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The Global Village Living-Learning Center is a residence hall located in Indiana University's northwest neighborhood. The GV is home to 170 globally minded undergraduate students who share a common interest in learning languages, cultures, and studying or traveling abroad. Each semester the Global Village is host to numerous internationally themed events including language hikes, cultural celebrations, ethnic dinners, lectures, and workshops. This year there are over 20 languages being studied at the Global Village. To learn more about the Global Village Living-Learning Center, check out our website at [www.indiana.edu/~college/global](http://www.indiana.edu/~college/global).

## Central Council Planning Events

by Elizabeth Magill

At Indiana University, there are different levels of student government within each residential neighborhood and hall. There is an overall governing group for each neighborhood, along with a council or board for each building. In the Global Village, our student government is called Central Council and consists of 11 representatives who meet weekly to discuss and structure programming for our residence hall. This Fall the Ground Floor is represented by Chuck Heiney and Carly Smith. The 1st Floor is represented by Samantha Lozano, Trip Lukemeyer, Eric Troske. The 2nd Floor is represented by Erik Kohn, Lissa Miller, and Devin Warner. The 3rd Floor is represented by Abigail Hamilton, Tyler Kniess, and Elizabeth Magill. Office Assistants Nathan Grantz and Kailyn Haverstock also attend and assist with many of the meetings. Last but not least, we are directed and advised by GV Director Jeff Holdeman and the Global Village Resident Assistants.

Each week one person volunteers to be the facilitator and run the meeting, while another person volunteers to be the secretary and take the minutes. Each person must be facilitator and secretary twice throughout the course of the school year. The only permanent position is Central Council Treasurer, which is held by Tyler Kniess for the 2012–2013 school year. In our meetings, Central Council reviews events that have happened, approves space and money for current and upcoming events, and finds volunteers to help with events that do not have enough people to facilitate them. This year, it has been exciting to see many Central Council members attending programming and then giving input on what has been beneficial for our community. It has also been exciting to see Central Council members implementing their own ideas for programming through events like our Day of the Dead celebration!



Global Villagers attend Culture Fest during Welcome Week



Jam session with mask maker and musician, Mbala

## FIN and GV Masquerave

by Alli Brachmann

Saturday, November 3 was a magical night for the Villagers and Foster International (FIN) residents. In the weeks leading up to this date, there had been rumors about a Masquerave, what some would come to think of as the GV Homecoming. John Galuska, the director of FIN, had invited his Jamaican friend, Mbala, to help ravers make masks and explore their creative sides in many different ways.

On the actual night, Village People and FIN Tigers spent hours getting ready, doing hair, makeup, getting dressed up and making sure their masks were perfect. The event was scheduled to begin at 8 pm but there

were already people lined up outside the doors to the Harper Formal Lounge at 7:45.

As guests entered the Lounge, they were immediately struck not only by the fog machines and disco lights, but also by the actual DJ's providing the music. Guests were directed to take a provided mask if they did not have their own, and then they were sent on their way to eat snacks and to dance! Thanks to the hard work of the team of GV and FIN RA's, and because of all the wonderful, raving GVers and FINians who came to shake their groove things, the Masquerave was more of a success than anyone had ever dreamed! The Masquerave will hopefully continue from this year and beyond to become a much-loved GV tradition.

# Losing Privacy, Gaining Friends

by Rachel Garastik

The upside of being one of two children, and in a house with three bedrooms, and in a house with three growing up. Within those four walls lots of crying, laughing, and teenage angst occurred but one thing that stayed constant, even when my emotions didn't was the fact that I had a place of my own. My room was a place I could go to and be left alone. I would like to say that I cherished those moments, but of course as the cliché saying goes, "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone," and I didn't realize how much privacy I had until I arrived at Indiana University, and lost it. Little things like talking on the phone, getting dressed after taking a shower, and being able to sleep whenever have now become sweet moments to be relished.



Kaylee Dolen greets incoming GVer Katelyn Mehling at Welcome Week

However, rather than complain, I've come to the realization that these glimmers of privacy actually make me appreciate them more and have also pushed me out of my comfort zone and into the friend-making zone. My roommate and I usually keep our door open whenever we're lounging in the room and soon enough, people come trickling in to chat or just say 'hey'. What's unique about living in a dorm—especially the GV—is that although everyone's around the same age, they come from various backgrounds which can lead to some interesting and sometimes inspiring conversations. If I demanded the same amount of privacy I had back home, I would not only become a terror to my roommate but I would isolate myself from my peers. This is an important fact to acknowledge because so many people don't take advantage of all the possible (best) friends that exist while living in a dorm. I greatly value all the friends I've made here so far, and if making friends means losing a bit of privacy, I can deal with that.

## SEX!

by Louisa Alter



Sex is a funny thing. We love it, we hate it, we are scared of it, and we crave it. Here in America, however, it's not exactly the most appropriate thing to speak of openly. Like drugs and alcohol, it's something society suggests we abstain from... at least until marriage or until we are "old enough". But even with that ring on our finger, the S word is still hush hush.

Why? Well, because we (American society) are pruders. Don't be offended, it's just a fact. In comparison to other countries, America has the highest rate of teen pregnancies and STIs of any western, developed country. We hate talking about it so we try to avoid it. Unfortunately, ignorance ensues and grave (and easily avoidable) mistakes are made.

This crazy phenomenon inspired my Q class to delve a little deeper into this topic. On Wednesday, November 7, 2012, we held the "SEX! (from an international perspective) event that aimed to address the numerous taboos surrounding sexual intercourse. We showed parts of a documentary that compared attitudes towards sex in the U.S. with attitudes in the Netherlands. In addition we showed a powerpoint listing different attitudes towards sex in other places around the world (Cambodian "love huts", female genital mutilation in Sudan, fellatio in Papua New Guinea). A discussion followed, dissecting the reasons why Americans are so uptight and what it would be like to be sexually active in other countries. Finally, our masterpiece of an event ended with students sharing hilarious and embarrassing sex stories, either about themselves or people they have heard of. It was truly a bonding moment for the Global Village.

## Leadership

by Lindsey Pullum

The new Leadership Development Series has had quite the semester! A range of topics have been covered, like leadership practices and habits, emotional intelligence, and group dynamics and communication. Global Villagers can earn a certificate by attending four workshops through the Global Village and/or leadership workshops through IU. Students who don't have the time to make it to the workshops (which are always at 7:00 pm) can always arrange a one-on-one session to go over the material.



Graduate Assistant Lindsey Pullum with GVer Rocio Rodea at the Welcome Week Progressive Dinner

Students who attend these workshops are walking away with new self-awareness and confidence in their leadership abilities. Participants in the Leadership Development Series have been applying the skills they have developed in groups all over campus, i.e., Central Council, work-study jobs, professional organizations, honor societies, Student Government, and other student organizations. I encourage everyone to try it once to see if you learn one new thing.

## Where in the World Are GVers?

The Global Village encourages residents to travel, study, and work internationally. We also encourage our alumni to stay connected and share their experiences with current residents. Here are updates from a few of our Global Village alums.

### Zanzibar, Tanzania

by Tim Hoffelder

I've seen the sun set over the Indian Ocean, and I've been acquainted with numerous sea turtles. I've waded through alleyways filled with water, and I've been told my skin was light enough to be a flashlight in the dark. I've discussed education, ethnicity, tattoos, segregation, religion, farming, and relationships, among other things. And, I'm not halfway done.

I've been living and studying in Zanzibar for five months now, and I could not be happier with the decision to do so. In finding this happiness, I found many other things along the way.

I found that the best cure for your body is not the one that comes in a pill bottle. I found that you are never, *never* too old to continue learning, and thus, growing. I found that food is love, water is life, and burdens are shared. Most importantly, I found that we are all in this together.

Swahili speakers have a simple saying: *Tuko pamoja*. It translates to "we are together." At first, I took this phrase for its translated worth. But, after spending some time in Zanzibar—honestly anywhere in Africa—you will understand. For example, when a shop does not have the soap I'm looking for, the vendor runs two blocks down to get it from a different store. You do not become angry at the pace of events because you understand that we are all busy. As well, when you think learning names is unnecessary, it is because you know that meeting again was meant to be. Finally, when you study in a culture not your own, you give your soul to the experience and you are blessed with the spirit of a million smiling faces....

Then, you understand that we are all in this together.



### New York City

by Konstantin Tchergueiko

Since graduating from IU in 2008, I went on to get an MA from Columbia University in Russian, Eurasian and Eastern European Regional Studies. In particular, my degree focused on sociopolitical issues in modern Ukraine. I currently work for the New York State International Training and Research Program at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. We are an NIH grant funded non-profit working on public health capacity building in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The emphasis of our grant is HIV/AIDS treatment, care, and research capacity development in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Georgia. We achieve this by inviting and supporting students for MS study in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at SUNY Albany. We also organize in-country workshops and conferences on various HIV/AIDS care-related issues. Working on these issues in Eastern Europe is challenging given the varying business climate and the very different problems in our target countries. However, it is also very rewarding and gives me a chance to travel.

On the personal side of things, I have become a much more avid runner since moving to New York. I am planning a few destination marathons and ultra's for the next few years and maybe some trail and cycling races as well. I was supposed to run the NYC 2012 but it was canceled due to Hurricane Sandy which did a lot of damage throughout New York.

I have been doing a lot of international travel recently including Russia, Turkey, and Switzerland, but I still find myself in Chicago during many major holidays to spend time with the family. If you are planning on being in New York or have any questions for me, please feel free to write or call anytime!



### Washington, DC

by Lisa Ferguson

A freshman in 2004, I am a proud member of the Global Village's inaugural class and acted as 2005 GV Vice President and a 2006 Peer Instructor. I was an EALC & French double major in LAMP, but unfortunately, I graduated in 2008 at the very beginning of the financial crisis—a terrible time to find your first job! A few months later, I headed to Washington, DC, to intern at the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, where I used my language skills to help monitor news for human rights and rule of law developments in China. I then made ends meet for several months working as a temporary administrative assistant back home in Chicago.

In 2009, I moved to Taipei, Taiwan, where I studied Chinese intensively at National Taiwan University's amazing International Chinese Language Program (ICLP). After nine months of studying, traveling, and eating copious amounts of street food in Taiwan, I finally achieved advanced Mandarin proficiency. To launch my career in international relations, I moved back to Washington, DC, in 2010. While job-hunting, I became a volunteer Chinese translator for *WatchingAmerica.com* (a global news website) and *Wokai* microfinance organization. I then spent a year and a half working at a small nonprofit focused on advocating for human rights in China. Planning to start a career in China policy research and analysis, I am now in the first year of my MA in International Relations & International Economics at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) concentrating in China Studies. I know first-hand how hard it can be to go from the comfort of IU to the "real world", so if anyone has questions about international relations internships or working in DC, please feel free to get in touch!





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## Kabwende Camp

by Brie Petty

This summer brought an exciting addition to the Books & Beyond project. The first annual Kabwende Holiday Camp involved Indiana University GV students, New Jersey's TEAM students, and 200 Rwandan primary school students in a month-long cross cultural exchange. IU and TEAM volunteers drafted lesson plans, organized activities, and used Books & Beyond's *The World is Our Home* anthology to help teach English at Kabwende Primary School.

Divided into three different parts (Reading, Writing, and Kinesthetic), the camp introduced a variety of teaching methods to Kabwende such as group work and learning through games, song, and dance. In return, the IU and TEAM students learned about Rwandan culture through personal experience; developed friendships with the students, teachers, and translators; and will be using their experience to improve the project as a whole.

At the end of the month, the Rwandan students had improved their English comprehension and pronunciation. It is also safe to say that the IU students improved their teaching skills. We look forward to continuing the tradition of the Kabwende Holiday Camp as it gave us the opportunity to evaluate the project, highlighting our successes as well as areas that could use improvement.



## Books & Beyond

by Claire Ronner

As the full semester comes to a close, Books & Beyond (B&B) is on its way to yet another year of successful collaboration with the TEAM school students and the Kabwende Primary School to publish the fifth volume of *The World is Our Home*.

To mark B&B's impressive five-year milestone, this year's kickoff event was held at the DeVault Alumni Center on October 18, the weekend of the TEAM students' visit. In addition to the kickoff celebration, which featured special guest speaker Larry Singell, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the writing partners met for the first time and began work on their stories. While GVers and TEAM students will still write and illustrate their stories for the anthology, B&B is excited to announce that more stories from the Rwandan students will be included in the next edition.

Besides the writing partners, B&B members have been hard at work documenting the semester's activities, writing articles for the newsletter *Amakuru*, evaluating the success of the project, and presenting to various group around campus. Keep an eye out for more opportunities to learn about Rwandan culture and support Books & Beyond next semester!