

CENTER FOR
GLOBAL
CITIZENSHIP
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

**Activities Report
June 2013- June 2014**

The mission of the Center for Global Citizenship is to promote collaboration across the University to educate and engage the SLU community for global awareness, responsibility, and participation. The Center fosters the Jesuit mission through teaching, research, and service activities that provide local, national, and global linkages.

The Center for Global Citizenship is a 70,000-square-foot center which brings the Cross Cultural Center, the Center for Service and Community Engagement, the Center for Intercultural Studies, and the Center for International Studies under one roof, and adjacent to the English as a Second Language Program, the Center for Sustainability and the Office of International Services located in Des Peres Hall. The consortium located in the Center for Global Citizenship and Des Peres Hall will also collaborate to offer speakers, programs and events which promote global citizenship. The CGC serves the entire campus community as an event, academic, and program space.

This report serves to review mission related events and activities that have been held in the Center for Global Citizenship during the inaugural year and also to serve as a benchmark for future planning, operations, and vision of the CGC for the years to come.



REPORT OF CGC USAGE

To date 190 events have been held in the Center for Global Citizenship. Events can be categorized into eight general categories: academic presentations, student organization events, student development related programs, conferences and related programs, campus outreach and promotion, receptions, and enrichment/miscellaneous. The numbers listed below are based on available data for events held in the Center during the 2013-2014 academic year.

EVENTS	NUMBER
Academic presentations	34
Student Organization sponsored events	32
Student Development related programs	13
Trainings and Orientations	17
Campus outreach and promotion	17
Conferences and related programs	10
Receptions	26
Enrichment and Miscellaneous	41
TOTAL	190

Note: These numbers are based on available data for programs and events related to the mission of the Center for Global Citizenship. These numbers do not reflect the dozens of Atlas week related programs that took place in the Center in 2014.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Center for Global Citizenship has seen 190 events since it opened its doors in May of 2013. Highlights and accomplishments of the first semester include the creation of a vibrant student space, participation in the national NAFSA conference and sponsoring the first annual International Education Week. While the space has been used regularly by the resident centers and offices, the CGC has also housed events such as *Chasing the Sun*, an entrepreneurship contest for high school students in four countries sponsored by the Center for Entrepreneurship. Summer at SLU hosted, *The New Kid*, a theatrical performance about immigration and education performed by the Metro Theatre Company which welcomed 500 area middle school students. Some highlights from the CGC resident groups from the 2013-2014 academic year are listed below.

The Center for Service and Community Engagement

The Center for Service and Community Engagement has used the space for a variety of events and programs, among them CSCE hosted a luncheon and networking event entitled Developing University-Community Partnerships and also served as a co-sponsor of a Public Forum for the Missouri Civic Health Index, which included a day of service at the CGC. Additionally, CSCE has co-sponsored ONE WORLD's release party and their *Be an Informed American*. In October, CSCE collaborated with Mission and Ministry to hold a Long-Term Service Fair, highlighting opportunities for post-graduate service.

International Studies

In the Fall semester, The Center for International Studies hosted two events related to the Central Slavic and International Studies conference held in Saint Louis this November. The suite 124 display cases hold an exhibition on Russian Modernist Ballet and the World Stage. International Studies welcomed visiting scholar Elias Opongo in the spring of 2014. Dr. Opongo's lecture, *The Rwandan Genocide 20 years later: Moral Dilemmas and Political Accountability* was the annual Garcia Lecture for the Center for International Studies.

Intercultural Studies

The Center for Intercultural Studies has held a monthly *Colloquium on Interculturality* in the Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room. In November Intercultural Studies hosted two events in collaboration with International Education Week and in March they hosted a two day conference, *Translating Culture, Negotiating Difference: Religion, Law, and Business* in the CGC Auditorium.

Office of International Services

International Services, includes the Office of Study Abroad and International Student Services. These two units have used the space for a variety of orientations, programs, and cultural events. Study Abroad hosted a Study Abroad Fair in the fall and a variety of orientations and information sessions in the CGC throughout the year. International Services has also used the space for trainings and orientations and for the very popular *Cultural Tastes Series*.

Cross Cultural Center

The Cross Cultural Center has used the space for a variety of programs and meetings and to support and advise student organizations who are housed in the building. CCC also used the space for most of their regular programming including MLK scholar's events, the *I AM* discussion series, and *What's Trending*, as well as Black History month functions. The CCC displayed their annual exhibit, exploring the question of Global Citizenship and also uses the CGC auditorium regularly for speakers and celebrations.

6. English as a Second Language

ESL hosted their 50th anniversary party in the CGC auditorium this year and has also held orientations for new students in the auditorium.

7. Sustainability

The Center for Sustainability has used the space for their highly interdisciplinary series entitled, "Conversations on Climate Change," and will continue to use the CGC when appropriate.

THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

The newly formed administrative office of the CGC continues to engage and support the many global dimensions of the resident centers and offices while also beginning to develop some new initiatives and programs. The administrative office places a heavy emphasis on building relationships and encouraging collaboration for programs and co-sponsorship for speakers, events, and activities in the CGC. The CGC has implemented several new initiatives and collaborations, which are listed below.

Special Programs, Speakers, Conferences and Co-sponsored Events

The CGC participated in several special programs and speakers in 2013-2014. Co-sponsored events included a visit from the Brown sisters for a public lecture *Remembering the Legacy: Brown vs. Board of Education, Vang*, the two person play highlighting the lives of immigrant farmers in the midwest and a film screening of *Jayhawkers*, the biopic film about the life of Wilt Chamberlin. The Center for Global Citizenship also sponsored the Beyond Borders series of events that are free and open to the public. Beyond Borders aims to increase dialogue about social justice and global citizenship in the Saint Louis University community through unique and engaging events and speakers. This program is co-sponsored through the Atlas Week program and aims to keep the spirit of Atlas alive throughout the year by bringing important global and social justice themes to campus.

SLU Association for International Debate

The SLU Association for International Debate promotes international understanding and the practice of communication through discussion and debates between students from Saint Louis University and other nations. The program debates topics of global significance, topics that allow students to express and discern their rights and responsibilities as global citizens. The program originally started as a one-time debate to commemorate Black History month with students of the Open Debate Society of Afghanistan in Kabul. The successful first debate on the topic of Affirmative Action has encouraged students and the CGC to develop a more diverse and robust debate program.

SPICE Lecture

The Center for Global Citizenship in collaboration with Parks College invited Dr. Akshay Sharma to campus to lecture on the topic *Designing Empowerment*, which highlighted his engineering and design work among the poor in developing countries. The SPICE lecture series highlights social entrepreneurs and the role of engineering in social innovation. The CGC will continue to work with Parks to bring entrepreneurs, engineers and designers who work in the field of global innovation and service to humanity to campus.

K-12 Global Exchange Program

In the spring of 2014, the CGC staff welcomed a group of high school students from Stuttgart Germany. Students had the opportunity to participate in an afternoon exchange program with a handful of Saint Louis University students and also to participate in a lecture and discussion with a faculty member on the topic of *Global Citizenship and Climate Change*.

Global Pathways

Currently, a small committee of faculty members is exploring the development of a Global Awareness Program that would provide a set of experiences aiming to promote the development of global awareness, intercultural competence and a sense responsibility to humanity. The program would include curricular and co-curricular elements, as well as experiential and reflective components. The process of designing and developing this program is currently ongoing