As we begin a new semester at the new GLCC, I want to take this opportunity to offer a renewed welcome to all GLCC students, Global Village and Foster International alumni, Advisory Board members, and other GLCC friends, family, and associates.

The GLCC experiment in living and learning couldn’t come at more perilous and important moment. We live in a world in which politicians see fit to seek partisan advantage through fanning extremism, hate, and xenophobia. As a historian, I am well aware this is nothing new in global affairs, in the U.S., or indeed right here in Indiana. Still, the intense wave of denigration expressed towards the idea of “difference” seems more generalized, more virulent, and more pronounced than I have ever seen in my own lifetime.

Thus, our small efforts to build a community of 120 students, dedicated to the principle of sharing the world’s great diversity of languages, cultures, religions, ethnic traditions, political beliefs, sexual orientations, and more can have a big impact.

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Our residents, from many backgrounds and many nations, live, work, and play together so they can experience, embrace, and celebrate difference, not hide from it.

Our 80 “domestic” students have much to learn from living with “international” students from a dozen or more countries. For their part, our 40 “international” students can look to their dorm-mates for help navigating the terrain of a foreign country—that is, the U.S. Of course, U.S.-based students quickly discover that “international” students may have the common experience of studying in a strange land, yet much else may separate them. Some may be devout Muslims, while others may come from an Islamic country and yet remain secular. Some may hail from a land governed by a Communist Party, and yet in their hearts embrace market values much more than any American student. Others may come from a country like Mexico, associated by many North Americans with rural “backwardness”, and yet be far more urbane than students raised in the rural Midwest.

Meanwhile, the “foreign” students, so diverse in their own experiences and backgrounds, have also learned that there is no single kind of “American” living in the GLLC. Indeed, we hope they have discovered that to be an “American” is—or at least should be—to both recognize and accept difference. More often than not, this possibility—not without friction—has come into view in America’s big cities. That’s why our signature student trip in Winter 2018 will be a weekend in Chicago, a place where over the course of the past 150 years multiple waves of immigrants to the U.S. have made their mark, learning to live together as best they can.

In a few short months the GLLC has found its footing. We have a diverse Executive Council in place, one that seeks to provide exciting and worthwhile programming of interest to all of our students. Our administrative team—myself, Vera Marinova, Peter Roeth, Christie Ruark—are working in concert to build a stronger community. We have established an Advisory Board that connects the GLLC to multiple constituencies around the university. Our culture clusters are going strong, and we have begun to program some major events for spring 2018, including the Chicago trip. Above all, we continue to seek ways to make sure that “domestic” and “international” students do not just pass one another in the hall on the way to class. We want them to learn to live together, in every sense of the word. After all, out in the world, beyond the university, anything less may mean not living at all. Please join us in this essential mission in any way you can.
STARTING MY NEW CHAPTER WITH BOOKS AND BEYOND

BY NEELI KASDORF

As every freshman is told at orientation, IU offers just about anything you can imagine with over 750 student organizations; the problem is deciding which ones to join. Welcome Week is a storm of recruiting information and tempting free food, but not all student organizations are the same. I wanted something more than just a few meetings and more emails to read. I learned about Books and Beyond at the first GLLC Breakfast from around the World. B&B partners with local Bloomington schools and Kabwende Primary School in Rwanda to create and deliver books to students experiencing a book famine. The stories are aimed to facilitate English-learning for the Rwandan students. From the start I knew that I had found a student organization that set itself away from the rest, one that truly makes a difference.

I decided to join the Writing Partners Team because I love grammar and, well, writing. The Writing Team visits two Bloomington schools, the Harmony School and the Project School, to provide workshops to help the third and fourth graders come up with ideas for their submissions. Before any writing starts, some introductions to Rwandan culture are given. The kids then write sentences and draw pictures that can be used to teach core ideas such as numbers and letters. This edition’s theme is “my first time.” The kids get to write about their experiences that they want to share with the students in Rwanda and help them learn English through sentences matched with illustrations. Once the sentences and pictures have been compiled they will be sent to the Collaborating Team to format and edit the pieces into a cohesive book. The finalized, printed copies of The World is Our Home are distributed to the students at the Kabwende Holiday Camp during the summer.

I love B&B because of how it connects different parts of the world in such a fun and creative way. Many of the Bloomington children are excited to be a part of the publication process, and the children in Rwanda get the benefit of receiving educational English materials for their language learning. I enjoy getting to brainstorm with the kids and assisting them in making their ideas come to life on paper. Knowing that I have been a part of a positive experience that will help others across an ocean, I am proud to be a member of B&B.
BREAKFAST FROM AROUND THE WORLD

BY AMANE MACHIDA

I hope that those who attended the international breakfast in October enjoyed the Japanese cuisine that I prepared according to my home culture. That menu—rice ball, simmered Hijiki seaweed, vegetables, pickles, and miso soup—definitely appears on breakfast tables in Japan. However, nowadays, most people in Japan have Western food rather than Japanese food for breakfast. Eating bread for breakfast is somewhat popular because it’s easy. Toasting bread only takes a couple of minutes while cooking rice takes more than 30 minutes. Putting cereal in the bowl or just grabbing a banana takes much less time. In the busy morning, some people choose to have non-Japanese breakfast to get as much sleep as possible!

In the morning, people often drink coffee to wake them up. However, rice and its Japanese side dishes definitely do not taste good with coffee. As you know, coffee and bread match perfectly fine, so that also may be the reason why European style breakfast is becoming popular in Japan.

Actually, my family regularly enjoys coffee in the morning with bread or cereal. For Breakfast From Around the World, I did not want to do “popular European breakfast in Japan” for the event, but the first possible breakfast menu that came into my head was pizza toast! Of course, I do enjoy rice in the morning. A bowl of rice covered with raw egg and soy sauce is my favorite, but I was not sure if American eggs are safe enough to be eaten raw.

In the end, I came up with a great Japanese food menu for the breakfast, but it was fascinating for me to realize how Westernized my home breakfast is. What I miss the most for breakfast is a variety of delicious fresh bread, which somehow is really hard to get in the United States.
THE C IN THE GLLC

BY ALLISON KRIEGER

When looking for a place to live my first year at IU, I knew I wanted to live in a place that fostered a sense of community. After stumbling across the Global Living-Learning Community, I was sure that I had found such a place. Right off the bat on Move-In Day, I instantly felt welcome. I really appreciated that so many people in the LLC share a common set of interests, while also maintaining a unique sense of identity.

As the year progressed, I became more involved in the LLC and took on leadership positions. One such example of this is the team I led to the Jill Behrman Color the Campus Run. I had seen posters around campus for the Color Run, and I thought it would be a really great thing to do with a group from the LLC. Somehow, I managed to convince several members of the LLC to form a team and give up a Saturday morning to run five kilometers. That 5k was one of my favorite events from this semester, I loved the group of people that chose to participate and it’s always fun to get a little messy!

In addition to leading the Color Run team, I’m also the leader for the German Culture Cluster in the LLC. Being able to share my passion for the German language and culture with the LLC has been an amazing opportunity. Some of the Culture Cluster members have prior knowledge about Germany, while others are being exposed to it for the first time.

Over my first semester at the Global LLC, I’ve met so many amazing people from all around the world, with very different backgrounds. I’ve had the opportunity to try exquisite new foods and experience new cultures and traditions. I’m very thankful that I stumbled upon the GLLC in my search for housing last year, and I’m excited about the new experiences and friendships next semester will bring.
MEET THE GLLC ADMINISTRATORS

Alex Lichtenstein-Director

Dr. Lichtenstein is a professor of history at IU, where he has taught since 2011. Although trained as a historian of the U.S., he has traveled all over the world and lectured in multiple countries. He loves learning about new places, exploring global cities, trying new foods, listening to world music and jazz, and meeting people from different cultures and backgrounds. This is Alex’s first year as director of the Global LLC.

Vera Marinova-Associate Director

Vera grew up in the small but beautiful Eastern European country of Bulgaria and moved to the U.S. to further her personal and academic goals. She has traveled extensively and has explored a large array of languages, hoping to delve into her tenth in the near future. Vera has worked in the study abroad field for a number of years and formerly served in the Global Village.

Peter Roeth-Associate Director

Peter has been involved in the student affairs profession for almost ten years and enjoys facilitating college student development through experiences and challenges. He works closely with students in the Global LLC to promote numerous co-curricular and extracurricular activities. In his free time, Peter enjoys cooking, playing racquet sports, and planning his next trip.