



# THE PEREGRINE

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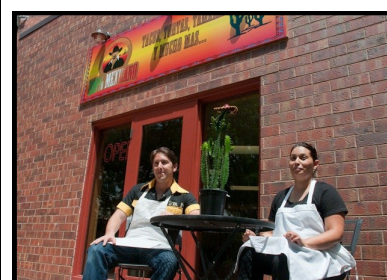
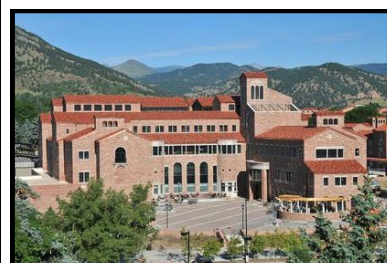
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*per-e-grine, adj. (from Medieval Latin peregrinus, foreigner) foreign, alien; coming from abroad; having a tendency to wander*

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Through travel I first became aware of the outside world;  
it was through travel that I found my own introspective  
way into becoming a part of it.

## Letter from the Director of Study Abroad Programs



### Greetings to all Study Abroad Alumni, Friends and Supporters!

Today on campus there are pockets of students everywhere, huddled in groups or hibernating alone, studying for finals. Once this week is over,

students will head out of Boulder for winter break. 500 of these students, though, won't be returning to Boulder in the spring. Instead, they will be heading around the world to study abroad, part of the largest group that CU-Boulder has ever sent abroad for the spring semester.

Study abroad at CU has seen remarkable growth in the past year. The number of students going abroad this year will surpass 1,200. This surge in interest in study abroad can be partly attributed to the growing interest among students in adding an international experience to their college career. Another trend is the growth in the expectation among majors and academic departments that their students should study abroad. It's also important to recognize the outstanding job of our staff who have enthusiastically embraced our mission to reach students who, in the past, would not have considered studying abroad. As we often say, we have figured out how to reach the first 25% of students at CU who go abroad. Now we are figuring out how to reach the next 25%.

This year's winner of the Study Abroad Student of the Year award exemplifies the continuing positive impact that study abroad has on students. As her

nominator comments, for the student Mindy Bridges, internationalism is a core value. Her international education started with Professor Michael Grant's Bioethics class, a videoconference course that brought together science students from CU-Boulder, University College Dublin, and the University of Wollongong, Australia. Next, she participated on Professor Alphonse Keasley's faculty-led Global Seminar, Diversity and Reconciliation in Cape Town, South Africa. This was followed by a field research program on climate change and medical anthropology in Peru, and by a course at the Canadian School of Peace Building. Her concluding study abroad program was a semester in Nicaragua on the SIT program *Revolution, Transformation, and Civil Society*.

While Mindy's story may not be typical, it illustrates the fact that students will take us up on our international offerings and will make the most of it. This isn't a change since study abroad was first offered to CU students in the 1960s. Over 21,000 CU students have studied abroad, most of whom have continued to pursue international travel and interests long after graduation. (Check out the alumni updates in the newsletter! [pg. 16](#))

As always, we welcome your stories and contributions. We look forward to sharing your updates with all of our readers in future editions of *The Peregrine*. Please also consider joining our [Facebook page](#) with over 500 fans.

Happy travels and happy holidays.

Mary Dando  
Director, Study Abroad Programs, CU-Boulder

### Do you have a story you want to share in *The Peregrine*?

*The Peregrine* is always looking for submissions. We love to receive articles from alumni about what their study abroad experience meant to them. We welcome articles (400 words or less is a good size) and 4-5 high-resolution photos are greatly appreciated.

#### Suggestions for articles:

- 1) How do you see the current economic times affecting study abroad? How can students afford study abroad today?
- 2) How did your study abroad experience change your perceptions of the United States?

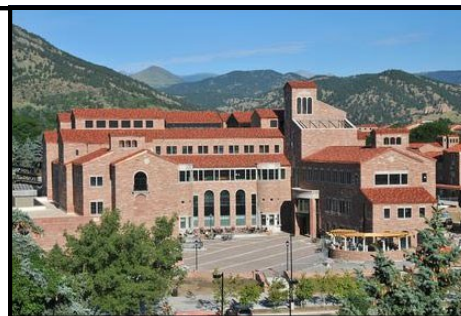
Please send questions or submissions to *The Peregrine* at: [AlumniSA@colorado.edu](mailto:AlumniSA@colorado.edu).





## New Offices for Study Abroad Programs!

In October 2010, the CU-Boulder Office of International Education moved to the Center for Community building on Regent Drive. Our new sun-filled office has been designed to provide natural light throughout the space with bright colors and a beautiful view to the east.



From our new International Center we will be able to serve our campus community better and the international visitors who frequent our campus. The office shares the building with a number of other student service departments of the university, primary among them Housing & Dining Services. A complete list of resident departments can be found here: [colorado.edu/centerforcommunity](http://colorado.edu/centerforcommunity).

We welcome alumni and members of the community to come visit our offices.

The move to the Center for Community has made us think about our history. Our office was located to the basement of the Environmental Design building in 1980. Prior to that, we were housed at 914 Broadway.

When we moved into the Environmental Design building, the Office of International Education, which comprises both International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) and Study Abroad Programs (SAP) had 11 staff members. In 1979-80, we hosted 579 students from 68 countries and sent 244 students abroad for study in 11 countries. Today we have 27 staff and 9 student employees. Our numbers of study abroad students and international students are each well over a thousand, and always growing...

## Quiz: Famous Landmarks Around the World . . .

What landmark is Snaefellsjokull? And what is Bungle Bungles?

The answers to these questions and more are in a quiz, "Famous Landmarks". Click [here](#) and test your knowledge.

**Is your country represented in the quiz? Send us a question for the next edition of *The Peregrine*.**

## Are you in contact with an alum of your study abroad program? Is that alum in contact with Study Abroad Programs at CU-Boulder?

If your fellow study abroad hasn't sent us information on address or email changes recently, we would love it if you could pass along our greetings and interest in hearing about what is happening in the lives of our former students. Since we're no longer sending *The Peregrine* via postal mail, we hope to collect as many email addresses as possible in order to better reach our alums. With editions of *The Peregrine*, we will continue our outreach efforts in order to contact more and more alumni whose lives have been changed by the experience of living in another culture, speaking a foreign language, or spending a semester concentrating on global studies.

Alumni updates and correspondence can be sent to us at [AlumniSA@colorado.edu](mailto:AlumniSA@colorado.edu). We are always happy to get article submissions for *The Peregrine*, email address updates from alums, and just plain letters about what you're up to. Thanks for passing the word along! (For updates only, you can go to our online form [here](#).)



Kevin Peters

### Scholars on Scholarships

*Kevin Peters studied abroad on the CIEE Beijing Intensive Language Study Summer 2010 and the Global Seminar: China thru TIME Summer 2011. He is majoring in International Affairs and Asian Studies. Upon graduation in May 2012, he plans to tour Asia and the Middle East, then serve his country in the State Department or an intelligence agency. Below he writes about how scholarships influenced his study abroad opportunities.*

"Upon starting my college career, I was anxious to learn about the outside world and other cultures; but above all I craved adventure. I spent two consecutive summers (2010 and 2011), studying abroad in China. There is not a day that goes by that I do not reflect on the incredible experiences I shared with my classmates

and friends overseas. From exploring palaces like the Forbidden City, experiencing China's rapid development in Shanghai, and learning Chinese, studying abroad was the greatest opportunity of my life.

Yet, prior to going abroad, I found it difficult to cover the cost. Having used student loans to finance my entire college education, I did not have a lot of breathing room when it came to expenses. With the savings that I acquired from a job I maintained since high school and a generous CU study abroad scholarship, I was able to afford my first journey to China, on the CIEE China: Intensive Chinese Language summer program. As thankful as I was to have studied abroad once, I had the incessant urge to go back to China upon my return to the States. Fortunately, I applied to and was accepted into a study abroad program that came with a generous scholarship from the Tang Fund and the Center for Asian Studies, the Global Seminar China thru TIME, which examined China as written about in TIME magazine. Receiving that scholarship changed my life. Not only did I have the incredible chance to go back to China, but I learned valuable skills and developed terrific connections that will assist me throughout my upcoming career. As I continue my studies at CU, I am lucky enough to work in the Office of International Education and share my stories with students interested in studying abroad."



The China Thru TIME Global Seminar students in Shanghai

## Study Abroad Scholarship Donations

Thanks in part to the generous support of study abroad alumni and other donors, International Education has been able to award scholarships to students with high academic merit and/or high financial need since 1982.

If you wish to make a donation to our scholarship funds to support students like Kevin Peters, please print this page and send it, along with your tax-deductible check, to the **CU Foundation**. [Do you want to donate online?](#) Just click the link to the right.

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## Faculty-led Global Seminars



In order to offer a greater variety of programs and to meet our students' needs, CU-Boulder administers a number of faculty-led Global Seminars. In Global Seminars, CU-Boulder students and a CU-Boulder faculty member travel abroad to study a wide variety of subjects from an intercultural perspective.

### Our continuing Global Seminars are:

[Culture Wars in Rome \(Rome, Italy\)](#)

[Economy, Politics & Society in the Middle East \(Kuwait City, Kuwait\)](#)

[Entrepreneurship & Empowerment \(Cape Town, South Africa\)](#)

[London Finance Seminar \(London, England\)](#)

[Russian Language & Culture \(St. Petersburg, Russia\)](#)

[Social Engagement & Human Rights \(Cape Town, South Africa\)](#)

[Art in France/Spain \(Paris, France/Madrid, Spain\)](#)

[Film & the French/Italian Aesthetic \(Paris, France/Rome, Italy\)](#)

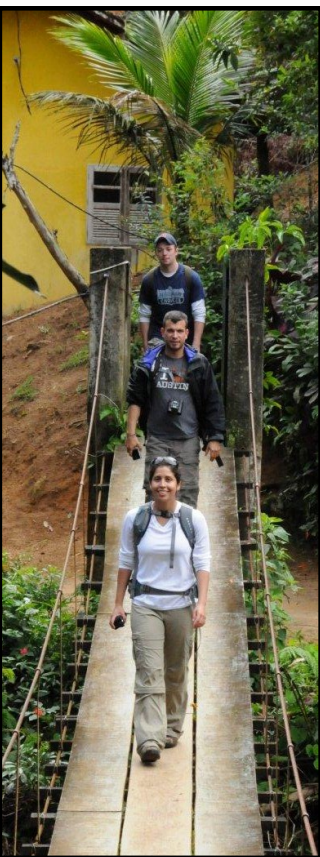


Students on Mountain in Tanzania

Photo by Global Seminar Director Laura DeLuca



Church of the Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg, Russia  
Photo by Global Seminar Director Artemi Romanov



Quilombo Cambury Community, Brazil, Photo by Global Seminar Director Tom Kittel

### Programs started in 2011 & continuing

[China Thru TIME \(Beijing & Shanghai, China\)](#)

[Comparative Biology of North America & Australia: A Sampler \(Wollongong & Cairns\)](#)

[Conservation Biology & Practice in Brazil's Atlantic Forest \(Nazaré Paulista, Brazil\)](#)

[Culture, History & Literature \(Rosario, Argentina\)](#)

[Michelangelo \*in situ\* \(Florence & Rome, Italy\)](#)

[Gender & Race in Post-Soviet Cuba \(Havana, Cuba\)](#)

[Urban Design Studio \(Istanbul, Turkey\)](#)

[Visualizing Dante's Inferno \(Florence, Italy\)](#)

### New Programs for 2012:

[Beijing: Window on Modern China \(Beijing, China\)](#)

[Conservation & Indigenous Peoples in Tanzania \(Arusha, Tanzania\)](#)

[Democracy & Development in Bolivia \(Coroico, Bolivia\)](#)

[France & America: Connections through Time \(Bordeaux, France\)](#)

[Performance in Scotland: Theatre, Music & Culture \(Edinburgh, Scotland\)](#)

[Shakespeare On-Site \(London, England\)](#)

[Barcelona Literature & Culture \(Barcelona, Spain\)](#)





### 2011 Study Abroad Programs Winners:

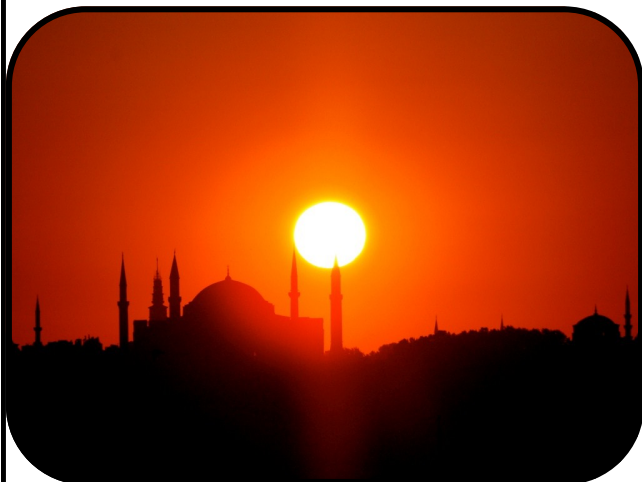
**Alex Von Hagen**, *Hagia Sophia at Sunset*, Floating on the Bosphorus Strait, Istanbul, Turkey, Places Category

**Kimberly Moyer**, *An Alternative Way to Garden in London*, Deptford Creek, London, UK, Things Category

**Alicia Didio**, *Thumbs Up*, Livingston, Zambia, People Category

### Winning Photo Descriptions:

**Thumbs Up** -- In a small village in Zambia the children gave us an official tour. We walked through the village in the late afternoon as the kids played and wrestled amongst themselves. Always smiling and excited to see our faces, they played with our cameras and held our hands as we treaded through the bush. A friend of mine leads the way and all the children follow behind. The "thumbs up" is a great universal sign when there is a tough language barrier to be broken. A young girl jumped up and stretched her hands high as I followed behind and captured her moment of glory.



**Hagia Sofia At Sunset** -- A ferry ride back from the Asian side of Istanbul, Turkey at sunset turned out to be one of the highlights of our stay there. We were literally between two continents--Europe and Asia--and watching one of the most vivid sunsets of the entire trip. As it happened, some of the most prominent pieces of architecture that make up the Istanbul skyline were

being silhouetted by the blazing sun. This picture is of the Hagia Sophia--a 5th century church that became a mosque --with the sun between two of its towering minarets.

**An Alternative Way to Garden** -- London is a complex city, and had many different sides. Many tourists go to London and naturally feel attracted to the large sites and beautiful architecture of the richer areas. As a student, I had the chance to experience a different side of London. I live in New Cross, a working class neighborhood with some rough areas, but also plenty of character and kindness. One day on a walk down Deptford creek we came across this community center using shopping carts to grow herbs and vegetables. Although it wasn't the large beautiful parks that people imagine in London, I thought it was a very smart way to take something decaying and rusting and give it new life. It reminded me of the people and the places that I saw every day in my little rundown neighborhood.







### 2011 International Student & Scholar Services Winners:

**Bethany Barrett-Struve**, *Home*, Boulder Creek, CO, USA, Things Category

**Sitthisak Moukomla**, *On the Way Back Home*, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, India, People Category

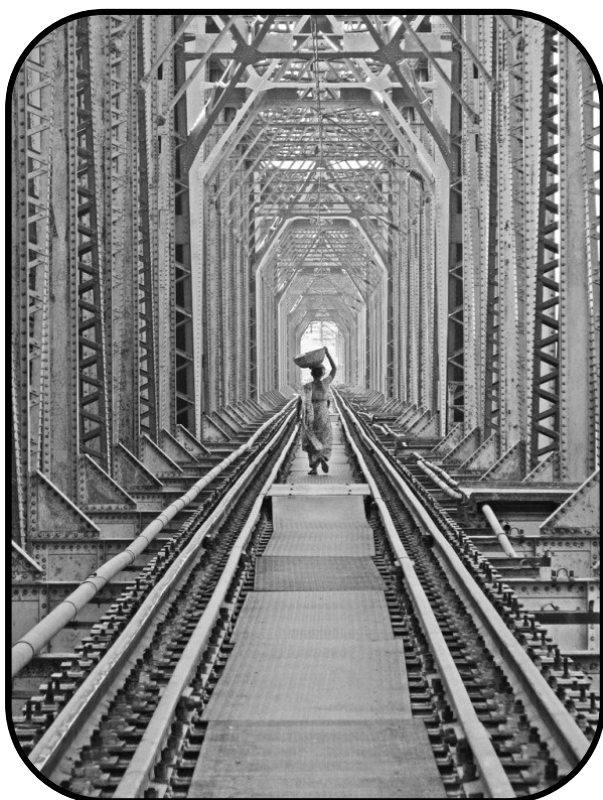
**Tushar Throve**, *Walk of Life*, Dombivli, Maharashtra, India, Places Category

### Winning Photo Descriptions:

***On the Way Back Home*** -- This shot was taken while I having late afternoon tea in small restaurant in Leh after got back from Pangong lake near Indian & China border. The ladakh girl in school uniform was ran pass through the restaurant door. I then quickly caught my camera and just waiting for her moved to another door and snapped.



***Walk of Life*** -- It is a bridge on a railway track, a woman was using it to cross the creek to reach her home. The symmetry in the construction bridge and the complications involved in a hard working woman's life are paralleled in this capture.



***Home***-- During the first few days moving to Colorado, I made myself explore without my camera, thinking that I wanted to take things in and remember them in my mind rather than instantly documenting everything. Walking along Boulder Creek, I kept being caught by the light shining through the trees and squeezing my eyes closed to capture the moment. Resisting no longer, I ran inside to grab my camera and caught the brightness shining through these leaves almost enough to make them transparent. I was unprepared for finding such simple beauty outside my new home, and as an international student, being able to call somewhere home is of utmost importance to me.







## 2011 International Photo Contest

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### The rest of the 2011 Top 25 finalists:

Australia, Townsville, *Playing with Fire*, Sean Peneyra  
Bolivia, Solar de Manana Geyser Basin, Altiplano, *Man in the Mist*, Emily Fielder  
Brazil, Tupana Village, Amazonia, *Crianta Pequena (Small Child)*, Maura Fleet  
Cambodia, City Center, Ho Chi Minh City, *Life at Saigon Speed*, Erika Morris  
Cambodia, Phnom Penh, *The Face and Hands of Real Cambodia*, Erika Morris  
Cuba, Havana, *A Moment of Stillness*, Martha Obermiller  
Ecuador, Guayaquil, *Contrast*, Katrina Riley  
England, London, *Graffiti*, Ana Pacheco  
India, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, *Unconditional Love*, Sitthisak Moukomla  
India, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir, *Stakna Gompa*, Sitthisak Moukomla  
India, Maharashtra, *Baba-Gurus*, Tushar Thorve  
India, Varanasi, *Ganges River Mourner*, Sarah Glasser  
Ireland, Dublin, *It's a Small World After All*, Devon Luke  
Italy, Manarola, Cinque Terre, *Manarola*, Stephanie Kroll  
Kenya, *Sugarcane Farmer*, Marius Klee  
Peru, Cusco, *Celebration*, Katrina Riley  
South Africa, Karoo Desert, *Festival Silhouettes*, Anders Nicolaysen

(All entries viewable [here](#))



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Cinque Terre,  
Italy



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mir, Ladakh, India,

### International Education Week 2011 Awards

In November we held our Annual International Education Week Reception and Award Celebration.

Awardees included:

#### Champions of International Education:

##### **For Study Abroad Students**

Dr. Susan R. Hallstead, Senior Instructor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Dr. Hallstead is one of the faculty Directors on our Global Seminar: Culture, History & Literature in Rosario Argentina.

##### **For International Students**

Timothy X. Brown, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering

#### Global Citizen Awards:

##### **Muneeb Kamal International Student of the Year:**

Kim Man Loh, Undergraduate in Chemistry and Biochemistry

##### **Study Abroad Student of the Year:**

Mindy Christina Bridges, Undergraduate in Anthropology and Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

##### **Campus Global Citizen of the Year:**

Nii Armah Sowah, Senior Instructor, Department of Theatre and Dance



*Life at Saigon Speed*, Erika Morris, Ho Chi Minh City, Cambodia



## Monterrey Spice in Boulder

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### Bringing Monterrey Spice to the Boulder Community

Photos courtesy of Shawn Camden

**Shawn Camden** studied abroad with CU Boulder for the Academic Year 1999-2000 in Monterrey, Mexico at the Tec de Monterrey. He is a 2003 graduate of CU and majored in Spanish Language and Literature. Shawn talks about his study abroad experience and how it influenced his career.

*What was one of the most unusual aspects of your study abroad experience?*

It had never occurred to me as I was leaving for my study abroad experience in Mexico that I was to become a fixture of local musical theater. It was only when I was asked on the spot to audition for a Spanish-language production of West Side Story that I dressed up in a mariachi costume and sang. I loved the opportunity to interact with the community through theater and have been surprised at the way photos of me singing for productions of the theater and music department at the Tec have popped up in unexpected places (including for CU-Boulder's Study Abroad Programs brochures.)



Shawn at his Restaurante 100% Mexicano

*What were the most valuable elements of your study abroad experience?*

Studying abroad gave me of a hands-on experience in learning a language – it was “real-life” experience – not just sitting in class studying. It's not enough to do the classroom component. Immersion is necessary.

The most profound elements of my study abroad experiences were the friendships that I built and the people that I met from all over the world – not just from Mexico and Latin America – but lifelong friendships built with people from a wide variety of nationalities and cultures.

“Find an opportunity to apply the language that you learned overseas – often volunteering is the best way.”



Shawn (right) and staff of the Boulder-based Spanish Institute

*Has your study abroad experience influenced your current career or life path?*

As soon as I returned from the Tec, I knew I wanted to put my study abroad experience to work, so to speak. Despite my experience as a highly-decorated mariachi singer, I decided to start a non-profit called Intercambio in order to provide English-language instruction for immigrants and to help members of the Spanish-speaking community in Boulder with some of the unique struggles they face.

Intercambio has helped the Boulder community in a variety of ways: it has helped to create a community that is more respectful of cultural differences; it was helped to

create bridges between the immigrant and non-immigrant communities; it has

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## The Effective Entrepreneur: Launching Social Change

Photos courtesy of Daniel Epstein

**Daniel Epstein** studied abroad with CU-Boulder in spring 2007 with Semester at Sea. He is a 2008 graduate of CU-Boulder with a degree in Philosophy.

*What experiences at Semester at Sea had the most profound influence on you?*

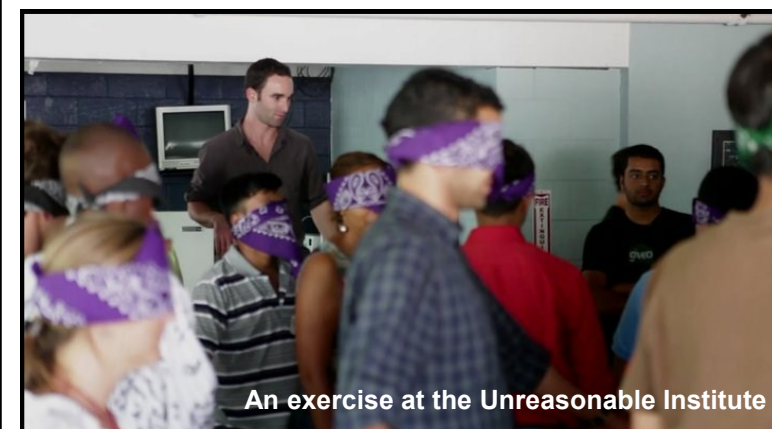
Going around the world I saw the magnitude of a variety of social issues. I learned and knew about the issues first-hand: from over urbanization, to famine, and profound poverty. I realized on SAS that I was too impatient to wait to resolve the issues and that they commanded our attention immediately. I then dedicated my life to turning these issues into what I would call "unfortunate opportunities" and leveraging entrepreneurship to solve them at scale.

*What do you think the greatest challenges are to students considering study abroad, and why should they go?*

I think many people use cost as an excuse not to study abroad. Stepping into the unknown is uncomfortable. We build up false barriers to experiences we want to have. However, I am a believer in the 20 year test. Simply put, 20 years from now, what decisions will you regret and not regret? I can't imagine that anyone would say at 40 years old that they regret traveling around the world for 100 days. The only regret I could imagine is not seizing the moment and going on that trip. Yes, it may cost \$6k more than a semester at CU, which may seem like a lot of money now, but 20 years down the road it's not a lot. The experience could change your life.

Apply for scholarships. I got a \$10,000 scholarship to cover a good part of my Semester at Sea program. Being at university we're fortunate. Your job as a student is to immerse yourself in another culture.

The workforce shift is a primary reason for students to study abroad – I personally would rather hire people who have the breadth and depth that only comes from stepping outside of their comfort zones and living internationally. I



An exercise at the Unreasonable Institute

believe that the future global markets are in the emerging economies. I don't see study abroad students as having "taken a vacation" abroad – study abroad returnees demonstrate



Daniel (second from right) in the jungles of Malasia as part of his Semester at Sea experience

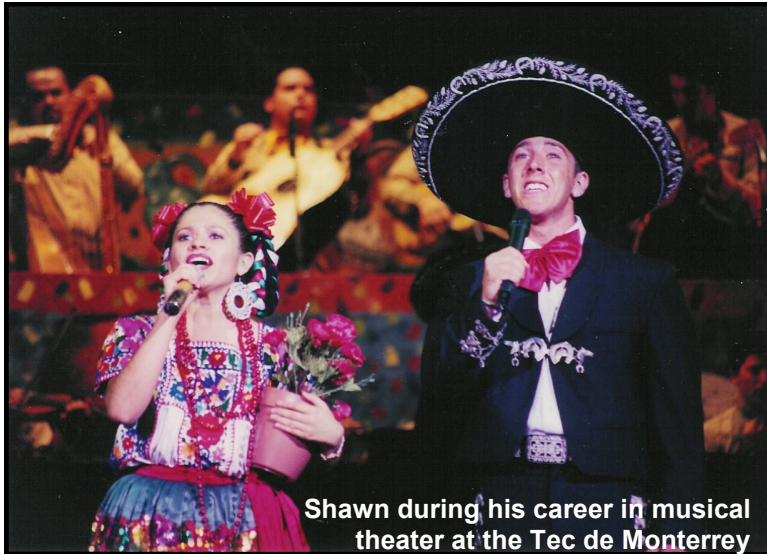
"During SAS I not only made life-long friendships, but also met a few co-founders and teammates with whom I later launched companies"

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## Monterrey Spice in Boulder, cont'd

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Shawn during his career in musical theater at the Tec de Monterrey

...continued from page 10 empowered immigrants in their careers, helped children with homework, and given volunteers the opportunity to connect with people from other countries.

Recently, I have founded a second organization called the Spanish Institute. The Spanish Institute offers Spanish language instruction for adults and children who are traveling to Latin American countries for work or pleasure. Many people who work in the non-profit, government, health or education sectors come to the institute in order to better be able to communicate with the population they serve. The Spanish Institute works heavily in the education field by providing instruction for after-school Spanish programs in

the public schools and by offering the Spanish language curriculum at Naropa in Boulder.

*What advice do you have for returning students?*

For returning students...find an opportunity to apply the language that you learned overseas – often volunteering is the best way. Find a way to connect with the immigrant community. Reach out to immigrants and apply your language so you retain it and put it to good use. Returnees usually want to keep a connection to the culture they were living with – they miss the language and culture.

I also recommend that students try to meet people here in the U.S. from other countries in order to connect with immigrants to learn what their life has been like in their country.

*Any last words?*

In general, people need to make the effort to leave this country and travel somewhere else and see something new. You can't just rely on news sources – you need to get out and see the differences in living between here and there. It's important to see how people in other countries view the U.S.

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*Shawn is the President-Owner of the Spanish Institute and still works for the Intercambio overseeing curriculum development and the production of the Intercambio's own English as a*

*Second Language books. Shawn also shares his non-profit Intercambio model with other non-profits. For more information on the Spanish Institute, see: [www.spanish-institute.org](http://www.spanish-institute.org). For Intercambio information: [www.intercambioweb.org](http://www.intercambioweb.org). To visit his Mexican restaurant: [www.100percentmexicano.com](http://www.100percentmexicano.com).*

**"It's important to see how people in other countries view the U.S."**



Shawn with the Intercambio staff





...continued from page 11 empathy; they take risks, speak languages. Study abroad makes you a much more interesting person.

*How did your experience at Semester at Sea affect your career choice?*



First year's Institute class at the Colorado Capital

My career is massively connected to my experiences on Semester at Sea through an organization I founded called the Unreasonable Institute. I spent evenings during the voyage with Archbishop Desmond Tutu talking about entrepreneurship – I was working on ideas for a couple companies at the time and when the Archbishop challenged me to focus on the Unreasonable Institute, it was the nudge I needed to fully commit. During SAS I not only made life-long friendships, but also met a few co-founders and teammates with whom I later launched companies.

*Tell me a bit about the Institutes you founded.*

In 2008, I co-founded the pilot to the Unreasonable Institute. That summer we brought 17 entrepreneurs from 14 nationalities to Boulder. We put them in a sorority house for 5 weeks and had them investigate how they could successfully leverage entrepreneurship to solve some of the most retractable social and environmental challenges of our time.

**“Close quarters with passionate individuals leads to uncommon productive collisions.”**

Today, in order to get into the Unreasonable Institute, participants must raise \$10k from hundreds of individuals in a final round of vetting that puts their entrepreneurial mettle to the test. This past year, our entrepreneurs raised over a quarter million dollars from just shy of 4,000 individuals in over 60 countries. It's a testament to their amazing talent and to the importance of their work.

The businesses that have come out of the Unreasonable institute are amazing both in their missions

and their scopes. The entrepreneurs who've attended past Unreasonable Institutes have wielded enterprise as a scalable solution to challenges ranging from poverty alleviation for small holder rural farmers in Nigeria, to the prevention of Honor Killing in Pakistan, to mobile financing in Kenya and ultra-affordable DNA diagnostic technologies in rural Argentina.

In short, the Institute involves high-impact entrepreneurship. Participants must be ready to sell a core product or service, which must cover the costs of operation, and ultimately, all Unreasonable Ventures are designed to have an impact on at least a million lives.

*If you had advice for students returning from study abroad, or study abroad alumni, what would it be?*



Daniel interviewing Van Jones

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*...continued from page 13* Only action validates theoretical knowledge. Act on what you learned abroad – don't get stuck in a groove. Never lose the traveler's mindset. When you are traveling, every inconvenience is seen not as a hassle, but instead as an experience and a great story to tell when you return home. Somehow, when you're back in the States, it's easy to see that flat tire on your bike as an inconvenience, but it doesn't have to be. Challenges, failures, hurdles, these all represent incredible lessons learned and stories to tell. If you are interested in entrepreneurship, this vantage point (the view of a traveler), is critical.

### *Any last words?*

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### 2000s

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**GASSMAN, Chris (Regensburg, Germany AY 2002-2003)** As I promised many of you, the Travel Bug has been kicking strong and seen me get lost in the (rural & urban) jungles of Japan, as well as to rendezvous in Germany and India. Beyond ruffling the soil of each of these lands with my bare foot, 2010 has also been a year for me to dig into many other important facets of my life. Academically the shift (not only fully from required courses to electives but also exclusive business-only or law-only semesters to mixed) from Spring '09 to Fall '10 has kept life buzzing with more group projects AND legal readings all at once; luckily, the quick jaunts between the campuses help keep the adrenalin levels strong!

Still seeking experiences outside the classroom with real LIVE stakeholders, this year we've been rippling the "zero waste" mantra across campus through Net Impact and building balanced men through SigEp. This summer with EDF and Compass Group introduced me to the Climate Corps Fellows and building recipes for Carbon Footprints worth multi - (read: MULTI-) million dollars in annual energy value. 2010 also provided different twists to conferences: one as a presenter via AASHE 2010 and another as a blogger via the U.S. Chamber's BCLC 2010 Global Conference. Not only were these endeavors with live stakeholders, they were also opportunities to apply the quantitative and qualitative approaches of my joint degree program in real time.

As always though, these milestones (whether on the Autobahn or in life) would not have been possible nor as rewarding without the people in them to share these experiences with. If you are receiving this message then you had a hand to play in making 2010 so memorable for me and I thank you sincerely.

While this past year has seen some (re)connections around the world, that Travel Bug still isn't going anywhere any time soon which means I will be (most immediately: Singapore, Brazil, and Argentina). Whether in your neck of the woods or another, on whichever side of the pond our paths may cross, would love to catch up and trade adventure stories from the journey of life. Wishing you all the best for your journeys in 2011. E-mail:

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**MILLER, Erin (Perugia, Italy Spring 2005)** In January of 2005, I followed three other students through an arch-covered ally, rolling my large suitcase down the crumbling stone steps that led to our new apartment on Via de Aquila, Perugia, Italia. Two of my future roommates, Crissy and Dave, also hailed from the University of Colorado. Over the next five months, we spent sunny afternoons sitting together on *le scalie* leading up to the duomo, watched the English movies on Tuesday nights at the opera house, and ate six-hour dinners with our Italian friends. We bonded on long walks to nowhere in particular, and while searching for garbage bags to drape over us as we stood on one island or another, our packs loaded on our backs, and the rain pouring down on us.

I recently caught up with my fellow study abroad alumni [one of whom] is a full-time yoga instructor in Denver, Colorado. I am living and working in DC after finishing my graduate degree in public health at Columbia University. I am serving as a special assistant at the Department Health and Human Services and working on policies related to the implementation of the recently passed health reform law.



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### 1990s

**AYAD, Mary (Uppsala, Sweden 1997-98)** In June, 2011 Mary travelled to Madrid to receive an award for a winning paper regarding legislating trust between European investors and Arab States, in the completion sponsored by KPMG, the International Mercantile Court of Spain and the International Centre for Arbitration, Mediation and Negotiation





(CIAMEN) of the University Institute for European Studies of the University CEU of San Pablo together with the University of San Pablo's Centre for European Studies. This was a highly competitive international completion. She presented her paper before 40 Spanish King's Counsel and the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at the prestigious Madrid Real Academia *Jurisprudencia y legislacion* right before the annual Hugo Grotius Lecture given by the Secretary General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. In June she also presented a paper on NGO Management in Egypt in light of pre-revolution legal restrictions for the Common Ground Conference. In July she travelled to Cambridge to present a paper at the Gulf Research Meeting regarding the topic of the legal and economic implications of WTO accession by Gulf Arab States. In August she travelled to Hong Kong City University to coach the Macquarie University Team in the Second Annual International ADR Mooting Competition in which her talented and brilliant team took 9<sup>th</sup> place in a highly challenging international moot. Throughout her travels she engaged in high level networking with heads of state, senior counsel, academics and members of the diplomatic community to showcase Macquarie University research and law students as well as promote Australia as a leading International Arbitration forum. She is now in the final stages of her PhD dissertation entitled 'A Proposal for Draft Article Provisions for A Model Harmonised International Commercial Arbitration Law Code (HICALC) in the Middle East and North Africa'. The 26 Draft Articles that she gave to the Prince were an outcome of her PhD dissertation.

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## 1980s

**BELL, Chris (Bordeaux, France AY 1981-1982)** I am married to Grace Wang Bell and have lived in Shanghai for the past 9 years. Though I expected life to take me to Europe, it eventually led to Asia. I taught English in Taiwan and met my mate there. I attended Thunderbird for my international MBA. I am GM for a trading company with offices based in Seattle, Taipei and Shanghai. Life is fulfilling and ever-challenging. I welcome CU study abroad alumni to contact me, especially those mates I spent 9 wonderful months with in Bordeaux. How I would love to go back! Mlle Duvoisin is a gem! Chris Bell. E-mail: [gcbell2000@yahoo.com](mailto:gcbell2000@yahoo.com)

**DOMBROWSKI, (Evans) Jana (Bordeaux, France AY 1985-86)** It's been more than 25 years since I planned to return from Bordeaux to CU, graduate, and return immediately to Bordeaux to study wine. It never happened. My passion for wine was born in Bordeaux, and I've never shaken it. I have however, in the last year, received my Senior Cellar Manager Certification from The International Wine Guild in Denver. After a career in corporate training, I am a wife and mother of three, and am finally pursuing what I always wanted to do; i.e. working in the wine industry.

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**ROBERTSON, (Hoehler) Diane (Regensburg, Germany AY 1988-1989)** I studied abroad in Regensburg right before the "Wall" came down in Berlin and east Germany. I graduated from CU in 1990. I've lived on the west-side of Portland, Oregon for almost 20 years now, moved here in '92. Now married to Kerrick Robertson with two beautiful children: Kyle and Sonja, ages 7 and 9. My kids attend a private Waldorf school in Hillsboro called Swallowtail and are very happy there. I am a Realtor for the entire metropolitan PDX area, and love to work with buyers, especially those relocating from out of town.

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## 1970s

**DELAMAIDE, Darras (Bordeaux, France AY 1972-73)** I had a wonderful experience in Bordeaux, France. I graduated and moved to Chicago and worked for Air France. I entered Columbia University's Graduate School of International Affairs and worked for Dow Jones in NYC. I was lucky enough to work for the International Herald Tribune in Paris from



1978 to 1980. I have great feelings for my companions from Bordeaux and would really enjoy a reunion. You can join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/174445689278249/>. Thanks and have a great life. E-mail: [darrasr412@yahoo.com](mailto:darrasr412@yahoo.com)

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**HALLS, (Hager) Laura (Siena, Italy AY 1978-1979)** Laura has been living in the Atlanta area for over 25 years. She just had her 32nd anniversary with IBM and is looking forward to retirement! She went back to Siena with her daughter in 2005 and was surprised how the city has grown and all the tourists that were there! Really different from the quiet little town of the late 70s. She would love to hear from other Siena alumni. E-mail: [laurahalls@yahoo.com](mailto:laurahalls@yahoo.com)

**MACCOLL, (Dow) Marsha (Bordeaux, France AY 1973-1974)** My husband and I have 3 grown sons. Our twins graduated from Claremont McKenna College in May, 2010.

I have been a volunteer for Afghans4Tomorrow, which I joined in January 2004, and became a Board Member in 2007. Since last year I've been the Board Treasurer. Afghans4Tomorrow (A4T) is a non-profit, non-political, volunteer organization dedicated to the reconstruction and development of Afghanistan through educational, agricultural, health and job training projects. I volunteered at our schools in Kabul in 2007, teaching English to the students, grades 1 - 6. It was a very rewarding experience and the Afghan people I met were very hospitable, kind and eager to improve their lives and get educated. I've given several presentations about Afghanistan and A4T and have raised funds for our programs over the years. Please see our website [www.afghans4tomorrow.org](http://www.afghans4tomorrow.org) to learn more, see photos and videos, or to donate to our projects and give hope to Afghans we are serving.

There are several CU alumni who are members or who have volunteered for us in the past. I look forward to visiting CU in August [Editor's note: Update received 06/12/2010] and having a small reunion on 8-10 with alumni from my Jr. Year Abroad Program in Bordeaux, France! Contact me if you are alumni from this program. We hope to plan a big reunion in the future. E-mail: [Marsha\\_MacColl@comcast.net](mailto:Marsha_MacColl@comcast.net)

**MOISEY ASAY, Judy (Seville, Spain Spring 1979; Regensburg, Germany AY 1980-1981)** My 2 two study abroad programs made a world of difference in my life, especially my year in Germany. Almost 30 years later, I am still in touch with my German host family. We exchange news of the happenings in our lives and every Christmas I look forward to receiving a box of German Lebkuchen. My semester in Spain opened up my eyes to wonders of Europe which spurred me on to learn German and hurry to apply to study there.

The beauties of southern Spain touched me in many ways and I hope to travel there one day with my family and again see the many beautiful sites that I remember. There are many things that in my life which were immeasurably enriched by my time abroad. I truly hope that my daughter will follow in my footsteps and do a study abroad somewhere when the time comes. I currently live in Arvada, CO with my family, husband Ken and 10 year old daughter Jessie. We love to travel and Jessie has grown up on stories of my host family and European travels as well as those of my husband. She looks forward to the day she can meet her German "family." I would love to participate in any Regensburg or Seville reunions and would love to reconnect with others from the programs. E-mail: [Judy.Moisey-Asay@va.gov](mailto:Judy.Moisey-Asay@va.gov)

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**KNUTSON, Milton (Bordeaux, France AY 1965-1966)** For 42 yrs., Milton has been teaching a wide variety of subjects including French, Spanish, ESL, English Literature, French Literature, French Culture, and Teacher training in ESL. He received his PhD in 1993 (French and Spanish literature, Univ. of Arizona); M.S. in 1980 (Bilingual Education) Univ. of Miami; and M.A. in French, Univ. of Colorado in 1969. He lived and taught in Saudi Arabia and the UAE for about 20 years, then immigrated to Canada in 2006, currently residing in Vancouver, BC. He has one son, Isaac Benjamin Knutson, born Aug. 3, 1983 who is currently studying at San Diego State Univ. From 2001-2007 he worked as an Arabic linguist in the Air He LOVED being in France in the mid-sixties, despite Bordeaux's reputation as "*le pot de chambre de la France*."

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**SACHS LANSING, Margot (Bordeaux, France AY 1963-64)** French 1965, PhD French University of California, Berkeley 1971 I was inspired by the posting from Ann Kurz in your last issue of Peregrine which I must admit I read assiduously. I would love to reconnect with anyone who attended the Bordeaux program 1963-64; I have lost all contact with everyone except my French friend Annie-France. E-mail: [margotlansing@comcast.net](mailto:margotlansing@comcast.net) [Editor's note: Please see article below for more information on Margot's experience in France.]

## Story and Photo by Margot Sachs Lansing

I attended the first year of the study abroad program in Bordeaux. At the time it was considered very adventurous since this was the first Colorado study abroad program. We went through an interesting interview process with three faculty members who asked us questions about American culture and history so that we would represent our country and our culture well. There were 18 of us in the first program— 16 women and 2 men [sic] [ Editor's note: The first Bordeaux program had 23 total participants: 22 women and 1 man]. We were given rooms in a new dormitory out in Talence with classes in the city. We walked a dirt road to get the bus into town.

Nothing was really set up for us so we made our own way in terms of connecting with families, other students, and various groups so that we could learn the language. We took courses in the Ecole pour l'Etranger at the university. We had a group leader (faculty director) but she was hard to reach since we did not have phones out in the dorm. A few of us joined a French theatre group to perfect our French and later joined up with a Catholic student group (you didn't have to be Catholic) so that we could go on excursions. We learned real independence since nothing was organized for us formally.



**Margot (right) with French friend Annie-France Deleau, 2009.**

The rules in the dorm were incredible by today's standards. No food or drink in the rooms, slippers after 10pm at night and the doors were locked at 10pm, although you could stay out all night if you wished. The Concierge just wanted to go to bed. I recall that when the Americans arrived, we started in typical American fashion to take showers whenever we wanted. The Concierge was upset; she said we were taking showers after 10 pm at night. I suggested that she put up a sign indicating no showers after 10pm, her response: mais mademoiselle, "*défense d'afficher*," it is forbidden to put up signs!

I joined the English Club and met two wonderful French students who made the year for me. I am still very much in touch with one (Annie-France) and I continue to visit with her in France. She ended up coming to the US to study English at Berkeley and met her husband there; he was from Bordeaux.

I went on to finish a PhD in French, taught at various universities and then moved on to administration and then executive search for colleges and universities. I am a partner in a firm in Boston. The year in Bordeaux was pivotal in shaping my future direction. My daughter ended up attending Boulder but alas did not study abroad although she now works in alumni travel at Harvard and is passionate about seeing the world.

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