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# International Programs Newsletter

## From the Editor

Welcome new and returning students! Summer is over, and the Fall 2009 semester has begun. I hope you all are excited for the fun and stressful moments ahead over the next few months.

For those of you that are new to Puget Sound, my only advice for you is try to have the best experience here, because it goes really fast. There are a lot of opportunities to get involved in the community,

like clubs, sport teams, volunteer work, etc. But never forget that school work is your priority here, and you have to take your classes very seriously to maintain a good GPA.

The transition to this new environment can sometimes be really hard, and Puget Sound provides a lot of services and resources to help you out in anything you need. I included some of the services that you might need in the last page

of this newsletter, and also keep in mind that the International Programs Office will be always available for you.

Have a wonderful week!

- Carol



## Note from Sally

Welcome To Campus for freshmen! Welcome back to Campus for returning students!

I am delighted that so many of you joined our opening dinner at my house and it was great to see all the new students, freshman and exchange and transfer student, and mentors. For those few students who were inadvertently left off the address list (Carol, Steven, Gerrardo and Andrea) my profound apologies! We will have many more gatherings ahead, and you will each be rewarded with extra dessert!

These fall days are among my favorite ones of the year, cool mornings and lovely warm afternoons perfect for a bike ride or a run in the park. I hope you can each find the way to balance some time to enjoy the many activities on campus along with your studies, because as Carol has pointed out, there is much to do and participate in each day.

This newsletter is not just to keep you entertained, it's the one place that you will get the important immigration updates and other critical news about being an international student at Puget Sound. Again, welcome back. Sally

## Welcome!!!

Let's welcome the new international students:

| Name                | Major                   | Citizenship |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Alina Gratschner    | International Business  | Germany     |
| Meino Hauschildt    | International Business  | Germany     |
| Alejandro Horowitz  | History                 | Venezuela   |
| Aleksander Jeremikj | Pre-med                 | Macedonia   |
| Kenta Kawamura      | Politics and Government | Japan       |
| Uyen Nguyen         | Business                | Vietnam     |
| Julia Stadler       | International Business  | Germany     |
| Thien Vu            | Chemistry/ Biology      | Vietnam     |



## Who we are

### Sally Sprenger

#### International Student Advisor



The experience of living and teaching in Mexico fueled Sally's desire to work with International Students facilitating their cultural transition. Her work in the IP provides continuous variety as she coordinates student and faculty exchanges, advises the International Club and is the International Programs liaison to the campus community.

### Jannie Meisberger

#### Director



Originally from England, Jannie has spent much of her life in Asia, the Middle East and Europe. She received her BA in Modern Languages and in Communication and Theatre Arts from the University of Puget Sound and later received her MEd in Counseling from Puget Sound.

### Jan Moore

#### Study Abroad Advisor



Jan received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington in History and over the years has continued her education by taking a variety of university courses in languages and social science. She has been working in the field of international education for over 25 years and has an extensive international

### Carolina Pinho

#### International Student Assistant



Carol is currently a senior majoring in Business. She transferred last year from Universidade Salvador, in Brazil, where she is originally from. She is also the Resident Community Coordinator for the FLAC and language houses.

### Sammy Brown

#### Student Assistant

Samantha is a freshman from Spokane, Washington. She spent most of her summer as an exchange student at Ichinishi High School in Nishinomiya, Japan, which she considers the most amazing experience of her life thus far. No surprise then, that she is currently planning to major in Japanese an minor in Government and Politics. She also plans to go to PacRim during her junior year.

### Jessica

#### Student Assistant



Jessica is a freshman from Honolulu, Hawaii. She enjoys learning about and being immersed in foreign cultures, especially food, music, film, language, and everyday lifestyle. She is currently working for the Study Abroad Program and wishes to study abroad in the future.

## USCIS Corner

### Update your Address

If you are moving or have moved to a new place of residence, you are required to report your new address to Sally within ten days after you move. This is a USCIS requirement.

This year a record number of international students are looking for work. Please read the following information for authorization.

### Upcoming events

#### Campus Houses BBQ

**Sunday, Sep. 13, 1pm**

Behind Theme Row parking lot

#### Asian Studies Film Series: "Anti-Heroes"

Bandit Queen (India, 1994)

**Thursday, Sep. 17, 4pm**

Rausch Auditorium

### Planning on working?

If you are planning on working this year, please remember that students who maintain J-1 or F-1 visa status are allowed to work **on campus** for **no more than 20 hours per week** while school is in session. You can only work off-campus with a written approval from International Programs **and** the US Customs and Immigration Ser-

#### Study Abroad Fair

**Tuesday, Sep. 22**

11pm-2pm

Wheelock Student Center

#### "An Evening with Renowned Dramatist Suzan-Lori Parks"

**Tuesday, Sep. 22, 8pm**

Schneebeck Concert Hall

\$15 general, tickets are available at Info Center

vice.

If you have any questions, please send me an e-mail [ssprenger@pugetsound.edu](mailto:ssprenger@pugetsound.edu) and I'll prepare the necessary paperwork for on campus work authorization. I am also happy to arrange for a trip to the Social Security office to obtain your SSN which the document required to work in the U.S.

#### "Religion as a Product of Evolution"

**Tuesday, Sep. 29**

7:30pm

Schneebeck Concert Hall

Free, but tickets required

#### Career Fair

**Wednesday, Sep. 30**

4pm

Marshall Hall

### International Student Mentor Program

The International Student Mentor Program provides support and assistance to new international students in their transition into Puget Sound community.

We encourage you all to attend the monthly events organized by the ISM Pro-

gram. It is a great opportunity to connect with other international students, share experiences and learn more about other cultures.

Do you have any suggestions for the ISM Program?



Please contact Nadia Engelbrech, the ISM Coordinator, at [nengelbrecht@pugetsound.edu](mailto:nengelbrecht@pugetsound.edu)



### Fall 2009

#### Important Dates:

**Sep. 11:** Last day to apply for Spring 2010, Summer 2010 and Fall 2010 graduation.

**Sep. 14:** Last day to DROP without record

**Oct. 12:** Last day to DROP with an automatic W.

**Oct. 16:** Midterm

**Nov. 6-13:** Registration for Spring 2010

**Dec. 9:** Last day to drop classes

**Dec. 9:** Last day of classes

**Dec. 10-13:** Reading Period

**Dec. 14-18:** Final Examinations

## Puget Sound Student Services

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x11306.xml](http://www.pugetsound.edu/x11306.xml)

Here is a list of some of the services available on campus:

### **Collins Memorial Library**

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| Mon -Thur | 7:30am - 2am |
| Fri       | 7:30am - 9pm |
| Sat       | 9am - 9pm    |
| Sun       | 9am - 2am    |

### **Counseling, Health & Wellness Services**

Appointments: (253) 879-1555

### **Center for Writing, Learning & Teaching**

(Howarth 105)

Writing Appointments: (253) 879-3404

Tutoring Appointments: (253) 879-2960

### **Career & Employment Services**

(Howarth 101)

(253) 879-3161