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## Celebrating a 40 year partnership with Lancaster University

*Please join us at:*

*A reception to celebrate 40 years of exchange between the University of Colorado Boulder and Lancaster University, England*

**Thursday, March 31  
4:30-7:00 pm**

**In the J.D. Abrams Student Cultural Center  
(3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Center for Community)**

Please RSVP, if you plan to attend, to [kreutzer@colorado.edu](mailto:kreutzer@colorado.edu) or 303-492-2976.



*I'm Flying Jack, I'm Flying!*

Photo by Landon Harman who studied in Lancaster, Spring 2008



### We're on the Web!

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Forty years ago (well... technically 41 years ago) a group of 15 University of Colorado Boulder students became the first CU student participants on the Lancaster University study abroad program (or programme, if you prefer) in the United Kingdom. They all spent one year studying at the university and being fully engaged in British university life.

At least three of these students went on to enrich CU with their international perspectives for years after their study abroad experience. Dr. Paul Strom is still at CU, serving as the Associate Director of the Honors Residential Academic Program. After receiving a BA from CU in Mathematics and Physics, he went on to earn a PhD in Religion and

social change from the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology. He currently teaches a course on "Nonviolence and the Ethics of Social Action" which reflect his continued interest in strategies on nonviolent social transformation.

Two of Paul's peers on that

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first program were Jean Schlechten and Michael Delaney. (Jean later became Jean Delaney when she and Michael were married.) Jean and Michael, now retired from CU, dedicated their careers to promoting international education at CU-Boulder. Both served in many capacities in the Office of International Education, including Director of the office and they occasionally still volunteer on scholarship selection committees and on Fulbright screening committees.

Along the path of the Delaney's rich and rewarding careers in international education, they took

a year to serve as resident directors on the Lancaster program. They have maintained Lancaster connections to this day.

From 1969 through the end of last academic year, 2009-2010, 870 students studied in Lancaster. This is more students than have studied on any of our other current programs. Our records are incomplete, but we know that more than 205 Lancaster students came to CU-Boulder through our exchange, enriching our classrooms and Boulder with their presence.



Lancaster University study abroad students, 1969-1970

Jean Schlechten Delaney and Michael Delaney at right side of photo. Photo submitted by Paul Strom

## A Lancaster Friendship through the Years



Gillian Merron and Ruth Hart Segal (on right)  
In London – fall 2009

Photo provided by Ruth Hart Segal

In 1979-80, Ruth Hart Segal was a CU student studying abroad at Lancaster University along with 37 other CU students. This was near the peak of CU students' participation in the Lancaster study abroad program. (The year before was the absolute peak with 42 CU students in Lancaster.)

During her year in Lancaster, Ruth met a Lancaster student, Gillian Merron, and they became friends. Then time passed and they went on with their lives.

In fall 2009, Ruth planned a trip to England with her husband and two teenage sons. She was able to reconnect with Gillian, who was then a Member of Parliament. Gillian invited Ruth and her family to join her for dinner at Parliament (which none of Ruth's family will ever forget) and to watch both houses (House of Commons, House of Lords) legislate.

International study changes our students' lives in large ways and small ways and makes them richer in innumerable ways. As we celebrate 40 years of partnership with Lancaster, we would like to recognize all of the CU and Lancaster students who made the relationship possible. We hope you have many fond memories of your study abroad experiences.

## Latin America to South Africa



**Prof. Andy Baker in South Africa**

In the summer of 2009, CU-Boulder Political Science Professor Andy Baker received a grant from the Office of International Education to partially fund his enrollment in an International Faculty Development Seminar in South Africa. The seminar was administered by the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), of which CU-Boulder is a member institution, and focused on *Building a Multiracial and Multicultural Society*.

CIEE International Faculty Development Seminars are in-depth encounters with the people, places, and contemporary issues that shape our world. Faculty participants in the South Africa seminar experienced a 10-day schedule of lectures by host country academics, politicians, and activists as well as site visits that illuminated ideas explored in those lectures.

Prof. Baker's particular geographic area of expertise prior to attending the seminar was Latin America. Since participating in the seminar, and as a direct result of the seminar, he has widened his interest and expertise. In the spring semester after visiting South Africa, Prof. Baker taught an upper-division course on Sub-Saharan African politics. This was the first time in almost a decade that a professor had taught this course at CU. It fulfilled pent-up demand for courses on Africa, enrolling 45

students and having a long wait list. He later taught the course in summer 2010 and is teaching it again this summer.

In addition to teaching about Africa, Prof. Baker is conducting research on Sub-Saharan Africa and co-authoring a paper with a retired CU professor on ethnicity and democracy in the region.

Prof. Baker's goal is to do more comparative work - looking at issues that cross-cut the world's different regions. He is not planning on abandoning his research and teaching interests in Latin America at all, but would like to do more work on Africa. In fact he is currently planning a research project in which he would conduct interviews and surveys in both Latin America and Africa.

Another upcoming project that combines these interests is a textbook on third world development that Prof. Baker is under contract to write. In many ways his interest taking on this project was inspired by his Africa trip.

Prof. Baker's journey is not over. Prof. Baker recently found out that he has received a \$2000 alumni scholarship from CIEE and will be using that to attend a faculty development seminar in Shanghai, China this summer. The topic of this seminar is *Economic Development and Urban Transformation*.

Other CU faculty who have received grants for international

faculty development seminars from the Office of International Education are:

- William Wei: India
- Alphonse Keasley: South Africa
- Colene Robinson: Dominican Republic

Unfortunately, OIE no longer has funds available to make future grants possible. Clearly, however, these programs are worthwhile - both to the individual who participates and to the wider university that benefits from the new areas of expertise and the new connections made by the faculty participants. We are looking for funding so that we can continue this valuable program.

For more information about existing faculty development seminars see:

- <http://www.ciee.org/ifds>
- [https://www.iesabroad.org/ES/Advisors\\_and\\_Faculty/Faculty\\_Development/Seminars/facultySeminars.html](https://www.iesabroad.org/ES/Advisors_and_Faculty/Faculty_Development/Seminars/facultySeminars.html)
- <http://www.daad.org/?p=suimmerseminar>
- <http://www.livelearning.org/educatorexpeditons.php>

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## Happy 100th Birthday to Ruth Purkapple!

Ruth Purkapple, Director of Study Abroad at CU-Boulder from 1966 to 1978, turned 100 years old on March 18 of this year!

Ruth came to CU-Boulder with a wealth of experience in international education and was instrumental in



Ruth Purkapple

developing Study Abroad into a staple part of the CU experience.

Although born and educated in Denver, Ruth's career took her to Kansas, Seattle, and New York City before she returned to Colorado and became the Director of Study Abroad at CU-Boulder.

Ruth's life so far has been filled with experiences that illustrate her

inquisitive and giving spirit. In 1938, right before World War II, Ruth bicycled through Europe with a friend. This was one of the highlights of her life. During the war, she visited Japanese Americans who were forced to live in internment camps and often advocated for them. She also worked for the USO during the war.

In 1944 Ruth moved to New York City, where she lived for the next 25 years. There she married William R. Purkapple and worked for the Committee on Friendly Relations among Foreign Students and the Greater New York Council for Foreign Students. In the 1940's and early 1950's she was active in setting up the Port of Entry Services for foreign students, and a national hospitality program for those who wanted to see the U.S. Through these jobs, Ruth met literally thousands of foreign students who had come to study in the U.S. In return, she travelled abroad visiting many of them in far corners of the world.

We at CU are extremely fortunate to have had the pleasure of knowing Ruth and to have benefited by her international expertise.

We wish Ruth many more happy birthdays!

## We welcome your involvement

Please send us your international news. We'd love to know about the international activities in which CU-Boulder students, faculty, and staff are engaged. Please send items to the Office of International Education at Campus Box 123 UCB. Or you may email them to: [kreutzer@colorado.edu](mailto:kreutzer@colorado.edu).

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Thank you!