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## END-OF-YEAR UPDATE December 2012

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This has been another exciting year at the Global Center, as we remain committed to carving out an intellectual space, on campus and beyond, to pursue global studies. There are many changes on the horizon, specifically our transition into the College of Arts and Sciences and the new School of Global and International Studies, about which we are extremely optimistic. We are confident that we will be able to maintain our broad mission of encouraging and supporting critical scholarship and practice in teaching, learning, and research that is global in scope. We will continue to accomplish our various initiatives that are innovative, provocative, engaging, and meaningful, and that transcend disciplinary and geographic borders.

By far, our most proud accomplishment this year is the establishment of the **David E. Albright Memorial Scholarship**, initiated and supported by his widow, Ruth M. Albright. While final details are still being worked out, the intent of this competitive scholarship is to provide funding to deserving students in international or global studies. Dr. Albright was for many years the Global Center's Senior Research Associate, bringing the world's best minds to this campus to discuss international security issues with faculty and students. He was a superb and deeply dedicated mentor, always challenging students to broaden their knowledge and perspectives on global issues. It is most fitting that a scholarship in his memory will continue to support students to learn about the complex world we live in and consider avenues of change and collaboration. We will share the details of this scholarship's award process in spring 2013, as well as ways in which you too can make a donation to honor your own memory of David Albright. This means a lot to the Global Center. We thank Ruth for helping us make this a reality.

We continue to juggle multiple projects and programs on campus and in the local and global community, a sample of which are described here. We continue to re-think the field of global studies through *Framing the Global*, which is in its third year of a five-year partnership with Indiana University Press, and funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. We are in the midst of compiling the edited volume, which will be one of the first publications of the project book series. The *Internationalizing the Curriculum Across Bloomington* (ICAB) faculty fellows cohort of 2012-2013 includes four IUB faculty (biology, business communication, dance, and international studies), as well as five Ivy Tech Community College of Bloomington faculty (American history, English, information systems, philosophy, and technical graphics). ICAB Fellows have each identified an existing course to revise throughout the year and teach, eventually providing a rich online portfolio of syllabus, rubrics, assessment tools, and supporting materials for other faculty to examine and adapt. *Muslim Voices* is an award-winning new media project that the Global Center has led for five years, in partnership with WFIU Public Radio and

many other campus and community partners, that promotes dialogue and understanding about Islam (muslimvoices.org). We are currently compiling an edited volume based on our 2011 conference, Re-Scripting Islam, which should be valuable for media professionals and scholars, and our Twitter page is reaching 27,000 fans from around the world (yes, 27,000). Our most recent bibliography, *Global Human Trafficking (2000-2010)*, was published this semester. Global Center Visiting Scholar and International Studies Instructor Stepanka Korytova compiled the bibliography, pulling together the growing body of research on this complex topic. Dr. Korytova is also leading the Global Center's faculty study group on human trafficking, which is currently is putting final touches on a website on the many faces of human trafficking. The *Bridges: Children Languages, World Project* continues to develop exploratory world language programs with many campus and community partners. The languages taught this semester to children ages 1 ½ to 12 years old include Arabic, Chinese, Mongolian, Russian, and Zulu. This is an amazing language program, taught primarily by IUB language students, and reaching hundreds of students across Monroe County each semester. Of course, our PhD Minor in Global Studies is attracting more students from across campus and the core course for our new PhD Minor in Human Rights will be taught for the first time this spring semester.

This next semester will be busy for us. We host Anne Griffiths (University of Edinburgh) on January 14-18, Matthew Connelly (Columbia University) on March 19-22, and Linda Woodhead (Lancaster University) on April 1-5 in coordination with the British Council. We have organized the **Global Teaching and Learning Institute**, which has been designated an AIEA Regional Forum, at IUPUI on March 1, and our highly anticipated **Institute for Curriculum and Campus Internationalization** on May 19-22 in Bloomington. We will host a number of **Global Studies Positioning Series** (GSPS) lunch discussions in which faculty and students from various disciplines converse about approaches to global research and teaching with visiting scholars and guest speakers. Information about the upcoming events and all of our programs can be found on our website (www.indiana.edu/~global/).

Until we see you again next semester, we wish you all our best and warmest of wishes for the New Year. Whether you have worked with the Global Center, taken or taught a course, or led a workshop for us, or participated in a project, we remain sincerely grateful for your support and involvement. It is people like you, who are equally dedicated to pursuing interdisciplinary global scholarship and teaching, who make this the vibrant place it is for so very many.

Sincerely,

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Your support of our programs and projects is sincerely appreciated.