The International Scholar Academy, or the ISA, is a professional development series for emerging global scholars at the University of Arizona. UA Global created the academy in 2018—with support from the Graduate College and Research, Discovery & Innovation—to accelerate professional growth of the participants, a group of emerging researchers, professionals and instructors from around the world.

About University of Arizona Global
UA Global leads the international vision of the University of Arizona by developing and implementing new models of transnational education. As part of a comprehensive strategy, UA Global establishes micro-campuses or UA degree-granting locations on the campuses of international partner universities, supports international students and faculty members, and oversees study abroad programs and international student admissions. Annually, UA Global supports nearly 1,400 UA Study Abroad students, more than 1,300 visiting faculty members and scholars, and more than 4,000 international students.

Dear International Scholar Academy Participant:
On behalf of University of Arizona Global, we would like to recognize the second cohort of the International Scholar Academy (ISA). The members of this cohort represent visiting scholars from international partners around the world who have come to the University of Arizona to engage in research, training and scholarly exchange. Their presence enhances our campus and extends the capacity to advance research in their fields.

The ISA includes a series of thought-provoking and educational workshops that are designed to enhance participants’ professional development and potential as international scholars. Participation in this program supports UA Global’s ongoing mission to engage international scholars, both while in Tucson and after they return home.

We invite you to learn more about the ISA participants included in this booklet and forge meaningful relationships with visiting scholars who are present throughout our campus.

Sincerely,

Dana Bleau, J.D.
Executive Director, International Faculty and Scholars
Executive Director, Employee Immigration Services, Compliance & Contracts,
Professor of Practice, College of Law

Melanie Marsh, ISA Program Coordinator
BIOS and ABSTRACTS

Tzu-Ying (Julia) Chen
Field: Transportation
UA Dept: Civil and Architectural Engineering and Mechanics
UA Faculty Sponsor: Yi-Chang Chiu
Country: Taiwan
Home Institution: National Chi Nan University

Tzu-Ying Chen is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Department of Civil Engineering, National Chi Nan University, Taiwan. She is now a visiting researcher at the University of Arizona. Her research interests include statistical/econometric modeling, transportation planning, and willingness to pay, driving behavior, road traffic safety, and cost. Her current research topic focuses on the analysis of travel behavior and management.

Victor Dubrovin
Field: Photonics
UA Dept: Optical Sciences
UA Faculty Sponsor: Nasser Peyghambarian
Country: Russia
Home Institution: Saint-Petersburg National Research University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics

Viktor is a postdoctoral researcher in the James C Wyant College of Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona. Viktor earned his Ph.D., Master and Bachelor degrees in Optics from the ITMO University in Saint-Petersburg, Russia. Both Master and Bachelor qualification works were marked as the best in Department at that graduation. In 2014 Viktor studied as a guest student in the School of Science of Aalto University, Finland in the Engineering Physics and Mathematics degree program, with a scholarship. He has great experience (since 2011) in glass and glass ceramics development, synthesis and study. Viktor has participated in more than 10 research projects focused on glassy materials development and study. During his career at ITMO University, Viktor acted as bachelor thesis supervisor for four undergraduate students and published 12 papers in peer-reviewed journals and books.
Joao Gimenes Junior
Field: Medicine
UA Dept: Asthma & Airway Disease Research Center/BIO5
UA Faculty Sponsor: Donata Vercelli
Country: Brazil
Home Institution: University of Sao Paulo

Joao received his Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil investigating the role of female sex hormones on acute lung injury in a mouse model. In 2015, he joined the University of California San Diego as a visiting scientist and experimentally researched the effects of hemorrhagic shock on lung inflammation for a year. He then moved to Temple University in Philadelphia to pursue training in models of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. After completing his project, Joao accepted a second postdoctoral position at the University of Arizona in Tucson. His current research relies on animal models, focusing on the pathways that mediate the asthma-protective effects of traditional farming environments. He has published several papers in peer-reviewed journals and has a deep interest in furthering the field through collaborative research. He enjoys traveling, exploring new cultures and cuisines, and interacting with new people.

Evrim Fer
Field: Molecular Evolutionary Biology & Bioinformatics
UA Dept: Molecular & Cellular Biology
UA Sponsor: Betul Kacar
Country: Turkey
Home Institution: Middle East Technical University

Evrim has been working as a research specialist in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology at the University of Arizona. She received her master’s degree in Bioinformatics and bachelor’s degree in Molecular Biology and Genetics. Her research primarily focuses on comparative evolutionary biology at the molecular level as well as ancient biology and population genetics. She has always been interested in astronomy and extraterrestrial life and she is currently working at the astrobiology laboratory. Evrim learned coding and programming during her undergraduate years and since then has a huge interest in computational biology and biological data analysis. She enjoys teaching basic level coding at one-day workshops for women called DjangoGirls. Her sport interests are widespread. Evrim participates in yoga, aikido and running, but also likes to watch volleyball, basketball and snooker games. Moreover, she likes drawing and playing video games in her spare time.

Alessandra Gorlier
Field: Rangeland Ecology and Management
UA Dept: School of Natural Resources and the Environment
UA Faculty Sponsor: Mitch McClaran
Country: Italy
Home Institution: Turin University

Alessandra Gorlier earned her Ph.D. in Sustainable Pasture and Forage Systems for Land Management and Animal Product Quality at the University of Florence, and her 5-year degree in Forestry and Environmental Sciences at the University of Turin (Italy). For fifteen years, she worked with the Grassland Ecology and Management group of the University of Turin, where she fulfilled responsibilities in national and international projects and conducted research on grassland communities and grazing management, co-authoring over 50 scientific publications. As a lecturer, she taught Agronomy and Forage Sciences and gave seminars on Grassland Classification and Mapping at the Colleges of Veterinary Sciences and Agriculture. As a visiting scholar, she worked at the Universities of California-Berkeley (USA) and Neuchâtel (Switzerland). Currently, she is Research Specialist, Senior, at the University of Arizona, School of Natural Resources and the Environment. She is mainly involved in long-term vegetation studies at the Santa Rita Experimental Range.

Joel James
Field: Cardiovascular and Mitochondrial Biology
UA Dept: Medicine
UA Faculty Sponsor: Ruslan Rafikov
Country: India
Home Institution: Vellore Institute of Technology

Joel is a postdoctoral researcher at the Rafikov Lab in the Department of Medicine, University of Arizona. He received his Ph.D. in Mitochondrial Biology from the Vellore Institute of Technology, India. During his Ph.D., he was awarded a split-site Ph.D. Commonwealth Scholarship to study at the Imperial College London, UK. Joel’s interests mainly cover metabolism and mitochondrial redox biology. He presently attempts to understand the molecular mechanisms that drive metabolic dysfunction in cardiovascular diseases. His research at the Rafikov Lab was recently awarded the ACEA travel grant to present his work at the 2019 SRBM conference. Joel has co-authored 14 papers and has presented his work at several international conferences. He enjoys learning languages and speaks five fluently. He also loves writing songs and playing the guitar.
Kinam Joo  
**Field:** Photonic Engineering  
**UA Dept:** Optical Sciences  
**UA Faculty Sponsor:** Jonathan Ellis  
**Country:** South Korea  
**Home Institution:** Chosun University

Kinam received his Ph.D. in the Department of Mechanical Engineering from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), majoring in optical dimensional metrology with a focus on femtosecond pulse laser applications for absolute distance measurements. He holds a master’s and bachelor’s in Mechanical Engineering as well. He began his career as a postdoctorate researcher at KAIST and Delft University of Technology (TUDelft in the Netherlands) for two years, and he joined as a researcher in Mitutoyo Research Center Europe. Since 2011, Kinam was employed as an assistant professor in Chosun University and he has been a full professor since Sep. 1, 2019. His research areas are optical dimensional metrology, interferometry, microscopy and femtosecond pulse applications. He is a member of optical science societies such as OSA, SPIE and KSPE in addition to the precision engineering societies like euspen. He has been a reviewer for more than 15 peer-reviewed journals.

Hiroki Kimura  
**Field:** Pathobiology of Asthma/Airway Diseases  
**UA Dept:** Medicine  
**UA Faculty Sponsor:** Monika Kraft  
**Country:** Japan  
**Home Institution:** University of Tokyo

Hiroki Kimura is a research scholar in the lab of Prof. Monica Kraft in the College of Medicine, University of Arizona. He began his career as a physician in 2004 and he specializes in respiratory medicine. Hiroki received his M.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo, Japan. After five years experience as a post-doc fellow and a staff physician in Hokkaido University, Japan, he joined Kraft lab to further expand his research field. His research interests and expertise are in the inflammatory lung diseases, especially asthma, COPD and acute lung injury. He has been addressing the challenge through both basic and clinical studies. To date, he has authored or co-authored 17 peer-reviewed journal articles. Currently, his research focuses on investigation of the pathogenesis of refractory asthma through multimodal approaches.

Fuli Li  
**Field:** Applied Linguistics  
**UA Dept:** Center for English as a Second Language  
**UA Faculty Sponsor:** Sumayya Granger  
**Country:** China  
**Home Institution:** Huaiyin Institute of Technology

Fuli Li received her MA in Foreign Language and Literature from the University of Fudan majoring in applied linguistics and foreign languages. She holds a bachelor’s in Foreign Language and Literature from Shannxi Normal University. She began her career in education nearly 16 years ago at Huaiyin Institute of Technology. Since then, she has worked as a college English teacher, trainer, and classroom instructor in various settings including different colleges and adult education centers in Huai'an of Jiangsu Province. She enjoys teaching all aspects of the English language, e.g. viewing, listening and speaking, writing, oral communication, etc. Her research interests include learning motivation and strategies, discourse analysis, intercultural communication, students’ evaluation and teacher’s development, etc. At present, she is doing research of students’ motivation in second language learning at the University of Arizona, Tucson.

Mihailo Martinović  
**Field:** Heliophysics  
**UA Dept:** Lunar and Planetary Laboratory  
**UA Faculty Sponsor:** Kristopher Klein  
**Country:** Serbia  
**Home Institution:** University of Belgrade

Mihailo joined LPI in September 2018 as a Postdoctoral Research Associate working with Assistant Professor Kristopher Klein. His research focuses on understanding of the acceleration and heating mechanisms of the solar wind through measuring and describing fluctuations of electromagnetic field in the solar wind plasma. The research is conducted through processing and interpretation of measurements from various solar wind missions that have been collecting the data throughout the last five decades. Mihailo is currently focused on work on NASA’s major heliospheric mission, Parker Solar Probe, which is aiming to probe the inner heliosphere down to 5% distance between the Sun and Earth (six times closer than ever before), therefore enabling new cutting-edge results in heliophysics.
Chiou-Rong Sheue
Field: Botany
UA Dept: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
UA Faculty Sponsor: Michael Worobey
Country: Taiwan
Home Institution: National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan

Chiou-Rong Sheue is a professor at the National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan. Her given name, Chiou-Rong, means autumn scenery. Chiou-Rong comes from You-Mu (which means ‘with trees’), a remote mountainous area in the New Taipei City in Taiwan, an area covered with beautiful forests and meandering clear creeks. Through a childhood spent picking tea and doing agricultural labor in the mountains, Chiou-Rong gained a love for plants and learned to be strong and resilient. Later, she studied botany in university and earned her Ph.D. Chiou-Rong is a full professor in the National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan, teaching Plant Taxonomy, Microtechniques of Biology and Biodiversity. Her research fields are about plant taxonomy, and about structure and adaptation. Chiou-Rong enjoys drawing nature as a hobby. She is passionate about both teaching and research, and hopes through her work to help people better understand nature and thrive with nature.

Dhanalakshmi Shankara Raman
Field: Neuroscience
UA Dept: Pathology
UA Faculty Sponsor: Mark Nelson
Country: India
Home Institution: Annamalai University

Dhanalakshmi Shankara Raman is a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Pathology, focusing primarily on the development of TAF1-gene editing and therapeutic strategies to treat TAF1 ID syndrome by animal model. Dhanalakshmi received her Ph.D. on the experimental model of Parkinson’s disease and also received grant for that from the University Research Scholar (URS) Annamalai University, India. She has published more than 10 papers in peer-reviewed journals including Neurobiology of Disease, Neurochemical Research, Nutritional Neuroscience, Physiology and Behaviour, and contributed in Food and Parkinson’s disease book for different chapters. She serves as a reviewer at Life Sciences journal published by Elsevier. In her spare time, Dhanalakshmi likes to spend time with her family.

Ji Hyun Sohn
Field: Art Education
UA Dept: Fine Arts
UA Faculty Sponsor: Colin Blakely
Country: South Korea
Home Institution: Seoul National University of Education

Jihyun received her Ph.D. in art education from Pennsylvania State University. She holds a master’s in art education and bachelor’s in art education and graphic design. She began her career in art education nearly 25 years ago when she taught art at the elementary school. Since then, she has worked as an art educator in various settings including universities in Seoul, Daejeon and University of Georgia. She enjoys teaching art to preservice teachers and in-service teachers and her research interests include teaching critical pedagogy of visual culture, visual literacy and educational programs in museums. Her research has been published in peer reviewed journals and book chapters. She published the book titled Reading Images as Personal and Cultural Meaning in 2019. She served as the director of media center at Seoul National University of Education. Currently, she is an associate professor in art education and museum studies at Seoul National University of Education.

Alise Ponsero
Field: Environmental Microbiology
UA Dept: Agricultural & BioSystems Engineering
UA Faculty Sponsor: Bonnie Hurwitz
Country: France

Alise Ponsero is a microbiologist and a bioinformatician studying the role of microorganisms in their environment. As a master’s student, she joined Dr. Wilhelm group at the University of Tennessee, exploring the interplay between viruses and bacteria in marine ecosystems. She received her Ph.D. in microbiology and cellular biology from the University of Paris-Saclay (France), working on redox biology and protein secretion in baker’s yeast. She pursued a second master’s degree in computer science to gain critical computational skills. She eventually joined Dr. Hurwitz lab at the University of Arizona as a postdoctoral fellow. Her research focuses on the development of new bioinformatic tools to analyze massive datasets, leveraging her expertise in both microbial ecology and data science. She is also involved in the development of cyberinfrastructure such as iMicrobe (https://imicrobe.us) and Planet Microbe (https://planetmicrobe.org) to allow microbiologists to share their data and run large-scale analyses on connected supercomputing resources.

Dhanalakshmi Shankara Raman

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Janakiraman Udaiyappan  
**Field:** Neuroscience  
**UA Dept:** Pathology  
**UA Faculty Sponsor:** Mark Nelson  
**Country:** India  
**Home Institution:** Annamalai University  

Janakiraman Udaiyappan received his Ph.D. in Biotechnology from Annamalai University, India, focusing on causing of Parkinson’s disease mechanism and treatments. During his Ph.D, he worked as a Junior Research Fellow (JRF) in Department of Biotechnology (DBT) project. He holds a Master’s in Biotechnology, specialization in Neuroscience. Currently, he is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in Dr. Mark A. Nelson’s lab, Department of Pathology, University of Arizona. In 2018, he joined Dr. Nelson’s lab to investigate the mechanism of Intellectual Disability caused by TAF-1 gene editing. In his research, he is developing the animal model and mechanism of TAF-1 Intellectual Disability syndrome. He has published papers in peer-reviewed journals including PLoS One, Physiology & Behavior, Neurobiology of Disease and has co-authored in seven publications.

Mathews Valupampionil Varghese  
**Field:** Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Biology  
**UA Dept:** Medicine  
**UA Faculty Sponsor:** Ruslan Rafikov  
**Country:** India  
**Home Institution:** Mahatma Gandhi University  

Mathews is a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology at the University of Arizona. Mathews obtained his Ph.D in Biochemistry from Mahatma Gandhi University, India. He then worked as Scientist at the MIMS Research Foundation in India. In 2017, Mathews joined the Department of Physiology at the University of Arizona to pursue his passion to study cardiovascular disease mechanisms. In particular, Mathews intends to explore the complexities of vascular physiology. He joined Dr. Rafikov’s lab in 2018 and is mainly engaged in cardiovascular physiological and metabolic studies in pulmonary hypertension. Recently, Mathews received the 2019 Abstract Scholarship Award from the American Thoracic Society (ATS). He has also published 16 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

Ruo Xi Yu  
**Field:** Traditional Chinese Medicine; Body Constitution  
**UA Dept:** Epidemiology & Biostatistics  
**UA Faculty Sponsor:** Zhao Chen  
**Country:** China  
**Home Institution:** Beijing University of Chinese Medicine  

Ruo Xi Yu is a visiting scholar in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona. She is an Associate Professor in her home institute, Beijing University of Chinese Medicine. Ruo Xi obtained her Ph.D. from the Center for Chinese Medicine Constitution Research of Beijing University of Chinese Medicine in 2013. Her research pertains to the modern molecular mechanism of body constitution and disease, and anti-aging research based on body constitution and Gene-Intestinal Flora. She is also interested in pharmacological chemistry and network pharmacology of Chinese medicine. She has been the leading investigator or co-PI of more than 20 research projects supported by national and university funding agencies. She has authored over 60 publications, including several papers in international scientific journals.
PARTICIPANTS

Xiaoyi Yu
Field: Legal Theories and Legal Professional Ethics
UA Dept: College of Law
UA Faculty Sponsor: Katherine Barnes
Country: China
Home Institution: Ocean University of China Law School

Xiaoyi Yu received her Ph.D. in Jurisprudence from Jilin University in China. Her doctoral dissertation was on Jerome Frank, a prominent American legal realist prior to World War II. The dissertation was subsequently published as a book, which earned her an award from Shandong province. She began her career as a teacher at the Ocean University of China Law School in 2007. Her research interests include China’s judicial reform, professional responsibility, and legal education. She is one of the primary members of the Chinese teaching faculty for The OUC-UA Undergraduate Legal Education Cooperative Program. The general goals of the program are to train students in the law of multiple international jurisdictions, to promote Sino-American legal education exchange, and to enhance the international elements of Chinese legal education. She will primarily focus on legal education and legal professional ethics teaching during her time at the University of Arizona.

Jijun Zhao
Field: Epidemiology
UA Dept: Epidemiology & Biostatistics
UA Faculty Sponsor: Heidi Brown
Country: China
Home Institution: Complexity Science Institute, Qingdao University

Jijun Zhao obtained her Ph.D. in Systems and Industrial Engineering from The University of Arizona. She is at present a professor in the Complexity Science Institute at Qingdao University, China. Her broad research interest is the modeling of dynamical systems, including ecology and evolution of infectious diseases and coupled social-ecology systems. In her earlier academic career, her research focused on behaviors and interactions of agents in economic and social systems. In recent years, she put her research effort on transmission dynamics of infectious diseases with a focus on childhood infectious diseases, and influenza. Her work is based on the understanding of incidence patterns, and to explore the dynamic processes and mechanisms of disease transmissions by combining mathematical modeling and data analysis. She has an ongoing collaboration with local CDCs in China to integrate disease transmission models and prevalence data to help inform regional decisions on public health policy making.

ABOUT OUR INSTRUCTORS

STAFF and INSTRUCTORS

The 2019-20 ISA program includes six intensive workshops presented by top professionals in their respective fields. Students will receive specific training in global grant development and scientific poster creation, as well as workshops on professional writing and presentation techniques from the Writing Skills Improvement Program. The ISA also includes sessions on personal marketing strategies and approaches for making and sustaining international connections.
Nadia Alvarez Mexia, Ph.D.
Director, Mexico Programs and Faculty Affiliate, Teaching/Learning and Sociocultural Studies, UA Global

OCT 29 Workshop: Scientific and Academic Poster Development

Nadia was born and raised in Mexico. She has an interdisciplinary background, with Information Systems bachelor’s and master’s degrees from TEC de Monterrey and her Ph.D. in Teaching & Teacher Education from the UA. Currently, Nadia is the Director of Mexico Programs at the UA in the UA Global office. In the last twelve years, Nadia has brought international students to the UA to conduct research, improve English proficiency, and learn about the academic culture in the United States—laying a strong foundation for graduate-level study. She has also developed short-term programs for first-generation college, native students, women in STEM, pre-service and in-service teachers in the U.S. and Mexico.

Nadia’s work and vision have been recognized with the Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award 2012, Erasmus Circle Award 2006, Edith Sayre Auslander Established Visionary Award 2018, and the Human Relations Commission of the City of Tucson 2018. She’s a Faculty Affiliate in Teaching, Learning and Sociocultural Studies and is one of the Hispanic Serving Institution Fellows 2019 in the UA.

Adrián Arroyo, Ph.D.
Manager, Curriculum Integration, UA Global

OCT 29 Workshop: Scientific and Academic Poster Development

Arroyo is a higher education expert with a background in chemistry and pharmaceutical sciences. He has over a decade in program management experience, which he utilizes daily as he coordinates short-term programs at the UA for international students. His specific research interests are geopolitical transactions and economic forces in higher education.

Arroyo completed his Ph.D. at the UA from the Center for the Study of Higher Education as a fellow of the Mexican National Council of Science and Technology. The UA has awarded him not only for his contributions to international education, but also for his pursuit of social justice. Arroyo previously worked in the Latin American pharmaceutical industry and has completed research in the U.S., Latin America, and Europe. He belongs to the Editorial Commission for the Research and Education Journal of the University of Sao Paulo. Originally from Mexico City, Arroyo earned a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences from La Salle University.

Robert Côté, Ph.D.
Director, UA Writing Skills Improvement Program (WSIP); Acting Director, National Center for Interpretation

SEPT 12, OCT 1 Workshops: Public Presentation Skills; Professional and Scientific Writing Skills

Côté received his Ph.D. in Second Language Acquisition & Teaching from The University of Arizona, majoring in sociolinguistics and minoring in pedagogy and program administration. He began his career 25 years ago when he taught ESL at a farm workers’ camp for Literacy Volunteers of America. Since then, he has worked as an administrator, teacher trainer, and classroom instructor in universities, community colleges, and high schools in Arizona, Florida, Mexico, Spain, United Arab Emirates, China, Russia, Ukraine, and Colombia.

Côté is currently an English Language Specialist for the State Department, and he has served as a book-review editor for LINGUIST List and associate editor of Arab World English Journal. He enjoys teaching all aspects of the English language, and his research interests include teaching academic writing, peer review, CALL, intercultural competence, and working with at-risk students.

Kim Patten, M.S.
Director, Research Development Services, UA Research, Innovation & Impact

FEB 11 Workshop: Global Research Grant Development

At the University of Arizona, Patten specializes in proposal assistance for the Environmental & Data Sciences. She brings more than 10 years of experience managing projects and programs in conservation, renewable energy, and distributed data systems both nationally and internationally. Most recently, she was Associate Director at the Arizona Geological Survey where she managed and conducted research on a more than $30m portfolio, including Co-PI on a $3.6m National Science Foundation funded project and project manager of a $2m U.S. Department of Energy funded project.

Prior to her work at AZGS, Patten was Programs Director at a science-based non-profit organization where she helped expand the organization’s research portfolio.
Daniel Moseke, M.S.
Program Manager, Research Development Services, UA Research, Innovation & Impact
FEB 11 Workshop: Global Research Grant Development
Daniel Moseke is the Research Development Program Manager administering the limited submissions process for the university. He is responsible for supporting the RD1 internal funding program, dissemination of the Current weekly digest of funding opportunities and the Limited Submissions Newsletter, and also assists the team with event and proposal support. Daniel has an MS in Global Technology and Development from Arizona State University and many years of experience across multiple departments at both The University of Arizona and University of Virginia. He has overseen projects, events, and grants for the UVA McIntire School of Commerce, UVA Office of the Provost, the UA parking department, UA Presents, UA Chemistry & Biochemistry, and the UA Renewable Energy Network. Previously, Moseke was the Program Coordinator at the UA-led Energy Frontier Research Center providing logistical and administrative support for the Center’s staff of PIs, post-docs, students and staff at UA and partner institutions. Daniel is an alum of the University of Arizona, a longtime resident of Tucson and an active volunteer in the local bicycle community.

Shelley Hawthorne Smith, Ph.D.
Assistant Director, Office of Fellowships and Community Engagement, Graduate College
MARCH 3 Workshop: Marketing Yourself
Shelley lived and worked in New Zealand, Peru, Bolivia, and South Africa before settling at the University of Arizona. She is currently the Assistant Director of the Graduate College Office of Fellowships and Community Engagement. She works with over 200 UA graduate students annually, helping them find and apply for external funding opportunities.

Emily Kotay, M.P.A.
Assistant Director, Partner Development, UA Global
MARCH 3 Workshop: Marketing Yourself
Prior to joining the international partnerships team at UA Global, Kotay assisted UA students applying for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, along with other nationally competitive scholarships. She also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine, where she acted as an English teacher conducting youth development and community engagement projects for more than two years.

Kotay holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas, and a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College in cultural anthropology. In her spare time, she sings with a community chorus, enjoys reading, and spending time with family and friends. She is originally from Kansas.

Frank Camp
Executive Director, External Communications, University of Arizona Global
APRIL 14 Workshop: Making International Connections
As Executive Director, External Communications, for University of Arizona Global, Frank is responsible for all externally directed communications and marketing, including supporting the university’s global recruiting efforts, study abroad and student exchange programs, international faculty and scholar programs, international alumni relations, international student services, the Confucius Institute, the university passport office, and global events. Frank has been working in marketing and advertising since 2005, and he has been with the University of Arizona since 2012. As part of his role, he acts as the liaison to the University of Arizona Alumni Association, and a network of 25 Global Alumni Ambassadors aimed at coordinating connections between alumni, staff and faculty around the world. He has helped in the coordination of international conferences and events both here in Tucson and abroad.

Don Slack
Professor of Biosystems Engineering, Professor of Watershed Management and Eco-Hydrology, Professor of Arid Lands Resources Sciences and Professor of Civil and Architectural Engineering and Mechanics at the University of Arizona.
APRIL 14 Workshop: Making International Connections
In addition to the many responsibilities reflected in his title, Dr. Slack holds the Cecil H. Miller, Jr. and Cecil H. Miller, Sr. Families Dean’s Chair for Excellence in Agriculture and Life Sciences and is a Faculty Fellow in UA Global. He served as Head of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering from 1991-2009 and Interim Head from 2012-2014. He has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Kentucky. In 2010, Dr. Slack was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering in Agricultural Engineering by Khon Kaen University (KKU) in recognition of his role as a founding member of the Agricultural Engineering Faculty at KKU in the early 1970’s. In July, 2019, he was awarded the title of Doctor Honoris Causa by Chapingo Autonomous University in Texcoco de Mora, Mexico in recognition of his long relationship with that institution and his assistance in helping them establish graduate programs. He has published more than 150 technical papers and articles and has served as major professor for sixty-six graduate students at the Universities of Minnesota and Arizona.

John Haupt
Graduate Associate, University of Arizona Global; PhD Candidate, Center for the Study of Higher Education, Department of Educational Policy Studies and Practice (EPSP) College of Education
APRIL 14 Workshop: Making International Connections
John P. Haupt (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Arizona) is a graduate student in the Doctor of Higher Education Program at the University of Arizona. He currently works as research associate responsible for assessing and evaluating UA’s microcampus initiative. His research focuses on issues in comparative and international higher education abroad related to student and faculty mobility, transnational higher education, and international research collaboration.
Twenty international scholars participated in the second International Scholar Academy, or ISA, a professional development series for emerging global scholars at the University of Arizona. The 2019–20 participants began sessions in September and will continue through April 2020.

University of Arizona Global created the Academy—with support from the Graduate College and Research, Discovery & Innovation—to accelerate professional growth of the participants, a group of elite researchers, professionals, and instructors from around the world. “Not only do our international scholars provide a wealth of knowledge in their areas of expertise, but they also bring new experiences and cultures that touch all of us,” said Dana Bleau, executive director of Employee Immigration Services, Compliance & Contracts, UA Global. “We created the ISA to provide a comprehensive resource to our visiting scholars that will allow them to cultivate key skills as they progress in their careers. Last year was a great success, and we are excited to work with a new group of global scholars this year.”

The University of Arizona currently hosts more than 1,300 international faculty members and scholars from more than 80 countries, and provides support through the Global Center and Global programs.

Joao Gimenes Junior (pictured below, back row, far right), visiting from Brazil, is conducting post-doctoral research in Asthma and Airway Diseases in the Vercelli Lab at the BIO5 Institute. Three years ago, Gimenes Junior read a publication by Dr. Vercelli that made an impact. Shortly after that, he came across an opportunity to join the Vercelli Lab and his application was accepted.

“I feel most fortunate to be working with a great team of researchers,” he said. “The Asthma and Airways Disease Center is an internationally respected organization of scientists, physicians, professors, and scholars all seeking to understand and eradicate respiratory diseases, and I hope that the results of our work will ultimately improve people’s lives.”

“I was delighted to be selected for ISA’s second cohort, and I am enjoying the workshops tremendously,” he continued. “So far, I have attended two of them: Public Presentation Skills and Professional and Scientific Writing Skills.” Gimenes Junior often takes advantage of the professional development resources provided by Postdoctoral Affairs and was eager to supplement those with the sessions offered through the Academy.

The ISA includes six intensive workshops, including sessions on global grant development and scientific poster creation, as well as workshops on professional writing and presentation techniques from the Writing Skills Improvement Program.

Additional components were added to the program that focus on personal marketing strategies and approaches for making—and sustaining—international connections.

A goal of the ISA program is to provide tools and training to help visiting scholars from partner institutions around the world be successful and network outside their host departments. The connections the scholars make at the University of Arizona are critical to the long-term sustainability of these partnerships, and to the scholars’ advancement in their respective fields.

“Writing successful grants is critical for a successful career in research and academia,” Gimenes Junior said, “and I am particularly interested in the Global Research Grant Development and Marketing Yourself workshops.” He added that the workshops offered by the International Scholar Academy “are not only helpful and very important for our professional development, but also are excellent opportunities to meet new people and have a great time while being at the University of Arizona.”

Bleau, head of Employee Immigration Services at Global, has supported thousands of visiting scholars throughout her career, seeing first-hand the contributions they make.

“The value and impact of our international scholars are immeasurable,” said Bleau. “I truly believe they energize our students and young faculty to think boldly; to think globally. Together we are redefining the international experience.”

At left: The 2019–2020 International Scholar Academy participants show their Wildcat pride during a break from a professional writing workshop with Robert Côté of the Writing Skills Improvement Program. Côté is pictured second from right in the back row. Pictured third from left in the back is ISA program coordinator Melanie Marsh, UA Global.
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