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## From the Director's Desk...



**Dr. Emile Sahliyah, Director**

I am very pleased to welcome our alumni and our existing students to the International Studies Newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to update our alumni and current students about the new changes in the program and to keep them up to date with their fellow classmates' news and career advancement.

The International Studies Major has been one of the fastest growing majors on campus. We have more than 500 students in the Major. According to the Institutional Research Service data, International Studies ranked #3 for graduating students on time in 4 years amongst all UNT departments and programs. Our students have also one of the highest GPA of all departments in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The outstanding academic performance of our students is also evidenced in the numerous prestigious academic scholarships and awards. These prestigious academic awards and scholarships include the International Rotary Ambassadorial Schol-

arship, the Carnegie Foundation for Peace, the Public Policy and International Affairs, Critical Language Scholarship for Intensive Summer Institutes of the U.S. Department of State, President's Volunteer Service Award from the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, Next Gen American Humanics Scholarship, 2011 National Security Education Program (NSEP), David L. Boren Fellowship and Peace and Development youth ambassadors."

The International Studies Major also sponsors several students organizations including SIR, MIO, UNICEF, and ECIO (Continued on pg. 2-3).

I would like to introduce to you our staff:

Joanie Smith is the administration manager for the Major and our web administrator. Since she joined our program in 2007, she has been doing an outstanding job for our program and our students.

Starting June 2013, Richard Glass is a joint advisor for International Studies and the college of Arts and Sciences. He finished his master degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Ms. Ozlem Altiook has a joint appointment with International Studies and Women Studies. In addition to the Introductory course to International Studies, she has been teaching several senior semi-

nar courses on Critical Issues in Developing Countries, Minorities in the Middle East, and Women, Islam and Politics in the Middle East.

During the Spring of 2013, we hired a new full-time lecturer Dr. Jonathan Brent Richards.

Mr. Hugh Parmer, the former president of the American Refugee Committee and the Assistant Director of the USAID during the Clinton Administration, is an adjunct professor in our program. He teaches courses on humanitarian aid and refugees and displaced people.

Dr. Ray Smith, a former Ambassador in the US Department of State, is also adjunct faculty.

He teaches courses on International Negotiations and the Making of US Foreign Policy.

Dr. Todd Spinks, Director of the UNT Office of Sustainability, has been teaching Introduction to International Studies and a course on International Sustainable Community Development (see page 4).

Emily Noble, our student assistant graduated in December 2012. She did a great job and we will definitely miss her.

Irvin Loza an international Studies major, has been serving as our undergraduate student assistant. He has also been serving as the president of SIR, our honor society, and was also President of Model International Organization (MIO).

### Fall 2013 INST Class Listings:

- INST 2100: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- INST 4850.001 MINORITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST: THE STATUS OF ETHNIC GROUPS AND WOMEN IN MIDDLE EAST  
OZLEM ALTIOK
- INST 4850.002 REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS, VICTIMS OF WAR, GENOCIDE, AND ETHNIC CONFLICT  
DR. HUGH PARMER
- INST 4850.003 INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION  
DR. RAYMOND SMITH
- INST 4851.001 INTERNATIONAL SECURITY  
DR. EMILE SAHLIYEH
- INST 4852.001 CRITICAL ISSUES IN GLOBAL ECONOMICS  
DR. JAMES GOODNOW

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## International Studies Fall Semester Open House

Don't miss out on the opportunity to meet other students, faculty and advisors in the International Studies Program at the International Studies Fall Semester Open House! Date and time TBA. Check our website for details and updates: <http://internationalstudies.unt.edu/events>

- Learn more about student orgs!
- Meet class and career advisors!
- Network with professors!
- Enjoy a free lunch!

# International Studies Student Orgs

## Executive Committee of International Organizations

Greetings, INST colleagues. Welcome to a new school year of crucial immersion in world affairs! The Executive Committee of International Organizations (ECIO) is an umbrella organization that was founded in the fall of 2012 to unify, strengthen and support the efforts of UNT's internationally-focused student organizations. Last year, ECIO championed its mission to promote cross-cultural exchange and awareness of international current events by hosting collaborative events such as the World Holiday Fair and ECIO International Film Fest. Both events—free and open to the wider Denton community—exposed students and community members to the abounding diversity of our world. We wish to offer more of these invaluable opportunities in which to engage experts and your peers on subjects that impact our world today. If you're particularly interested in human rights advocacy, check out our newly-revived organizations Students Against Trafficking and Slavery (SATS) and the UNT chapter of Amnesty International. Our newly-formed group World Affairs Council at UNT is home to those with a passion for foreign policy analysis and discussion. By participating in any of these opportunities, you can apply your passion to profoundly shape your own education.



To learn more about ECIO and its member organizations, visit us on Facebook: UNT Executive Committee of International Organizations (ECIO).

You may also contact us at [eciount@gmail.com](mailto:eciount@gmail.com).

## Amnesty International

UNT Amnesty International is a chapter of a global movement of more than 3 million supporters, members and activists in over 150 countries and territories who campaign to end grave abuses of human rights. The organization's mission is: "For every person to enjoy all the rights enshrined in the universal Declaration of Human Rights." Last year, UNT Amnesty International focused on education and outreach. While continuing both of these efforts, this year UNT Amnesty International is planning more activism. In the past UNT Amnesty International has worked with other student organizations such as FMLA and the Secular Student Alliance. We are looking to expand our academic presence on campus by hosting events such as a panel on the death penalty and more. For questions, comment or concerns check out our Facebook page: UNT Chapter of Amnesty International



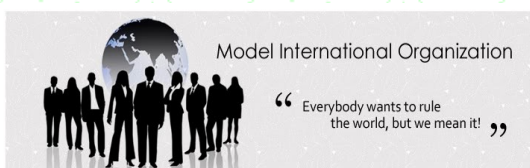
## Engaged Beyond Borders

"Engaged Beyond Borders is a student-led non-profit organization hoping to affect change locally and globally by supporting grassroots projects and organizations. We also strive to raise awareness to the UNT community by hosting speakers, workshops and other informational sessions throughout the year, focusing on different international topics with humanitarian focus. In the past we have hosted speakers on human trafficking and slavery, international humanitarian law, prisoners and detainees, and careers in humanitarian work. This year, we plan to continue the speaker series and get involved locally with many outside agencies to affect change. Please join us for our exciting new year and get involved. We can do it—we just need help. Contact [EngagedBeyondBorders@gmail.com](mailto:EngagedBeyondBorders@gmail.com) for more information or check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EngagedBeyondBorders/>."



## Model International Organization

Model International Organization (MIO) is the premier international organization on campus with a focus on pertinent international issues and global policy. MIO adheres to the paradigm that the most important thing to a university is a educated and well informed student body. Our weekly meetings focus on discussion and debate of worldwide issues such as on defense and security; regional stability; and transnational challenges ranging from energy and climate to global development and economic integration. In concert with our meetings, we also host several lectures per year. MIO also hosts and attends Model UN-style conferences around the country. Aside from academic events MIO holds a number of social events such as international food and beverage night. We are also committed to servicing the community our most recent volunteer work. Current updates about meetings, events, and relevant information can be found in the MIO Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/untmio/?fref=ts>.



### Project Nur

Project Nur is a student organization that wants to promote diversity unity and understanding between all ethnicities, religions (atheists as well), cultures and genders. Next semester, we have a few things planned: We will be holding a women's panel in which we will have UNT Faculty members who are women, teach women's studies, and also hold specific knowledge regarding different regions of the world. Second, we plan on doing a World Music Festival in which we plan on inviting musicians from our school who want to showcase their talents and show off different cultures. Find us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/untprojectnur/>



### Students Against Trafficking and Slavery

Students Against Trafficking and Slavery (SATS) strives to raise awareness of modern-day human trafficking, forced labor, and related topics by learning followed by educating our community about these issues, all in an effort to prompt action. We host events and fundraisers to raise awareness and money to donate to non-profit organizations that help victims of trafficking and slavery, domestically and internationally. We are also committed to taking an active service approach by volunteering our time to assist these organizations with their work. Current updates about volunteering, meetings, events, and relevant information can be found in the SATS facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/sats.unt](http://www.facebook.com/groups/sats.unt). Feel free to email [sats.unt@gmail.com](mailto:sats.unt@gmail.com) for any questions or comments!



### Sigma Ioth Rho (Honor Society)

Study the cultures, languages, and politics of the world and benefit as you serve others. The world is in desperate need of scholars in world affairs, and the field of international relations is in high demand. Prepare yourself for a challenging career and earn a degree in an increasingly popular field. SIR is here to organize workshops, speakers, and other events to help students learn more about the world and provide students with internships and job opportunities. Contact us at: [north.texas.sir@gmail.com](mailto:north.texas.sir@gmail.com) or search us on the web at:

[www.northtexasir.com](http://www.northtexasir.com)



### UNICEF

This organization is a great way to help out the needed and oppressed children around the world! UNICEF stands for the United Nations Children's Fund and it is a voluntarily funded agency. UNICEF has 5 priorities and focus areas: 1. Child survival and development. 2. Basic education and gender equality. 3. HIV/AIDS and children 4. Child protection (from violence, exploitation and abuse) and 5. Policy advocacy and partnerships (for children's rights). Please contact us at: [unicef.unt@gmail.com](mailto:unicef.unt@gmail.com)

### INST ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT: Louie Baldwin

*Security and Diplomacy concentration Louie Baldwin is currently teaching English in Gumi, South Korea. When asked about his time at UNT, here's what Louie had to say about his experience in the INST Program:*

“From the world class professors, the fascinating and diverse coursework, the foreign language mandate (Japanese for me), the advisors, and the student organizations (in particular Model International Organization), but especially the eclectic mix of students from all over the world I was able to meet and befriend, my INST degree has given me the tools to succeed in this broadly diverse, rapidly changing world.”



### INST ALUMNI

We would love to highlight Alumni in future issues of the INST newsletters.

Please e-mail us at [Joanie.smith@unt.edu](mailto:Joanie.smith@unt.edu) to volunteer to write a small article or be featured in the next issue.



# Discover International Studies

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## UNT International Studies Mission Statement

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"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy."

*Thich Nhat Hanh*

★ **INST Stars** ★  
Special thanks to our INST Student Ambassadors:  
Irvin Loza  
Lanae Ishman  
And our events guests speakers:  
Hugh Parmer  
Raymond Smith  
Milagros Cruz (IRC)  
Krystal Antao (Career Center)



The International Studies major at the University of North Texas is designed to inform students about the serious global challenges of the twenty-first century. It aims at increasing awareness and understanding of the social, political, and economic global issues, including environmental problems, world population trends, energy resources, international trade, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, violence, terrorism, and development and underdevelopment.

The major also seeks to increase appreciation of world history, society, politics, economics, geography, religion, art, and culture. In addition, it provides the students with the skills in foreign languages and avails them the opportunity to take advanced courses in different academic disciplines and prepare them for graduate degrees in several international studies fields. The major is also designed to prepare students for jobs in the public and private sectors, where globalization is increasing dramatically. These jobs are concentrated in, but not limited to, government, security, development, business, non-profit organizations, regional studies, human rights, and global environmental and population issues.

The International Studies Major is interdisciplinary in nature and draws upon the courses of the departments and programs of Anthropology, Applied Economics, Business Administration (including accounting, finance, marketing, and management), Criminal Justice, Economics, Emergency Management, World Languages and Literatures, Geography, History, Journalism, Public Administration, Philosophy and Religion Studies, Political Science, Sociology, and Women's Studies. Its requirements are designed to provide the students with flexibility and depth. The courses of the major are organized in six areas of concentrations: International Security and Diplomacy, International Business and Economics, International Development and Humanitarian Affairs, Regional Studies,



## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES Study Abroad

International Studies students are encouraged to explore the possibility of study abroad and to take advantage of the opportunities available to them through the Study Abroad Office. Here's what Study Abroad Advisor Courtney Rogers had to say:

"We, the Study Abroad Office, believe that participating in a study abroad program during your college career can open doors to many opportunities abroad and at home. Given today's level of globalization having such an experience on your resume when applying for jobs in your chosen field will help to set you apart from other applicants.

To begin your journey abroad we invite to check out our website at: [www.international.unt.edu/studyabroad](http://www.international.unt.edu/studyabroad), and/or call us at [940.565.2207](tel:940.565.2207) to set your one-on-one appointment."

## 2013 Senior Seminar Highlight

### INST 4850 International Sustainable Community Development

Taught by Dr. Todd Spinks,  
Spring Semester (sign up for it soon!)

This course will integrate an inclusive, multi-disciplinary approach to international sustainable development and expand upon existing concepts, theories, and discourses of sustainability. Students will examine many of the most pressing issues affecting ecological, human, and social health. The topics of this course will include climate change, environmental degradation, environmental disasters, globalization, human rights, and social inequality.



*Dr. Todd Spinks*