



Spring 2010
Global Studies
Capstone
Seminar
Expo

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Welcome to the Spring 2010 Global Studies Capstone Expo

The “Professional Interest Projects,” or “PIPs,” featured this evening are informed by on-going conversations from our Global Studies Minor courses. Students enrolled in the Minor are required to complete a pre-departure and in-country on-line “Study Abroad Experience” course and the “Global Studies Capstone Course,” which is the culmination of the Global Studies Minor (GSM) program. The GSM builds on Binghamton University’s Global Vision and combines a Study Abroad Experience with foreign language and international/global content courses above and beyond the General Education requirements.

The capstone projects are inspired by students’ study abroad experiences. Whether abroad for a summer, a semester, or a year, students drew on the Global Studies minor to make the most of their time abroad by connecting it to their academic work at Binghamton University.

We are happy that you’ve chosen to spend time with us this evening reviewing the projects and discussing them with our students.

Lauren Shanker

Junior, Neuroscience, and Global Studies minor
Study abroad site: Brisbane, Australia

A comparison of the quality of health care in the United States and Australia

Although the United States and Australia are similar in many aspects of life, the way they run their health care system is fundamentally different. My PIP investigates each health care system, to identify their strengths and shortcomings.

Amelia R LeBlanc

Junior, Human Development and Sociology, and Spanish and Global Studies minors

Study abroad site: Madrid, Spain

Early Second Language Acquisition: Spain vs. the US

The ability to speak multiple languages is becoming increasingly more important in today's global society. My PIP explores why Spain begins teaching a second language to its students in early elementary school and why the US waits until students are in late middle or early high school.

Kavita Parikh

Junior, Chemistry, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Nottingham, England

Primary Care Within the UK and the US

I looked to see how beneficial the use of a primary care based healthcare system was on the quality of life in the UK, in order to see what effect the new healthcare reform will have on the US.

Brian Rosenberg

Junior, Accounting/Marketing, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Copenhagen, Denmark

Entrepreneurship in Denmark

This PIP outlines the current state of entrepreneurship in Denmark and discusses which areas Denmark is struggling in and what areas they will need to improve in order to be ranked among the top four entrepreneurial counties.

Presenters

Kayla Backus

Senior, French, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Paris, France

Education: Right or Privilege? Post-Secondary

Education in France and the United States

Investigates the differences and inequalities between the educational systems of France and the United States.

Explores the idea of education as a fundamental right.

Pavel Barskiy

Junior, Financial Economics, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Prague, Czech Republic

Transition in the Czech Republic

A study of the effects of the transition from Communism to Capitalism on the common citizen of the Czech Republic.

Josephine Chu

Senior, Political Science and Environmental Studies, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Nanjing, China

Environmental Protection in China

I analyzed what the government and non-government organizations in China are doing to remedy the country's immense environmental problems.

Kevin Goldston

Senior, Economics, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Florence, Italy

Law Enforcement: Italy vs. United States

My PIP focuses on the functional differences between the law enforcement agencies between the United States and Italy.

Kristen Grennan

Junior, History and French, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Paris, France

Language Acquisition through Cultural Immersion

A study of how extracurricular activities can be used to increase language acquisition while abroad and an exploration of the different outlets students can potentially access.

Naila Hanak

Senior, German, Economics and Global Studies minors

Study abroad site: Berlin, Germany

Mauer-im-Kopf

Breaking down the wall that still exists in the mind of Germans.

Courtney Hotchkiss

Senior, Business Management, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad Site: Lancaster, England

Tourism in the U.K., Marketing a Nation

There are many ways to market and advertise your product or service, but how does a country promote itself in order to persuade people to travel there over any other place in the world?

Jiali (Keli) Huang

Senior, Philosophy, Politics, and Law / Business

Adjunct, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Shanghai, China

Shanghai and the Expo

This is an examination on the anticipated impact of the World Expo 2010 on China and the rest of the world and the symbolisms in the Expo.

Dimitrius Khaladj

Junior, Physics and History, and Global Studies minor

Study abroad site: Lancaster, England

"A European Union"

The British Industrialization not British but a European Phenomenon. Europe has been a globalized entity for a long time and has always been an innovative community. That said, the inventions that the British take credit for was actually from a huge body of many other Europeans work from which they received their ideas.

Katarina Roman

Senior, History, and Global Studies minor.

Study abroad site: University of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.

"Teaching the National Story."

My PIP focuses on comparing how Australia teaches the negative chapters of their "national story" to how the United States does so. My presentation will also discuss the controversies surrounding teaching the "national story" and comparing the actions each nation has taken to make up for past ignorance and neglect in teaching the negative chapters in history.