

CENTER FOR  
GLOBAL  
CITIZENSHIP  
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

**Activities Report**  
**June 2014 – June 2015**

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 as an annual review of mission-related events and activities that have been held in the Center for Global Citizenship 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

Usage of the Center for Global Citizenship has more than doubled since its inaugural year – close to 450 events have been held in the CGC in 2014-2015, compared to the 191 events held in 2013-2014. Events can be categorized into nine general categories: academic presentations, student organization events, student development related programs, conferences and related programs, campus outreach and promotion, receptions, enrichment/miscellaneous and external events. The numbers listed below are based on available data and reflect the events held in the Center from June 1, 2014 – June 1, 2015.

EVENTS	NUMBER
<b>Academic Presentations</b> Panels, lectures, roundtables	39
<b>Campus Outreach and Promotional Events</b> Information Fairs, Admissions events, Fall Welcome, International Student Orientation and Welcome	42
<b>Conferences and Related Programs</b>	27
<b>Enrichment and Miscellaneous</b> Films, community partner events, live debates, language/conversation tables, cultural events and performances, professional development and networking events, etc.	74
<b>External Events</b> External clients only	3
<b>Meetings</b>	125
<b>Receptions</b>	16
<b>Student Organization Sponsored Events</b> Festivals, enrichment events, campaigns, service activities, fundraisers	50
<b>Trainings and Orientations</b>	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>440</b>

## AWARDS

### *AIEA Innovation Award*

In Spring 2015, the Center for Global Citizenship was honored as the inaugural recipient of the Innovation Award in Internationalization by the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA). This new award recognizes exceptional programs, projects, or initiatives aimed at advancing campus internationalization.

The award commends Saint Louis University for its development of the Center for Global Citizenship (CGC) as both a physical and intellectual space that promotes collaboration across the University to

educate and engage the community towards global awareness, responsibility and participation. The award also highlights the SLU Association for International Debate (SAID), initiated in April of 2014 and coordinated through the CGC. The project links students, faculty, and community members in St. Louis with those at remote universities in a networked, interactive and live program of debate on international topics.

## **CGC RESIDENT UNIT HIGHLIGHTS**

### *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. In October, CSCE collaborated with Mission and Ministry to hold a Long-Term Service Fair, highlighting opportunities for post-graduate service. In Spring 2015, CSCE hosted its Social Justice Fair as a part of Atlas Week, bringing over 20 local and regional justice-based community organizations to campus to network with students. CSCE supported several service immersion trips, including trips to Belize and the Arizona/Mexican Border, providing over 20 students with intentional pre-departure preparation, guided service learning, and reflection and sharing of experience upon return to campus, many of which opportunities took place in the CGC.

### *Center for International Studies*

The Center for International Studies hosted two events related to the Central Slavic and International Studies conference held in Saint Louis in November 2014. It also sponsored an exhibition on Russian Modernist Ballet and the World Stage in the Suite 124 display cases. International Studies welcomed Gary White, CEO and co-founder of Water.org in the Spring of 2015 to present *Water for the World: The Power of the Poor, Market Forces, and Sustainability* for its Ninth Annual Paul Garcia Lecture. Finally, International Studies hosted several visiting scholars in the CGC through its Fleming International Visiting Fellow program.

### *Center for Intercultural Studies*

The Center for Intercultural Studies held a monthly *Colloquium on Interculturality* in the Center for Global Citizenship Seminar Room. In November 2014, Intercultural Studies hosted two events in collaboration with International Education Week and, in March 2015, they hosted a two day international conference entitled *Charity in Jewish, Christian, Muslim Traditions*. In spring 2015, a book sponsored by the Center and edited by Center Director Michal Jan Rozbicki, *Perspectives on Interculturality: The Construction of Meaning in Relationships of Difference*, was published by Palgrave Macmillan. It is a third volume of interdisciplinary studies on interculturality authored by international scholars and put together by the Center in the past three years.

### *Office of International Services*

International Services includes 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 Fall 2014 and a variety of orientations and information sessions in the CGC throughout the year. International Services has also used the space to welcome all new students to campus for International Student Orientations in Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015. In addition, International Services has hosted monthly social events in the CGC related to its Host Family, International Ambassador, and International Peer Mentor programs, including the Cultural Taste Series described further below.

### *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. 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.

### *English as a Second Language*

ESL hosted a social justice awareness and fund-raising campaign through the 1,000 Paper Crane project. Through its efforts in Fall 2014, ESL supported the SLU community in making over 1,000 Paper Cranes that were displayed in the CGC Auditorium before being transferred, along with a donation, to the Center of Hope and Peace in Ferguson, MO. The project grew in Spring 2015 to include the construction of another 1,000 cranes during Atlas Week when ESL students hosted a two-day long event inviting the community into reflection on social justice while creating these origami cranes.

### *Center for Sustainability*

The Center for Sustainability has used the space for their highly interdisciplinary series entitled, "Conversations on Climate Change." In Spring 2015, they hosted a screening and panel discussion of Robert Reich's *Inequality for All* in the CGC.

## **CGC PROGRAM UPDATE**

The CGC administrative unit continues to engage and support the many global dimensions of the resident centers and offices housed within the CGC, while also continuing to develop new initiatives and programs. The 2014-2015 marked several important advances, partnerships, and program developments for the SLU community and for the Center's resident groups. The addition of a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA staff member and a part-time graduate student assistant has been critical to improving and sustaining programming this academic year.

### **International Education Week**

International Education Week (IEW) consisted of 20 events in 2014. The IEW committee worked carefully to offer a variety of programs for the entire campus community. Events included academic presentations, workshops, celebrations, and film screenings. Activities were held across the university, on the medical campus, at the Law School, and at the Center for Global Citizenship. Roughly 1,000 individuals participated in at least one event during the week. The committee is in the process of planning for IEW 2015.

### **Saint Louis International Film Festival**

Saint Louis University launched a partnership with the Saint Louis International Film Festival (SLIFF) in Fall 2014. Collaborations from the Office of International Services and the Center for Service and Community Engagement made this partnership possible. The partnership included the screening of seven free films at the CGC, sponsorship of the Interfaith Competition, and sponsorship of the Cinema for Students program.

The seven free film screenings addressed topics of global and local significance and the CGC engaged academic units and student organizations as hosts for the film screenings. Hosts sponsored post screening discussions, hosted film makers, and served as film festival volunteers. Over 600 community members and students attended the film screenings between November 14-21, 2014.

Due to the success of the inaugural 2014 partnership, the CGC-SLIFF partnership is confirmed for 2015 with plans for program expansion.

### **Service Dialogues**

The Service Dialogues series was developed to spread awareness, advocacy and action around issues affecting the St. Louis community and beyond. Community partners are invited to present on how they are working to address local and global issues as well as how the Saint Louis University community can advocate and take action around such issues. Service Dialogues were held on the topics of *Immigrant and Refugee Populations in St. Louis: Creating a Welcoming and Supportive Climate*; *International*

*Development: Engaging in Global Issues Locally and Internationally; and Empowering Women in Transition: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Imprisonment.* These three discussions brought together almost 100 people, including students, faculty, staff and community partners.

### **SLU Association for International Debate**

The SLU Association for International Debate (SAID) promotes international understanding and the practice of communication through discussion and debates between students from Saint Louis University and other nations. This unique program was highlighted by AIEA in awarding its Innovation Award in Internationalization to the CGC, distinguishing SAID as a pioneering and replicable program that can serve as a model in the field of campus internationalization.

SAID sponsored four events in the 2014-2015 academic year. *The Rise of the Tea Party* in Fall 2014 was a live exhibition debate between the British National Debate Team and two SAID members. The Center for Global Citizenship sponsored the British Debate team and invited the Urban Debate League to participate in this live event. Roughly 60 high school debaters came to watch and participate in informal educational exchange following the debate. SAID also co-sponsored a debate on *Access to Healthcare* with the Center for Interprofessional Education and Research as a part of International Education Week. Collaborating with the IPE 350 course in Saint Louis and Madrid, SAID put on a lively debate that was open to the public and integrated into the curriculum of IPE 350 course. In Spring 2015, SAID partnered with the Cross Cultural Center and Intercultural Studies to host a debate on the merits of *Intercultural Dialogue* during Black History month, drawing an audience of almost 100 between the U.S. and Afghanistan. And finally, SAID sustained its partnership with the Center for Interprofessional Education and Research, again collaborating with the IPE 350 in the Spring term to bring debate to Atlas Week with a debate program entitled *Improving Health Care – Change Through Debate and Dialogue*.

### **Atlas Week**

The Center for Global Citizenship served as a primary sponsor and host of the Fifteenth Annual Sam and Marilyn Fox Atlas Week program. The Center shares the mission of the Atlas Program, which is to increase awareness of the global issues that confront us today in an effort not only to promote discussion, but also to inspire and inform action, focusing on what we as global citizens can do to contribute to a better life for all people now and in the future. Over 20 Atlas events were held in the CGC, including the program Kick-Off, Parade of Nations and Billiken World Festival, student-led programs, and academic presentation. Additionally, CGC units sponsored over 25 Atlas events around campus throughout the week.

### **K-12 Engagement**

2014-2015 has presented new opportunities for the CGC to engage in K-12 initiatives, both independently and in collaboration with CGC resident units, that enhance and support global awareness. Additionally, several activities sponsored by other campus departments have been held in the CGC space, including but not limited to Blue Santa Community Celebration, Book Readings and Author Event for local elementary school students, the *Youth Justice Conference* and the *Working Together So Youth Can Work* conference.

### *Urban Debate League*

The Center for Global Citizenship engaged the Urban Debate League of Saint Louis for a special event with British Debate Team. The live debate was followed by opportunities for cross-cultural exchange.

### *Cinema for Students*

In November, the Center for Global Citizenship hosted 300 high school students from Cardinal Ritter Prep to participate in the Cinema for Students workshop. Students were able to screen the film, *Through a Lens Darkly*, and engage with two filmmakers following the screening. The CGC is planning further collaboration with Cinema for Students through involvement with community partners, Cinema Saint Louis and the Saint Louis International Film Festival in Fall 2015.

### *Readers to Leaders*

The CGC, in collaboration with the Center for Service and Community Engagement, provided support to the Readers 2 Leaders program. This unique partnership between De La Salle Middle School, St. Gabriel the Archangel School and Saint Louis University brings together students from a predominantly African-American middle school in north city and third-graders from a predominantly white elementary school in south city throughout African-American History Month. The students travel across the city to engage in exchanges that promote literacy, an understanding of African-American history and the values of friendship, courage, self control and justice.

#### *Stuttgart Visit*

In April, the CGC worked in partnership with Lindbergh High School to welcome for the second consecutive year a group of high school exchange students from Stuttgart, Germany, a sister city to Saint Louis. During their visit, the 20 visiting students were able to tour campus, engage in dialogue with SLU domestic and international students about the American college experience and participate in a sustainability lecture and computer simulation activity with faculty from the Center for Sustainability.

#### **Community Engagement**

The addition of an AmeriCorps VISTA staff member has been essential to the enhancement of communications and opportunities to collaborate with the Center for Service and Community Engagement and to support the capacity building of local organizations through engaging students in service opportunities. Activities are listed below:

#### *Non-Profit Outreach*

17 site visit and partnership meetings were conducted with St. Louis non-profit organizations and schools, many of which have a global component. These meetings allowed the Center for Global Citizenship to develop new partnerships in the community as well as strengthen existing partnerships. These partnerships resulted in new connections to campus constituents, sharing of volunteer opportunities, a greater awareness of community issues and needs, and partnerships on campus and with community events.

#### *Volunteer Trainings*

The Center for Global Citizenship began hosting volunteer trainings in the Seminar Room in order to create more accessible ways for the Saint Louis University to get involved in the community. The World Pediatric Project, an international non-profit organization with a focus in health, hosted their New Volunteer Orientation, which approximately 10 individuals attended. Additional volunteer trainings are being planned in the Seminar Room for the Spring 2015 semester.

#### *English as a Second Language: International Thanksgiving Food Exchange*

In partnership with the English as a Second Language course, English through Service, a week-long Thanksgiving food drive was organized, including an event in which donations could be exchanged for donated international cuisine. International students learned how to organize a food drive and considered how to serve the community.

### **EVENT & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

In addition to the events and activities sponsored and initiated by the Center for Global Citizenship's administrative team, the CGC space has been used for many creative and engaging campus events that support the CGC mission. A few highlights are listed below.

#### *Sand Mandala Creation*

Tibetan monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery visited Saint Louis University between August 27-29, 2014 to create a sand mandala. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered throughout the three days to watch the creation of the unique mandala. The Tibetan art form involves painstakingly laying millions of grains of sand to form traditional iconography that includes geometric

shapes and ancient spiritual symbols. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Theological Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, Division of Mission and Ministry, Center for Service and Community Engagement, Simon Recreation Center, Center for Catholic Studies and the Center for Intercultural Studies.

#### *Community Conference*

In collaboration with the CGC, CSCE and Center for Intercultural Studies, the community organization Baobab People invited the SLU community and community members to participate in the conference "Building Trusting Relationships Through Active Listening." A keynote address featured Dr. Michal Rozbiki and the Saturday event was attended by over 100 community members. This program is slated to continue Fall 2015, with the support and participation of SLU President, Dr. Fred Pestello.

#### *Student Development Workshop with Lee Mun Wah*

The Division of Student Development and Cross Cultural Center hosted a multi-faceted workshop titled *An Unfinished Conversation*. The events included a keynote address, workshops & film screening of *If These Halls Could Talk*, with educator & diversity Trainer Lee Mun Wah.

#### *Building University Community Partnerships*

Each semester, The Center for Service and Community Engagement welcomes selected community partners to share lunch and network with faculty, staff and the campus community. The CSCE hosted this event at the CGC in Fall 2014.

#### *Study Abroad Re-entry to Service*

A presentation was created and presented to 100 students returning from their Study Abroad experiences. This was a new partnership with Study Abroad in order to connect students who had encountered various community issues while abroad to be able to build on those experiences with service opportunities in the St. Louis community.

#### *Cultural Tastes*

A monthly event of the Office of International Services, Cultural Tastes is an opportunity for SLU international students to share samples of food, drinks, and culture from their home countries with the SLU community. It's a wonderful opportunity to get a "taste" of the cultural diversity our international students bring to SLU and events regularly welcome 200-300 visitors each month. This year Cultural Taste events featured China, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Belize, Nigeria, India, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Thailand.

#### *Global and Local Social Justice Conference*

The CGC sponsored the fourth annual SLU Global and Local Social Justice Student Conference in collaboration with the Global and Local Social Justice Initiative, facilitating 38 undergraduate and graduate student presentations of their academic work pertaining to global and local social justice issues to an audience of 80 members of the SLU community.