# Alumni Newsletter, Vol. 3 No. 1 — February 2015

## Speaking our Language: IAFS Majors Take on Language Learning

The IAFS major couldn't be complete without language study. Even with the extensive and challenging coursework required, the rewards of learning a language are well worth the effort--and without a doubt, these rewards extend far beyond just being able to order crepes in a French café. There is a powerful sense of accomplishment associated with communicating in another language. Veronica Baker (IAFS '15) studies French and Arabic, and studied abroad in France and Tunisia with a Global Grant. She recalls the first time she looked at a page of Arabic text and read it from right to left automatically, without even thinking about it. Baker shares: "When those things start to come naturally, it makes all the frustration worth it."

*Read more about IAFS students undertaking foreign language learning at CU-Boulder*

## 22 Girls Strong: IAFS Student Helps Develop Rugby Team in Tanzania

Sophia Cole (IAFS '16) is busy connecting sports, international affairs, and women's programs. During her semester as an IAFS fellow for the annual Conference on World Affairs (CWA), she connected with Maggie Duncan Simbeye, the



Executive Director of the Dare Women's Foundation in Arusha, Tanzania.

As an IAFS Fellow for CWA, Sophia helped organize the conference and served as a student ambassador assisting participants during CWA week. For Cole, being a student ambassador to Simbeye was a perfect match. "Immediately, we connected during one of the participant and volunteer meet-ups during CWA week," says Cole.

*Read more about Cole's involvement with the Dare Rugby Project*

### Message from the Director

I recently met with alumni in Washington, D.C. and New York City, and we had a great time reconnecting! I hope to meet many of you in Dallas on March 22nd, and at projected gatherings in California, Seattle, and Chicago. Please suggest other cities where we can meet - we love to see our alumni!

Tom Zeiler
Director, IAFS

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### IAFS Alum Events

If you are in **Dallas, Texas**, join us for happy hour on March 22nd, 2015, from 4:00 - 6:00PM. Please email us at IAFS@colorado.edu if interested.

**International Affairs Open House**
Wednesday, April 8, 2015
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Koenig Alumni Center
1202 University Avenue
Boulder, CO 80309-0459
**RSVP for the April 8th Alum Event**
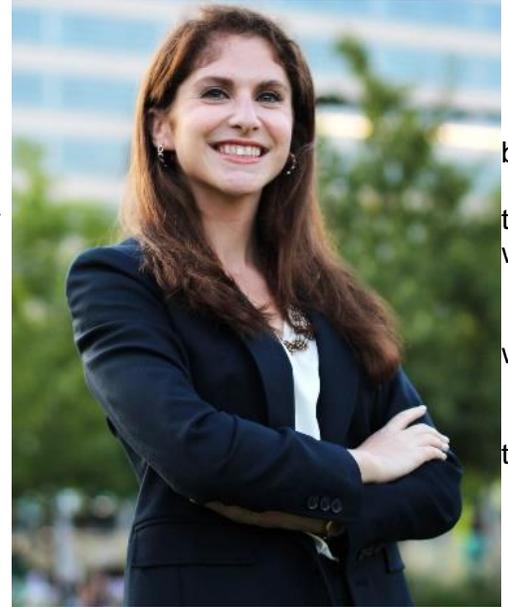
### Become involved with our program

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## Alum Spotlight: Julie Goodman – From CU-Boulder to Global Consulting

As a college student, Julie Goodman (IAFS '07) spent endless summer days scooping ice cream, but this didn't deter her dream of becoming a future entrepreneur. Today, Goodman is the CEO of Goodman Global Consulting, bas out of Dallas, Texas. Goodman Global Consulting works with companies aiming to grow in the global marketplace and helps create a strategic plan for thei international business. For Goodman, her success today started when she was bitten by the international bug unexpectedly during her first year at CU-Boulder.

"When I moved into my freshman year dorm, I discovered that my roommate was an international student from Jordan," says Goodman. They became close friends during their first year together, and Goodman visited her roommate in Jordan for three weeks the following summer. "I vividly remember us walking to th Boulder post office so I could apply for a passport," says Goodman. That summer in Jordan inspired her interest in cross-cultural relations, and she returned to CU-Boulder to declare her joint major in International Affairs and Economics.

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*Read more about Goodman's journey to a career in global consulting*