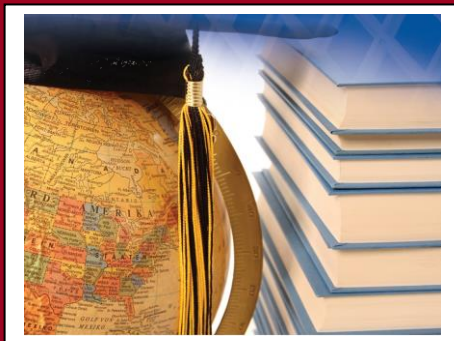


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Greetings from the OIE!

I always smile when I see a familiar location on the silver screen. Especially one off-the beaten path. Watching a film the other day, I caught a glimpse of the courtyard outside of Central Saint Martins, which houses the prestigious Drama Centre with whom we have a wonderful Drama exchange. How many places can you now recognize on screen from your travels?

This is a side effect of travel that I had not realized. When you travel, your mind opens not only to ideas, but to locations. You can offer advice, suggestions to others on the places you've been. And you welcome advice as well, knowing how to use it once on the ground in a new location.

Another area I had not expected to experience through travelling was to enjoy the locations abroad which may not be on one's bucket list. I love to see students rave about their location, whether they are studying abroad in a 1960's built German suburb, in a Chinese industrial city; or even the up-and-coming tech (and foodie) city of Pittsburgh! What makes students (and travelers in general) grow to love a location is in many cases due to the people they meet. If you meet with locals, and feel a strong welcome; your affection for a place can be immense. I hope we all can take this joy and reverse it when we welcome visitors to our home towns as well.

This welcome and openness is never more essential than now – with the change of leadership occurring in the USA. We need to continue to be a welcoming, open, democratic society. We are a country built by many, and welcoming to many. Whatever one's views may be on the current political climate, I hope we all continue to welcome and create a friendly, peaceful civil society here in the US and throughout the world.

2016 has been a year of drastic change across the globe. Let's hope this change does not drive us to forget how well we have been received abroad, and how we all would like to be treated when away from home.

Christine Menand
Assistant Director, Study Abroad & Exchange Programs

*"There is enough in this world for everyone's need,
but not everyone's greed." Mahatma Gandhi*

READY TO TRAVEL...

KIRA PUSCH, S16
GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS
[BLOG EXCERPT](#)

My train left at 4:16pm Friday afternoon from Groningen Central Station. I biked there, per usual, but unlike when I left for my two-second trip to Hamburg wherein I chained my bike to a fence near the bus stop, this time I utilized the official bike parking garage associated with the Groningen train station. It seemed a safer and therefore more appropriate lodging given that I would be away for three-ish days instead of just 15 hours.

The double-decker bike parking structure functions similar to a car parking garage in that both descend underground and consist of parking areas that splinter off of the main path as it heads downward. You might find it amusing (as I did) to know that the biking garage is so massive that there are actual people working there who direct you to regions of the garage with open parking spaces. Even funnier is the fact that this 10,000-spot parking garage is always very full (necessitating the aforementioned people who point out openings to incoming bikers). After being told by a dude in a reflective vest to "go towards the end of this row" (at least that's what I'm assuming he said since it was in Dutch), I (and the people I had followed into the garage so that I could play Follow the Leader) sought out an empty space. The other folks stored their bikes in the top row – I followed suit.

Essentially there are two levels of bikes; think of a metal shelf of closely-packed bikes directly atop a row of existing bikes. The shelf is segmented into individual parking

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spots, and each spot has a thin metal ramp that hangs down to about waist level and onto which you roll your bike (yes, this procedure required some heavy lifting (or at least what *I* would define as heavy lifting)). There are clamps that close automatically around the rear wheel of your bike (so long as you've loaded your bike onto the ramp correctly – I learned this the hard way, causing the clamps to close on the front wheel during my first attempt to load my bike). Once your bike has been clamped down, thereby preventing it from rolling backwards off of the ramp, you hoist the ramp upwards, leveling out the bike, and push it into/onto the shelf. A simple process overall, but it took me good minute to get the thing up there. I will be the first to admit that I have the upper body strength of a wimpy 13-year-old.

Anyway, with that done, I boarded the train...



Have your classes changed?
 Complete the
[Follow-Up SATC](#)



Left: photo by Brian Teng, ECE exchange from NCTU, F16

Travel.State.Gov

We mention at the study abroad Pre-Departure Sessions to study the country and region to which you are travelling; to be knowledgeable when you arrive abroad. It is also worthwhile to know the safety and security of your study location. For up-to-date in-country reports visit travel.state.gov to see the latest Travel Alerts and Travel Warnings put forth by the U.S. State Dept. Travel Warnings are more serious in nature, and may require a change of location or a serious reconsideration of plans. Please outreach to our office as well as your institution/program abroad if you ever have concerns.

Travel Apps What's your favorite?

CITY MAPS 2GO
 Kayak.com
 Hipmunk.com
 WhatsApp
 Wikitude
 AllSubway
 Oanda
 Wi-Fi Finder
 US State Dept STEP program
 Travel.state.gov
 Squaresmouth.com
 FlightStats

*"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."
 Albert Einstein*

TARTANS CURRENTLY ABROAD



Iris Beaumier (Drama'17) **ESAD Paris, Fall 2016**

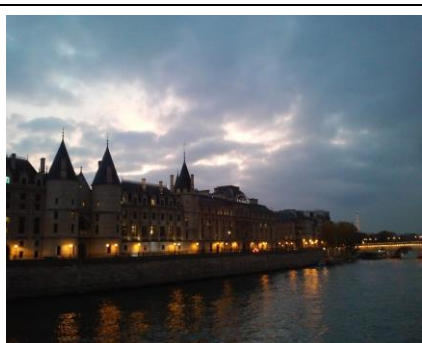
A study abroad excerpt

Attached is a picture of me with a student from the second year class. This week I am working with both the second and third year students on an interpretation of Nijinsky's "Sacre du Printemps" incorporating Pina Bausch movement. We will have a free public performance this Friday at the Cite Universitaire in the 14eme arrondissement!

Starting next week I will begin a class on Biodynamique all day long and the following week will be the standard voice, speech, singing, dance, and acting classes. I just found out that the teacher of the Biodynamique class is a resident professor at the theatre school in Bolivia where one of the third year ESAD students will study in this semester. The director is focused on making international theatre connections and maintaining professional working relationships between teachers and students through master classes like the one I have been taking for the past week.



Above & right: Kira Pusch, (MSE'18).
Photos of Ghent, Belgium during travels over Summer while doing research in Groningen, The Netherlands.



Above: A view of City Hall from Pont Notre Dame, Paris by Iris Beaumier (Drama'17)



Right: Tiana Marrese (Math'18) meets a CMU mascot in Germany!



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.

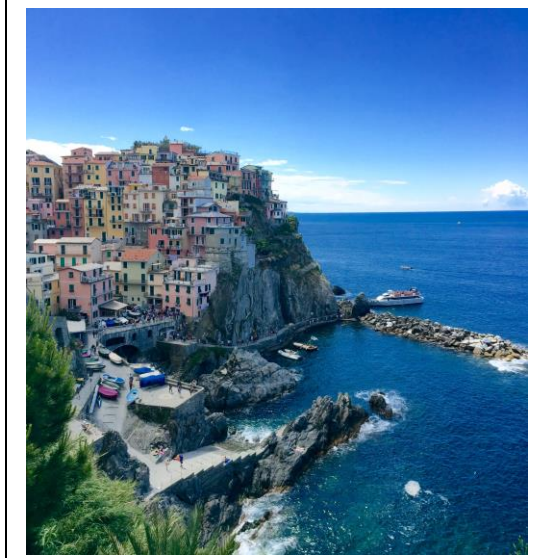
Photo Contest Winners 2016



Top Left: *You abroad:* Kayla Quinn (CFA) – Hobbiton (Matamata), New Zealand

Top Right: *Landscape abroad:* Katherine Wang (CIT) – Cinque Terre, Italy

Left: *People abroad:* Jenna Houston (BHA) – Chennai, India



Congratulations to our other honorable mention awardees: Richard Lee, Colleen Clifford, Charmaine Yau, Allison Fisher, Damin Jung, Madhura Kharche!



"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Mother Teresa

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

There are plenty of ways to bring your experience back when you return to Carnegie Mellon.

- Attend the Welcome Back Reception
- Help out with an *Information Session* and/or *Pre-Departure Orientation*
- Serve as an [e-peer advisor](#)
- Publish your journals, short stories, or poetry
- Enter the [2017 Photo Contest](#)
- Use your experience to complete a senior thesis
- Apply for a Fulbright, Rhodes, Churchill, or Marshall scholarship
- Continue your experience with an international internship
- Apply to graduate school abroad
- Apply for the Peace Corps

Looking for your next experience abroad...

Study abroad search engines:

[CMU Study Abroad Portal](#)

www.iiepassport.org

www.goabroad.com

www.studyabroad.com

TIANA MARRESE – JACOBS UNIVERSITY FALL 2016

BLOG EXCERPT

Hallo from Bremen! After traveling a total of 14 hours I have made it to my new home, Jacobs University. Jacobs is located about 20 minutes outside of the beautiful city of Bremen. I am so ecstatic to be spending the next four months in this wonderful place. I am currently getting the best of two worlds- a diverse and international student body at Jacobs and the amazing culture of Germany in Bremen. This morning I woke up and went into the city for a nice walk while eating a delicious pastry from the bakery. I am so excited to see what this week holds in terms of traveling and exploration.

Jacobs University is located in Vegesack in Bremen-Nord, putting it about a 15 minute walk from the river Weser. Along this river is a beautiful little town and pier. Today my host family was kind enough to take me there. I have included some of the photos below.



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"I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come." Henri Nouwen