



# CIE NEWS

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A Newsletter for the Center for International Education at Rider University

## Director's Message

Sara Young-Singh



Welcome to our new international students and thank you for choosing to pursue your studies at Rider. Also, a warm welcome back to the returning international students and our spring and summer study abroad participants! This fall, we celebrate the students who are studying abroad this semester in amazing countries such as Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, China, Belgium, Italy, England and Wales. We are also pleased to introduce our newest staff member – Kate McKinley – to the CIE team. Kate is a study abroad veteran who enjoys travelling and meeting new people from all over the world. Welcome Kate!

Be sure to visit the Study Abroad Fair this coming September 11 and visit with study abroad alumni and program providers. Rider's campus radio station, 107.7 The Bronc, will be interviewing Rider's famous Faculty Led Program leaders and we will be sure to have fun prizes! See you at the FAIR!

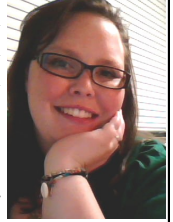
## Community Corner

### News From Gee Hall



Jennifer Weiss

Gee Hall, The International Learning Community, would like to welcome Centennial Hall to the international community! This year, Stephanie DeTrempe will serve as the residence director again for Gee, while Jennifer Weiss will be residence director for Centennial. Welcome Jennifer!



Stephanie DeTrempe

## International Community Upcoming Events

Sept. 7	Community Kick-off	4 to 5:30 p.m.	Gee Hall
Sept. 7	Make-up Orientation	1 to 3 p.m.	CIE
Sept. 18	CPT Workshop (LAW)	11:30 to 1 p.m.	BLC 14
Sept. 27	CPT Workshop (WCC)	11:30 to 1 p.m.	Robinson Room

## Country Highlight—Australia



There is plenty to do in Australia. Soak up the sun on the beach or shop at the Sunshine Plaza. Students can also take advantage of weekend trips to Fraser Island or the Glass House Mountains.

The famous cities of Sydney and Melbourne are a short plane ride away.

Australia is home to the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC), which hosts about 8,000 students on its beautiful campus, just north of the city of Brisbane. An official wildlife reserve, USC's campus is home to eastern grey kangaroos, which roam freely around the grounds. USC offers a wide range of study opportunities for students.

### Top 10 Reasons to Study in Australia

1. Beautiful scenery
2. Wildlife—Who doesn't love kangaroos and koalas?
3. Australian accents!
4. Scenic beaches
5. The Outback (the actual place, not the restaurant!)
6. Tropical weather
7. Friendly people
8. Didgeridoos!
9. The Great Barrier Reef
10. Arts and music festivals



Contact the CIE for more information about studying abroad in Australia.



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## Student Highlight - Chris Harris

Sometimes on TV we see commercials about philanthropies and organizations asking for money to help save Africa. We hear about some of the things that go on over there from our friends, the news, or Facebook, but after four-and-a-half months of studying in Botswana, I look at these ads and stories with a more critical eye. The time I spent studying in Botswana has been one of the greatest times of my life. There is so much more to the African continent than what most of us know. They tell you some things on those commercials that are indeed true, but there is also a lot that they don't tell you...

They don't tell you about the generous and authentic nature of the people living there. They don't tell you how you can go up to any person's home, even if you've never met them before, and ask for some water or something to eat. They don't tell you about walking outside everyday and seeing lush, green mountains in every direction. Sure, I learned a lot academically while studying in Botswana, but I learned a lot more than all that from being exposed to the people and culture. I give my warmest and most enthusiastic advice to any student considering studying abroad, especially in Africa: do it. It can really change the way you look at things and open your world in a way you couldn't have imagined. It is true, there are a lot of dangers and inconveniences while studying in Africa, and I faced a lot of them. But to anyone wondering if this is for them, I urge you to look deeper into it and take a step out of your comfort zone.



*Chris Harris spent more than four months studying in Botswana, Africa.*

## A Student Success Story



Rider 2012 graduate Jessica Nagle was accepted into the Fulbright U.S. Student Program in early May. The program presents highly competitive grants to recent graduate and undergraduate students. Established in 1946, the distinguished Fulbright grants include study and teaching abroad. With her prestigious award, Jessica will travel to Austria in October to teach English to German-speaking students for one academic year. While at Rider, Jessica studied abroad at the University of Graz in Austria as a sophomore and was an active Study Abroad Ambassador upon her return. She is Rider's sixth Fulbright student in the past seven academic years.

## Study Abroad — Upcoming Events

- Sept. 5      **Study Abroad Info Session: U.K.**  
Daly Dining Hall 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 6      **Study Abroad Ambassador Luncheon**  
BLC 14 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sept. 10     **You CAN afford to study abroad!**  
Daly Dining Hall 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 11     **Study Abroad Fair**  
Daly Dining Hall 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sept. 12     **Study Abroad Info Session: Australia**  
Daly Dining Hall 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 17     **Study Abroad Info Session: Asia**  
Daly Dining Hall 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

