan Cole**, History; University of Michigan

6pm at Scott Hall 212

**Juan Cole** (WCAS ’75) has written extensively on modern Islamic movements and has given numerous interviews on the war on terrorism. Cole speaks Arabic, Farsi and Urdu and has appeared on shows such as PBS’s Lehrer News Hour, Nightline, The Today Show, Anderson Cooper 360, Rachel Maddow, and The Colbert Report.

Friday, October 3

**UKRAINE: THE MAIDAN AND AFTER**

**Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern**, History

12pm at the Buffett Center

Friday, October 3

**PHILANTHROPY AS A DRIVER OF GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Howard W. Buffett**, Columbia University

2pm at the Buffett Center

**Howard W. Buffett** (WCAS ’06) is a lecturer at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, where he teaches management techniques for improving the effectiveness of foreign aid and global philanthropy. He co-authored the bestselling book *40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World*, which examines global hunger and food systems challenges, drawing from experiences while traveling in more than seventy countries.

Tuesday, October 7

**THE PSYCHOLOGY & NEUROBIOLOGY OF POVERTY**

**Johannes Haushofer**, Psychology and Public Affairs; Princeton University

7pm at the Buffett Center

*Johannes Haushofer’s research asks whether poverty has particular psychological and neurobiological consequences, which, in turn, affect economic behavior. He combines laboratory experiments with randomized controlled trials of development programs such as health insurance and unconditional cash transfers in Africa.*

Friday, October 10

**THE TACTICS OF BEAUTY, THE ALCHEMY OF BLACKNESS, AND THE END OF VIOLENCE IN URBAN LANDSCAPES**

**D. Soyini Madison**, Performance Studies

12pm at the Buffett Center

October 10-11

**KEYMAN CONFERENCE: COMPARATIVE & INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES IN THE FIELD OF TURKISH STUDIES**

All day at Guild Lounge, Scott Hall

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Monday, October 13

**EDUCATION AS A PATH TO GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

**Nicholas Kristof**, The New York Times

7pm at the Cahn Auditorium

*Nicholas Kristof is a journalist, author, op-ed columnist, and a winner of two Pulitzer Prizes. He has written an op-ed column for The New York Times since 2001 with a focus on human rights abuses and social injustices, such as human trafficking and the Darfur conflict.*

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Friday, October 17  ■  CREDIT RATINGS, QUANTIFICATION, AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE  
Bruce Carruthers, Sociology  
12pm at the Buffett Center

Friday, October 17  ■  20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT: FROM NU TO GLOBAL CAREERS: LESSONS FROM GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT ALUMNI  
Buffett Center Alumni Panel  
5pm at the Buffett Center  
Alumni panelists, including founding members of the Buffett Center’s global engagement programs, will reflect on how our student-driven initiatives shaped them as undergraduates and affected their lives and careers after graduation. Panelists will also offer career advice to current students.

Wednesday, October 22  ■  CHILD MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN A GLOBAL AGE  
Jacqueline Bhabha, Harvard  
7pm at Guild Lounge, Scott Hall  
Jacqueline Bhabha is the Jeremiah Smith, Jr. lecturer in law at Harvard Law School, and also teaches public policy at Harvard Kennedy School. Her research and legal practice has focused on citizenship and rights of aliens, refugee law, trafficking, and smuggling.

Friday, October 24  ■  THE POLITICS OF ‘MAKING A DIFFERENCE’: TEACHING/LEARNING IN THE NARRATIVES OF MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS IN TANZANIA  
Noelle Sullivan, Global Health Studies & Anthropology  
12pm at the Buffett Center

Friday, October 31  ■  THE RISE AND FALL OF HISTORY IN WEST AFRICA: HIGHER EDUCATION AND NATION-BUILDING, 1948-1990  
Sean Hanretta, History  
12pm at the Buffett Center

November  ■

Wednesday, November 5  ■  EUROPE AND THE CHALLENGE OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY: THE CASE OF MUSLIMS IN ITALY  
Alessandro Ferrari, University of Milan  
5pm at Harris 108

Friday, November 7  ■  FACULTY & FELLOWS COLLOQUIUM  
Nabeel Khoury, Buffett Visiting Scholar  
12pm at the Buffett Center

Wednesday, November 12  ■  COMFORT WOMEN: WWII SEX SLAVES, HISTORY, LEGACY, AND IMPACT ON EAST ASIAN RELATIONS  
Bonnie Oh, Georgetown University  
7pm at Harris 108  
Bonnie Oh is a retired Distinguished Professor of Korean Studies at the Walsh School of Foreign Service. She has written extensively on issues relating to not only Korea but the wider Northeast Asia region. She is a sought-after speaker on the Comfort Women and other subjects on Korean history.

Friday, November 14  ■  ETHNIC TRADING COMMUNITIES AND ROMAN LONG-DISTANCE COMMERCE  
Taco Terpstra, Classics  
12pm at the Buffett Center

Tuesday, November 18  ■  THE TWILIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS  
Eric Posner, University of Chicago  
7pm at Scott Hall 212  
Eric Posner is a professor of law at the University of Chicago Law School and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. He has published numerous articles and books on issues in international law and is well known as the co-author of Terror in the Balance and The Executive Unbound.

Friday, November 21  ■  THE NEEDHAM QUESTION REVISITED: CHINA, EUROPE AND THE ONSET OF MODERN ECONOMIC GROWTH  
Joel Mokyr, Economics and History  
12pm at the Buffett Center

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everything international for the last 20 years. We’ve made it our goal to inquire, explore, and improve the world around us while cultivating an engaged, productive, friendly, and innovative community here at Northwestern.

Throughout our 20 years we’ve also had the privilege of being the incubator and launch pad for some of Northwestern’s most successful international student groups and programs: the Center for Global Engagement, GESI, GlobeMed, NUCHR, Global Engagement Summit (GES), and many more that you can find at bcics.northwestern.edu.

In the last five years, the Center has doubled its financial resources and well as the number of research groups, programs, and projects. The Center has awarded more than $1M in research grants and more than $500,000 for collaborative research. A combined audience of more than 25,000 participated in approximately 500 talks and workshops, and over 25 major conferences. With such great momentum on our side, we can’t wait to see what the next 20 years will bring!

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**A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROBERTA BUFFETT CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE STUDIES**

1994 Founded to establish university-wide international research and scholarship programs
2000 Faculty research groups created
2003 NUCHR founded
2004 Center moves to 1902 Sheridan Rd.; Roberta Buffett Visiting Professors of International Studies inaugurated
2005 International Youth Volunteerism Summit (precursor of GES) founded
2006 Working papers series commenced
2007 CICS renamed: “The Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies;” Center for Global Engagement founded; GESI (ENGAGEUganda) begins; GlobeMed Leadership Initiative launches
2008 Keyman Program in Modern Turkish Studies established
2010 Center for Forced Migration Studies launched
2012 EDGS and Arryman programs founded