



# International Affairs Program

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

## **IAFS Alumni Newsletter**

### **July 2026**

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## **Summer Check-in**

Summer often brings new adventures, whether that means traveling across the globe, starting a new position, pursuing further education, or simply taking time to reflect on the year so far. For the International Affairs community, these journeys take many forms—and often span many countries and cultures.

One of the greatest strengths of IAFS is our alumni network. This month, we celebrate the diverse paths our graduates have taken and the many ways they continue to apply their international perspectives in careers, communities, and organizations around the world.

As you read this month's newsletter, we invite you to reconnect with fellow alumni on the [ForeverBuffs Network](#), share your own updates via [email](#), and stay engaged with the IAFS community on [LinkedIn](#). We are always excited to hear where your journey has taken you.



## Student Spotlight: Voices of Vienna

For **Alec Rumoro** (IAFS '28), studying abroad in Vienna was the fulfillment of a long-held dream to experience another culture firsthand. Through the Global Seminar: Voices of Vienna program, he explored Austria's history, politics, art, and international institutions while building friendships and gaining perspectives that brought his International Affairs studies to life.

Read more about Alec's experience in the IAFS website article, [\*\*Voices of Vienna: Alec Rumoro's Global Seminar Journey\*\*](#).



## Alumni Spotlight: Priyanka Guragain's Six Star Chef

IAFS alumna **Priyanka Guragain** (IAFS & SOCY, '17) is turning her passion for community, entrepreneurship, and hospitality into a successful venture as co-founder of **Six Star Chef**, a Colorado-based private chef company. In a recent Forever Buffs Network feature, Guragain reflects on how the skills, curiosity, and global perspective she developed at CU Boulder helped her navigate the challenges of launching and growing a business.

Read more about her entrepreneurial journey and advice for aspiring founders on the [\*\*ForeverBuffs Buff Business of the Month\*\*](#) article.

## Faculty Highlight: Exploring Transnational Politics

In June, IAFS Assistant Teaching Professor and Internship Program Director **Jeffrey Nonnemacher** presented his research on transnational political party networks at the first annual meeting of the **European Political Science Society** (EPSS) in Belfast, Northern Ireland. His work examines why political parties and leaders forge public connections across national borders, offering new insights into democratic competition and political strategy. The experience also provided valuable firsthand perspectives on contemporary political and social dynamics in Northern Ireland that he looks forward to bringing into his courses this fall.

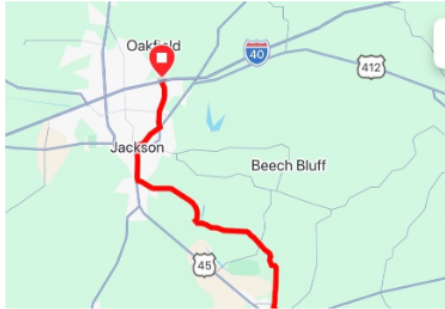
Learn more about his experience in the IAFS website article, [\*\*Prof. Jeffrey Nonnemacher Examines Politics Across Borders at EPSS Conference\*\*](#).





Day 9 - June 29 - Corinth MS to Jackson TN - heat is getting intense

June 29, 2026



Weather - already 77F (25C) and 95% humidity when I left the hotel at 6:30a. Temperature peaked at 97F (36C) afternoon in Jackson but the heat index was 110F (43C). Sun was intense all day and the wind from the WSW or to the heat. It was mostly a crosswind for me. Heat rising from newly paved blacktop just made things worse. I 73.0 miles (117.5kms) Elevation Gain: 3038 feet (926 meters) Calories burned: 4426 Shvitz Index: 9.8/10. Since

## Faculty Spotlight: From the Gulf to Canada

International Affairs Faculty Committee member **Professor John O'Loughlin** (GEOG & IAFS) is back on the road for his second "Mad Journey," this time cycling from New Orleans to the Canadian border.

**Follow along** as he shares updates, reflections, and stories from the road on his travel blog—and cheer him on as he pedals north! **Read Geography's article to learn more.**



## Become a Guide to Incoming Buffs

Help welcome the next generation of Buffs by becoming a **Forever Buffs Alumni Guide**. This virtual micro-mentorship program pairs alumni with incoming CU Boulder students to provide encouragement, answer questions, and help them feel connected as they begin their college journey.

**Sign up** by **July 31** to make a meaningful impact with just a small time commitment.



**Denver French Festival**  
July 10-12

**APSIA Online Graduate School Fair**  
July 23

**WorldDenver New Frontiers Diplomacy Forum**  
July 28

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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](mailto:iafs@colorado.edu) and let us know!

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

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