



Bufs in NY & Spotlight on Alum Steve Ginther



On July 29th, we held our first alumni meet-up in New York City at McGee's Pub. IAFS Director Tom Zeiler caught up with some of our New York Bufs, including Steve Ginther (IAFS '89). As Director of International Programs for the [Humpty Dumpty Institute](#), Steve runs the Institute's Higher Education Alliance program, and provides programmatic, operational and logistical support to programs in Sri Lanka, Laos, and Vietnam. Based in New York City, the Humpty Dumpty Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to overcoming global and domestic humanitarian and development challenges. While Steve enjoys living and working in New York, he stays connected to Boulder through alumni events and serving as an IAFS Advisory Board member.

Working with Refugee Populations in Colorado

A summer internship brought home headlines about refugee issues for Lauren Williamson (IAFS '16). Williamson spent this summer working with the [African Community Center \(ACC\)](#), a Denver-based community organization. ACC accepts refugees who have fled persecution in their home country and have received third country resettlement through the UNHCR and the U.S. State Department.

As an outreach intern, Williamson worked closely with graduating high school seniors who had arrived in Colorado with their families as refugees from countries such as Nepal, Burma, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Nepal, South Sudan, Somalia and Syria. A major internship challenge was organizing the 7th annual gala for the [Colorado Refugee Youth Scholarship Fund program](#).

[Read more about Williamson's internship with ACC](#)

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From Mock Trial to Boulder County Court Internship



This summer, Hannah Waldner (IAFS '16) took on the courtroom. Her internship placed her at the [District Attorney's Office in the Boulder County Court](#)—an opportunity that arose during a tour of the District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney Stan Garnett offered her an internship on the spot. Waldner found herself observing cases ranging from bond hearings to murder charges, and standing face-to-face with convicted criminals alongside her mentors. But more than learning about the courtroom and legal system, the summer internship gave Waldner insight on the confidence it takes to be part of the legal system.

[Read more about Waldner's internship with Boulder County Court](#)

Summer Internship brings IAFS Student in Touch with Global Markets



Jason Hofmann (IAFS '16) knew that an internship was key for his academic success at CU-Boulder. Last year, he searched extensively for internships at campus career fairs and information sessions. A friend invited him to attend the Goldman Sachs seminar, held in CU-Boulder's Leeds School of Business. Hoffman shares: "At this seminar, I networked with people from Goldman Sachs and expressed interest in their internship. After applying and interviewing, they offered me a position to be a summer analyst in Salt Lake City, Utah."

Hofmann worked in Capital Markets Operations, specializing in domestic equity trade. Throughout the 10-week summer program, he worked with colleagues around the globe—from London to Bangalore and Singapore. "Working for Goldman Sachs exposed me to many aspects of international affairs," says Hoffman. "I learned how different cultures affect business and I gained a better understanding of certain global market trends. I was able to foster my passion for international affairs and finance throughout the summer in a professional setting."

[Read more about Hofmann's internship with Goldman Sachs this summer](#)

Community Health Practicum with Emily Martin - Global Grant Recipient in Botswana

In summer 2015, Emily Martin (IAFS '16) studied abroad with the CIEE Botswana: Gaborone Community Public Health Program. She shared the following update with IAFS:

Dumela from Botswana!

So much has happened in the past few weeks!

Our group returned to Gaborone this week from a week-long stay with host families in the nearby village of Kanye. We continued our clinic rotations while we were there, so we were able to observe four of them and compare them to the ones in the main city. I was also given the opportunity to walk door-to-door with local nurses as they educated community members about HIV and sexually transmitted infections. It's a new campaign that was started to dispel misconceptions and encourage people to get tested, and it has been getting very positive feedback so far!

I lived with my host mom, Onkokame, and her two adopted daughters, Thuso and Lolo. Some of the other students had homes that looked very similar to the ones seen in the States, but my mom is a single mother and their home is still a work-in-progress. I am very grateful I was placed with them because it led to a very transformative week for me. They welcomed me into their home even though they have very little, and they taught me how to function with no running water and only one functioning burner for cooking. I think my week in Kanye will remain the most important week out of this entire experience!



Martin participated in clinical rotations during her health practicum in Gaborone

In addition to our classes, we have also taken multiple excursions. We spent a weekend at the Mokolodi Nature Reserve, where we volunteered, camped, and went on our first game drive. We also went to the Bahurutshe Cultural Village and witnessed traditional dancing.

I can't believe there is less than a month left of my program! I feel very settled now and definitely feel like my dorm at the University is home. We are trying to take full advantage of our limited time. A couple of days ago, we

hiked Kgale Hill, which had an amazing view. Today, we are hosting a 4th of July BBQ for the directors and volunteers of our program.

As a Gilman Scholar, I was also given the opportunity to apply to be a travel correspondent for Reach the World, a nonprofit that brings geography education to classrooms. It was very competitive, but I made the cut! I am so excited for the opportunity, because I am going to be partnered with a classroom and send them weekly updates. The writing will take the place of my Gilman service project, which I would've had to complete upon my return to the States. I can't wait to share my experiences with more people!

[See more photos from Martin in Botswana](#)

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