From the UC Santa Barbara Faculty Director
Professor Juan E. Campo

“Transformation.” That is the answer I gave when asked in a recent interview how to capture the significance of study abroad for our students in one word. What I had in mind were the multiple ways students change while living and learning in a foreign country— their knowledge is expanded, their proficiency in a foreign language is enhanced, they gain a deeper self-awareness as they learn to navigate life in unfamiliar cultural waters, and they build new, often lasting relationships with people from different walks of life. Many find that they have gained an independence that expands their horizons and teaches them that being “at home” is a sensibility that can be experienced in settings they never imagined before boarding a plane to their destination.

But these days I find there is much more to studying abroad than self-formation and transformation. Through increased opportunities for internships, research, and volunteering, students manifest a growing commitment to transforming the world for the better. At a time when American ideals are being questioned in many countries, UCSB students are becoming ambassadors for what is best about our university, our state, and our country. From studying the impacts of climate change in the tropical forests of Central America and coral reefs in the South Pacific to working in public health clinics in the Dominican Republic and Thailand, teaching English to rural immigrants on the outskirts of Shanghai, and engaging in cutting-edge laboratory research in Taiwan and Japan, they inspire us all to be more optimistic about what the future holds. For many of our students, these endeavors become gateways to graduate studies, jobs in the public and private sectors, and service in the Peace Corps.

As Gaucho EAP alumni, you can help students like these and those highlighted in this year’s Global Gaucho experience the kind of transformation that you experienced while studying abroad, and in doing so, help bring about meaningful change in their lives and in the lives of others. Please consider giving generously.

The Art of HYGGE
By Alexis Reichman (Denmark, ’17)

Hygge...
This word embodies both Danish culture as well as my personal experience abroad.

As soon as the airplane tires hit the runway I felt ready to be in the city I would soon call home. An event at the top of my list was going to Copenhagen PRIDE, Denmark’s largest human rights festival focused on LGBT issues. Being a queer woman, one of the things that brings me together with people is my identity. I was fortunate to be able to volunteer during PRIDE week, checking in VIP artists like Peaches, Nabih, and many drag queens, which brightened my spirits through the night! I even got to go onstage with Danish singer Sada Vidoo and wave rainbow flags during one of her performances. As I was on the stage looking at the sea of people dancing, crying, and singing in the pouring rain, I felt such a sense of belonging and a love bonding us all. Then on the day of the parade, I was able to witness the commitment of the University of Copenhagen to not just talk about diversity, but to advocate for it and participate in the parade. Seeing so many children and families from Denmark and visitors being allies filled my heart, and excited me for the potential future support the queer community will hopefully someday receive in the US. My PRIDE experience was ethereal. It was hygge!

HYGGE [hoo ga]
• The Danish art of building community, of paying attention to what makes us feel open-hearted and alive.
• To create well-being, connection and warmth.

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One day during my semester in Denmark I saw an advertisement for a group called SymfUni looking for musicians who wanted to be a part of this predominantly student symphony. Having played the cello for nine years prior to attending UCSB, I figured that diving back into one of my passions would be a fun way to meet more people and be able to perform. It was one of the best decisions I could have made. There were students from all over the world in this symphony which allowed for a rich exchange of culture, styles, and friendship. My most precious memory is when we taught each other dances from our respective countries. This exchange of culture through the movement of our bodies and the closeness it generated was *hygge*. To top it off, we finished our season by selling out our performance at the The Black Diamond - Royal Danish Library!

As the airplane tires lifted off the runway and I peered out of the window, I could not hold back the tears. I shed one every time my eyes were blessed with a last look at things I wanted to burn into my memory, like the brick color of my apartment building and seeing the sun glisten on the Black Diamond for the last time on this journey. I knew that this experience was ending, but my time in Copenhagen was far from over. I appreciate it and all the kind people that made it a home for me. I am forever grateful to have experienced *hygge* - the Danish way.

Alexis Reichman, a UCSB Communication major, has worked as a campus mental health coordinator. Graduating in just three years, even with studying abroad in Denmark, she intends to work in medical sales while organizing for social justice causes part time. She will also continue to feed her music passion by ideally finding a symphony to join.

Alumni Activist, Claire Frost

EAP and studying abroad hold a special place in my heart, as I spent my junior year in Bologna, Italy ('08 – 09) -- easily one of the best experiences in my life. I still have great friends, fantastic memories, and even some Italian language left over!

I joined the UC Alumni UK community almost a year after moving to London, when my sister asked me to sign up for their 10K run. I could not run, and had never been a runner in any way, shape, or form, but I decided it sounded like fun and agreed to do it. I got to meet many UC alumni and it has really improved my social life here. I am now a regular member of the monthly running club (and training for a half marathon!), active in the UCSB Alumni UK group, working on a pilot mentorship program for alumni, and was a volunteer on our third annual Gala. The Gala raises money for UCSB EAP student scholarships to study abroad in the UK. This year, we smashed our fundraising goal and reached over $30,000. Being active in the UC community again really reminds me of the wonderful energy and excitement I experienced during my year abroad as a UCEAP student. I am so proud to support UCEAP and contribute to giving students the opportunity to study abroad!

There are many ways you can become an active alum. Go to the UCSB Alumni webpage, ucsbalum.com, or look for Facebook alumni groups in your community.
I knew living and studying in Brazil would be a different experience than any I had before, and I was ready for culture shock. Stepping off the plane and recognizing this country with a different language, lifestyle, and culture was now my home was a whole new realization. At first it was hard navigating the streets and public transportation of Rio de Janeiro, frustrating communicating with my host mom in Portuguese, and shocking seeing the income disparity in different parts of the city. Yet, I quickly learned where the closest grocery store was, how to use public transportation, and how to get involved to better appreciate Brazilian culture. To further understand Brazilian society, I interned at a NGO in a local favela and I quickly realized how many children go without food, the difficulties of funding community programs, and how differently people of various incomes live. My host mom advanced my awareness by telling me about her life as an empregada (housekeeper) and introducing me to her friends and family from all over Brazil.

Maddie Asta graduated as a double major in Economics and Global Studies. After traveling in Europe this summer for her grandma’s 80th birthday, she will return to Brazil as a Fulbright Program English Teaching Assistant.

Driving into the city from Cape Town International Airport, I was awestruck, not only from my sense of smallness looking up at Devil’s Peak towering over my little neighborhood nestled next to the University of Cape Town, but also from the omnipresent images of the world’s worst inequality. A landscape of bustling interstates, mega-million skyscrapers, and trendy cafes was rivaled by images of inadequate sanitation, informal housing settlements, and reminders that the wealth of Cape Town is not shared by most of its citizens. South Africa in many senses made me uncomfortable. But, with this discomfort, I was able to grow through a continuous process of self-reflection and through evolving my consciousness to oppressive systems that exist in many countries of the world. Returning from my semester abroad, I am invigorated to continue on a career path promoting socially and environmentally responsible development. South Africa’s beauty and hope amid its complexities, along with the friendships I built there, will always have a place in my heart. Studying abroad was an incredible journey that caused me to question the systems I was raised in, the privilege I was born into, and what I can do to become a better, more socially aware global citizen.

Kelli Kaesberg, on the beautiful University of Cape Town campus, dwarfed by Devil’s Peak and Table Mountain. An Economics and Global Studies double major, Kelli will be participating on UCDC this summer.

"Te voglio bene assaje, ma tanto tanto bene sai.” “I love you very much. Very, very much, you know.” These are the beautiful lyrics sung so elegantly by the late Lucio Dalla that echoed through the streets of Bologna on March 4th, the birthday of the Bologna-native musical legend. I walked under the seemingly endless portici, my eyes taking in the colors of red, orange and yellow that make Bologna so beautifully unique, and what gives it its nickname, Bologna La Rossa, The Red. The aroma of freshly-baked cornetti and freshly-brewed coffee filled the air. I planted myself in the middle of the closed main street and took in all the beauty. I could not believe I lived somewhere so gorgeous with such a rich culture. I felt like I was in a Federico Fellini film, living the sweet life, la dolce vita. Living in Bologna taught me to slow down, relax, and really focus on bettering myself, both physically and mentally. I learned how to avoid stressing over the ten-page essay I had due in a week and the oral exam that solely determined my entire grade for the class. I learned to live life one day at a time. As cheesy as it sounds, I learned to live a dolce vita.

Tony Navarro-Carmona, starring in his personal “la dolce vita,” the sweet life. After graduating as an Italian Studies major, Tony will work and save up money before applying to grad school at the University of Bologna.
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**UCSB Recognized Gilman Top Producer**

We are proud to announce that we have been acknowledged as one of the nation’s top producers of Gilman scholars. The Gilman Scholarship program, funded by the U.S. State Department, provides study abroad scholarships for students with limited financial means. The program gives preference to students historically under-represented in education abroad. In the category of Large Colleges and Universities (> 15,000 undergrads), UCSB ranked:

- **Number of Destinations**
- **Racial & Ethnic Minority Students**
- **Students with Disabilities**
- **First-Generation Students**
- **Total Gilman Awardees (45)**
- **STEM Students**
Changing Lives, One Scholarship at a Time
A Legacy of Local Philanthropy with Global Impact

Scholarships change lives; we see it every day at the UCSB Education Abroad Program. Paving the way for these life-changing opportunities is the George H. and Olive J. Griffiths Charitable Foundation, a foundation honoring the philanthropic legacy of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths.

Passionate and compassionate alike, the Griffiths were an extraordinary couple. Highly-educated and well-traveled, they understood the value of education and exposure to different cultures. Mr. Griffiths spent his entire professional career in education, including a transformative two years in Canton (now Guangzhou), China where he taught at Lingnan University. Inspired by their own enriching experiences outside of the U.S., the Griffiths were driven to afford others’ access to experiences that they might not otherwise have - access to other cultures through travel, education, museums and art. Through their support of UCEAP, we see this manifest, one scholarship at a time.

Bolstered by the Griffiths Scholarship, which was established at UC Santa Barbara in 2012, an incredible one hundred UCSB EAP students have stepped outside their comfort zones into eight different Asian countries and along the way, have gained immeasurable experience and perspective. Awarded to students studying abroad in China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand, the Griffiths Scholarship connects students with a region of the world particularly special to the Griffiths. UCSB Griffiths Scholar Samantha Yturralde described her time in Thailand this way: “It definitely changed my perspective on life!”

The Griffiths retired in Santa Barbara, California, a place where they felt a strong sense of belonging. They have since both passed away, but their legacy continues to make an undeniable impact. Although 100% of their philanthropy is directed toward supporting the local Santa Barbara community, through their UCSB EAP scholarships, their reach is truly global. One scholarship at a time, lives are forever changed through human connection and global understanding.

A very special thank-you to John Berryhill and Stephanie Eubanks, co-trustees of the Griffiths Foundation.

“With the support of the Griffiths Foundation, I was able to fund my fall semester abroad in Mumbai interning with an LGBT-serving NGO. During my internship, I realized my career goal was to become a clinical social worker. Now I am a master’s student at CSU Northridge pursuing a career I am passionate about. Thanks to my Griffiths Scholarship, I was able to not only have an amazing study abroad experience, but I was also able to identify and pursue the career of my dreams.”
—Mani Maleky, India

“I was able to interweave my Asian American studies at UCSB with more in-depth materials from the courses I took in Singapore. As a future educator, the Griffiths Scholarship helped me gain a greater understanding of the Asian American experience and a broader perspective of the world in general. I hope to use this experience to help shape future generations to come.”
—Perlita Contridas, Singapore

Please help more students like Mani and Perlita have the transformative experiences that result from studying abroad by contributing to our scholarship fund. Simply return the enclosed envelope or go to https://eap.ucsb.edu/donate-now. For more information about giving, contact Jodi Kirkland, jodi.kirkland@ucsb.edu.
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