



International Affairs Program

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

IAFS Alumni Newsletter

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IAFS Year in Review

In 2025, the International Affairs Program continued to grow and strengthen its community. With more than **400 majors** and over **100 minors**, IAFS remains one of the largest interdisciplinary programs on campus. This past year calendar, we celebrated **106 graduates** and awarded 24 **Global Grants** totaling more than **\$46,000** to help students deepen their global education both inside and outside the classroom. Student engagement continued to rise with the relaunch of the **IAFS Club**, 14 new mentor–mentee pairs in the **IAFS Mentorship Program**, and over 20 events ranging from academic panels to campus-wide fairs.

We also welcomed two new Teaching Assistant Professors—**Molly Todd** (IAFS/Sociology) and **Jeffrey Nonnemacher** (IAFS/Honors)—who bring fresh expertise to our curriculum and community. Overall, 2025 was a year of momentum, connection, and continued global learning.

Looking ahead to 2026, we invite you to stay engaged—whether by supporting the **IAFS General Fund** or **Global Grants Fund**, sharing your career updates, or connecting with us on [LinkedIn](#).

If you'd like to mentor students, speak on panels, collaborate on future events, or share internship and job opportunities that may benefit IAFS students, email us at IAFS@colorado.edu.



Celebrating 150 Years: Help Us Highlight Notable Buffs

As CU Boulder prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2026, the university is reflecting on the many people who have shaped its history. [A newly released list highlights notable Buffs from across the decades](#)—including lesser-known individuals whose impact may surprise you!

With such a long and diverse history, the campus is actively seeking additional names and stories. IAFS alums are invited to [submit suggestions](#) for individuals, impactful moments, or stories that we should celebrate as part of the 150th anniversary.



Where Are They Now?

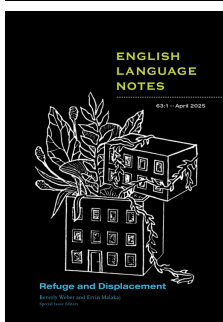
[Marian Ware](#) is currently a program evaluator at [January Advisors](#), helping nonprofits, foundations, and local governments use data to strengthen social impact programs. Her IAFS and study-abroad experiences—and several years living in the Middle East—shaped her ability to work across cultures and perspectives.

Learn more about her professional journey and her recent milestone, plus a fun post-graduation fact on the [IAFS website](#).

ICYMI - U.S. Recovery Efforts in Jamaica After Hurricane Melissa

We recently heard from **Scott Renner** (IAFS '86), Chargé d'Affaires at the **U.S. Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica** about his experiences in Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa. Visit the **IAFS website** for his update and photos.

Follow the **U.S. Embassy Jamaica's Instagram account** to stay up to date with Scott's work and the relief efforts in Jamaica!



IAFS Faculty Update

IAFS Faculty Committee member **Beverly Weber** (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures) co-edited a special issue of English Language Notes titled "**Refuge and Displacement**" with Dr. Ervin Malakaj (University of British Columbia). The issue centers the stories of those who have experienced forced displacement, exploring care, solidarity, and creative responses through both scholarly and artistic work.

Local CU Boulder Alumni Library Access

Colorado based alumni can access many library resources through the **CU Library system**. Online resources such as scholarly journals like English Language Notes are only accessible via on-campus Wi-Fi.

[Learn more on the University Libraries' website.](#)

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Have news to share?

Do you have stories to share or know of internships, jobs or events that may interest IAFS alumni or students? Email iafs@colorado.edu and let us know!

Check out our [Alumni Spotlight](#) and [Internship and Job Opportunities](#) pages for updates.

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