

# Eye on World and Local

## International Studies Program in High Gear For Fall 2009

Special to The Lion's Eye

The Penn State Brandywine International Studies Program is pleased to announce their study abroad opportunities for the Fall 2009 semester.

Students interested in studying on an international level are invited to inquire about our Fall 2009 trips to London, England and a combination trip to Vienna, Hungary and Prague in the Czech Republic.

The courses are scheduled during semester breaks, and students may take up to two courses, for six general education credits, usually from three or more offered. The timing and length of the excursions make them particularly convenient for non-traditional students. For traditional students, the trips provide a testing ground for Penn State's longer international education courses.

Questions related to these trips can be directed to Gail Wray in Academic Affairs at [gbw1@psu.edu](mailto:gbw1@psu.edu) or by calling at 610-892-1472.

### THE PRICE BELOW INCLUDES

- Round trip flight from Philadelphia with Lufthansa or Frontier. Check-in should be 3 hours prior departure.
- Air taxes and surcharges at approximately \$1700, subject to adjustment at time of booking.
- 4 nights in a 4 star hotel centrally located.
- Breakfast, supper, lunch, dinner in Prague and Vienna.
- Transfer to airport from Prague and Vienna.
- Hotelier breakfast daily.
- Supervision by Penn State Brandywine members.

### THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Single room supplement - \$195.00
- Travel insurance (not included)
- Cost of personal items: phone, drinks, etc.
- Visitors fee for all participants who do not have a Penn State ID - \$30.00
- US\$10 health insurance required by Penn State.
- Member fee of 3.0% on any room paid on Visa or MasterCard.
- Passport and visa fees. Everyone needs a passport valid until June 3, 2010. If you are not an American citizen, a visa may be required, and a green card or equivalent is compulsory.

From **\$1,795.00**  
including round trip airfare on the March 2009

**Penn State Brandywine**  
25 Yearley Mill Road  
Media, PA 19063-5596

**Penn State Brandywine**  
December 29, 2009  
January 5, 2010



**Vienna Prague**

### THE PRICE BELOW INCLUDES

- Round trip flight from Newark airport with Virgin Atlantic. Check-in should be 3 hours prior departure.
- Air taxes and surcharges at approximately \$1700 subject to adjustment at time of booking.
- Continental breakfast daily.
- 4 nights in accommodations at the Royal National Hotel.
- Supervision by Penn State Brandywine members.
- Always land readers in London.

### THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Single room supplement - \$325.00
- Optimal excursion.
- Single other than breakfast.
- Cost of personal items: phone, drinks, etc.
- US\$10 health insurance required by Penn State.
- Visitors fee for all participants who do not have a Penn State ID - \$30.00
- Member fee of 3.0% on all amounts paid on Visa or MasterCard.
- Passport and visa fees. Everyone needs a passport valid until May 27, 2010. If you are not an American citizen, a visa may be required, and a green card or equivalent is compulsory.

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**Thanksgiving**  
November 20 - 27, 2009  
\$1,195.00

**London**

Students wanting to take a class that offers a study abroad option in the fall will be able to choose from trips to both Great Britain and eastern Europe. (photos courtesy of Celestial Voyagers)

## Honors Students Clip To Show They Care

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Coupon clipping isn't just for busy moms with hungry mouths to feed anymore. Under the direction of Penn State Brandywine's honors students, members of the campus community clipped \$13,022 in coupons, more than doubling their goal for one afternoon, to benefit the U.S. Navy base in Ikego, Japan.

For the Cooper Honors Scholars' National Honors Day of Service project, the group joined with hopes of clipping \$5,000 worth of coupons that families on the base can use to save on food and other

groceries on Tuesday, April 7. Freshman honors scholar Lauren Orner, of Brookhaven, said, "By sending the coupons we clip, we can help military families get the supplies they need. This is a free and easy way to serve, and we would like to share this opportunity with the whole Penn State community."

Dr. Laura Guertin, of Media, adviser to students in the honors program, showed her support for the project with a play on a popular phrase used throughout the University community, "We are ... making

a big difference," she exclaimed. Each year the campus sponsors a different U.S. base abroad. In 2008, with help from volunteers at Granite Farms Estates, the campus sent \$156,819.02 worth of coupons to the U.S. Navy base in Yokohama, Japan. In 2007, the campus collected and donated \$5,835.70 to the U.S. Air Force Base in Lakenheath, UK.

In February of this year, the campus sent a shipment of \$16,588.79 to the U.S. Navy base in Sigonella, Sicily, which is the base the campus will sponsor for 2009.



Students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends join to clip coupons for the U.S. Navy base in Ikego, Japan in the Tomezko Classroom Building. The group raised \$13,022 in coupons, exceeding their goal of \$5,000 for the afternoon. (photo courtesy of Penn State Brandywine)

## Devastating Earthquake in Pescara, Italy

By Christina Furia - Lion's Eye Staff Writer - [cmf269@psu.edu](mailto:cmf269@psu.edu)



The Devastation the Earthquake left to the Abruzzo region  
Photo courtesy of Wordpress.com

At the start of the month, Italy was demolished by a major earthquake on April 6th 2009. It struck Italy about 50 miles northeast of Rome. The smallest town near to the earthquake was Pescara in the Abruzzo region. The quake measured 6.3 on the Richter scale and hit at around 3:30 am. The damage was significant as it had high damage to older buildings in the area, and even newer buildings toppled to the ground. The death toll added up to about 300 people, though others were unaccounted for. Entire buildings collapsed and roofs caved in. Officials estimated that 17,000 people were left homeless by the quake. The prime minister of Italy, Mr. Berlusconi, urged those left homeless to take advantage of the governments offer to put survivors up in hotels along the Adriatic coast. The Italian government has unfrozen 8 billion euros for the reconstruction of the Abruzzo region.

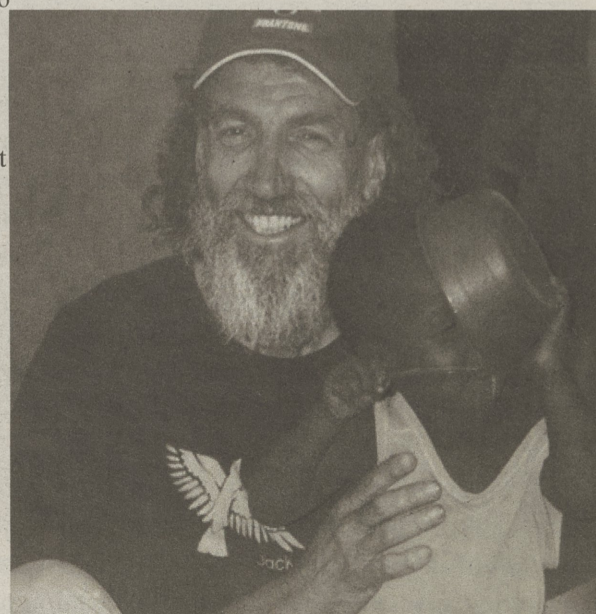
## Classmates Raise Money for Clean Water

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In Women Studies 400 with Dr. Cole, my classmates and I decided that we wanted to help raise money to provide a village in Afghanistan with clean drinking water. After we met Aldo Magazzeni, former alumni of our campus, our class was inspired to help in any way that we could for this cause. When Aldo told us about how he sold his car to help raise money to donate to villages in Afghanistan when he visited, it truly resonated with every individual in my class. He told us about the many women and children, men, and families he met along his journey. His exhibit of photographs was in our campuses Vario library and showed the many people he met. He truly captured the essence of what life was like for those people living in Afghanistan and Kenya.

Aldo told us how so many women and children spend hours of their day walking to get water for their families and haul it back to their villages. His organization called "Traveling Mercies" does work in trying to help under privileged villages and people. When Aldo moved to Afghanistan for about a year he told us about this woman that he met, Suraya Pakzad. Suraya is a woman who lives in Afghanistan with her family who fights for the rights of women through her organization "Voice of Women" so that one day future generations will not have to endure what she has had to. She has talked to our campus as well as many others, and even works with the UN to be a voice for the women back in her village who do not have the courage or means to do what she does to better their lives. She told our campus that even if her life is at risk every second and she receives death threats, she would rather fight to help for a better future for her country than to stay silent in fear.

After being informed of these issues, our Women Studies class has worked diligently in trying to collect the seven-thousand dollars necessary for the pipes and essentials needed to build a water system for a village. We have made groups on Facebook, a poster that was displayed at Eureka, banners and papers informing students and others of our cause, and collected more than half of the funds to hit our goal of \$7000. If every person on campus gave only \$3.50, the simply cost of two bottles of water in our cafeteria, we could accomplish our goal and you would have the satisfaction of help someone by providing them with something we take for granted. Water is necessary for life. It is entitled to every human, and everyone should be able to access it freely and easily.



Just one of the many children Aldo Magazzeni has helped  
(Photo courtesy of Traveling Mercies)