

IAFS Alum Brightens the Olympic Spirit



IAFS alum ('80) Steven McCarthy may have led his team on the 123-day torch relay for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, but he always takes time to reflect on where it all began for him. McCarthy explains:

"Traveling and attending events around the world are very important parts of my life. When asked about how I was inspired to do what I do today, I remember the diverse and inspiring lessons I learned as a student in the International Affairs Program at CU Boulder. I have an enduring and humble appreciation for people in every corner of the planet. Whether I'm in Russia today or Rio de Janeiro tomorrow, the place I appreciate most is still Colorado."

Steven McCarthy
Chairman & CEO of Além International Management and IAFS Advisory Board Member

[Read more about McCarthy's role in the 2014 Olympics](#)

Meet IAFS Director Tom Zeiler

Hi Alums!

As the new director of International Affairs, I am excited to re-launch the alum newsletter, and with it, our engagement with you. We hope you find these stories interesting - they show why IAFS is such a great community! And rest assured, there is much more to come. So stay tuned, and be in touch with us as well. We'd love to hear what you're doing!

Tom Zeiler
Director, International Affairs

Bringing Study Abroad Home to Children in Denver

When 2012 Global Grant awardee and IAFS alum Kaitlyn Fletcher embarked on her study abroad to Quito, Ecuador, she didn't anticipate how the experience would affect her life. As part of her study abroad program with Minnesota Studies in International Development, Fletcher interned at *Las Tres Manueles*, Quito's largest nonprofit in domestic violence prevention. Her internship offered her hands-on experience working alongside Ecuadorian families and discussing domestic problems.

Fletcher's study abroad program inspired her to pursue a career with Mount Saint Vincent Home, a Denver nonprofit. There, she serves as a mental health worker, assisting children who have suffered trauma and abuse. She credits her experiences in Quito, Ecuador for helping children in Denver, Colorado today.



Global Grant Awardees Give Back in Senegal

IAFS majors Jamie Haller and Cassiane Cladis took their Global Grant scholarships all the way to Dakar, Senegal for the spring 2013 semester. Living in Senegal gave Haller and Cladis the chance to put their French skills to work, learn the local language Wolof, study international development, and give back to their community through local internships.

Haller worked in education with students of all ages at the Federation du Baol, while Cladis completed an internship with the Association for the Advancement of Senegalese Women (APROFES), a micro-loan and health organization. Studying abroad and interning in Senegal gave Haller and Cladis a valuable understanding of issues facing West Africa today. Now, both are pursuing further opportunities in international development.



IAFS Lecturer Ken Scott: Syrian Conflict & International Justice

CU alum and IAFS lecturer Ken Scott brings a wealth of experience to his Law and International Affairs class. Scott's fourteen years as a senior war crimes prosecutor for the International Criminal Court in The Hague has provided him with insights into the growing field of international justice.

Scott recently provided testimony to the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations. In his remarks, he discussed the establishment of a Syrian War Crimes Tribunal. Scott called for justice and accountability for Syria's future after the conflict, including the creation of an international legal body and assistance to strengthen Syria's domestic courts system. He also advocated the collection and use of evidence in international investigations and trials. "We have to find better, more effective, less expensive ways to do that work," Scott says.

[*Read more on Scott's international human rights work*](#)



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