

UIUC Global Studies Conference Report
prepared for the Working Group on Global Studies
at Grand Valley State University/Michigan

by
Hermann Kurthen
(June 27, 2005)

“Global studies programs can enrich the intellectual life, contribute significantly to instructional performance and delivery of new knowledge, and serve the public good. Before they can make their way, their value added must be clearly articulated and understood by all stakeholders in the academy. A necessary if not sufficient conditions of the success of these programs is a clear and compelling rationale why such programs should be mounted and supported by the necessarily scarce resources available to college and university leadership.” (Edward Kolodziej. 2005. “Why Global Studies?” Urbana-Champaign, IL: UIUC Center for Global Studies, Unpublished paper, p. 12.)

Experiences with Global Studies (GS) curricula at graduate, undergraduate, and community college levels were presented and discussed at the conference. In the following, I report recommendations for undergraduate college curricula only.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM OTHER GS PROGRAMS

1. GS is not a threat to existing departments and disciplines in the natural, social, cultural, and health sciences but a much needed **supplement for interdisciplinary cross-fertilization** incorporating area and international studies, teacher education, study abroad, student exchange programs, foreign student advising, internships, service, and language learning. ‘Cutting edge’ GS programs improve a university’s **profile** (“icing on the cake”) compared to other colleges and have increased **enrollment**. GS program are sprouting nationally and abroad (see list of colleges below).
2. GS promotes scholarly communication, studies, and teaching “rooted in **interpretive and critical** methodologies that value **plurality** of methods and rules of inquiry” (Rosow 2003, p. 5) and do not seek a unity of knowledge (R. GS addresses issues **beyond** the study of national boundaries in **state-centered international relations** programs, such as global history/geography/anthropology, trade/economics/poverty, culture/religion/gender/language/arts, migration/human rights/security, communication/transportation, ecology/health/cloning/genetical engineering, crime/terrorism/WMD proliferation/war & peace, etc. Its units of analysis are individuals, groups and social movements, transnational corporations, international organizations, and the sustainability of systems (bio-and cryo-spheres...)
3. **Administrative support** of GS initiatives from Dean/Provost/President is **crucial** for starting a GS program
4. **Funding has to be secured** for developing new GS courses and course releases, train TA’s, offer smaller classes, team teaching, cross-listing/cross- and CC transfer creditation policy, recruitment, secretarial and advising staff support, room

& equipment, training/networking/travel, setting-up and maintaining an attractive GS website for interaction and marketing reasons, for developing internships & service learning components, etc

5. **Broad faculty and departmental support** and alliances among cross-disciplinary faculty, area, and language programs are **required** to sustain and expand a program
6. GS should **incorporate new technologies and teaching methods** to attract the best faculty and students: team teaching, incorporation of guest speaker presentations into the GS curriculum, student conferences, web-based student projects, workshops, online teaching components/distributed learning, online assessment quizzes. The university should continuously develop and offer **training sessions** through Centers for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Learning Community projects, etc. and **certify/award** faculty who attended workshops as "Global Scholars."
7. An **interdisciplinary and interprofessional approach** to GS tracks, topics, and teaching is a must. Because of the **multidimensionality and comparative character** of GS (layers/levels/processes, definitions, heuristic paradigms, disciplines, theories, methods, units of analysis, and actors), it should consist of **three or four tracks** that focus on history, politics, economics, culture, technologies/systems and address interdependence and causal links. **Cross-creditation and joint appointments** are an important part to avoid program duplication. It may also be advisable to incorporate GS into existing General Education programs.
8. GS is an emerging discipline that promotes an interprofessional dialogue across and beyond existing disciplines. GS should challenge critical thinking and not shy away from controversy in the **best tradition of liberal education**. Traps to be avoided are 'political correctness' talk, the fallacy of 'false balances,' thinking in rigid knowledge 'canons,' and essentialism. GS promotes global citizenship and combines analytical and methodological rigor with a strong ethical component of global responsibility for peace, justice, human rights, tolerance, and liberty
9. **GS service learning, internships, and teacher education** should promote global awareness, global citizenship and expose students to transnational organizations and movements ranging from businesses to NGO's. Service learning is related to a specific class content (visit of a car plant, interviewing immigrants at a soup kitchen, analyzing a local AI campaign, model U.N. simulations...) while internships are voluntary services with an organization (working with an immigrant center, local school, multinational corporation, see, for example: www.hacu.net)
10. A strong **foreign language** component is important for GS. However, alternatives to foreign language requirements could also include a less time-intensive course on culture.
11. **Study abroad and student exchange** is another important core of GS. Over 70% of students say they want to Study Abroad--about 3% actually do. Cost & ignorance of SA benefits are the main reasons. Alternatives could include 2 semesters in the U.S. studying global issues/phenomena in a region or city, then study abroad in the summer for 3-4 weeks or matching GS scholarship programs,

i.e. students save money in a SA account and patrons match that amount. In addition, selection of cheaper destinations (instead of Paris & London), travel learning, service learning and internships could all be alternatives to traditional study abroad programs if other options become too expensive. Also, SA should be offered in conjunction with pre-professional programs like Health, Nursing, Criminal Justice...

12. At orientation, freshmen need to be made aware that global exposure and a **double minor/major in GS increases their marketability** in a globalizing world but also offers them historical perspectives and an understanding of the holistic nature of our world enabling them to see links that connect local actors with global processes. GS promotes **leadership skills** of the 21st century and will enrich those who go into the professions (Law, Medicine & Health, Business, Engineering).
13. A **librarian** should be assigned to assist GS faculty and students in acquiring literature, audiovisual material, and also provide help in updating web links on the GS website

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The **Dean & Provost** should write a 'letter of intent,' publicly **endorse** the 'mission' of GS, and **appoint an official GS Task Force** with the **mandate** to start a 'minor' pilot program in 2006 over the course of 4-6 semesters. The pilot program should be **assessed** after 2 years and a **decision** made about its future direction and funding.
2. The GS Task Force should have **funds** to organize regular **campus-wide** "Brown-Bag Lunches" or Faculty Forums with administrators, faculty/faculty governance, students, and other interested parties, organize workshops, and perhaps a conference to hammer out GS details (develop GS core courses, enrollment, Community College transfer credit and GS assessment & governance procedures, joint appointments and cross-creditation, track advising score cards, TA training, study abroad & language requirement exception policies, create an internship database, make service learning contacts and develop guidelines, apply for Title VI grants...)
3. The GS minor should **incorporate** International Studies, Business, Health/Nursing, Natural Sciences, Criminal Justice, Teacher Education, and other Professional Programs as much as possible. A strength of GS is its **interdisciplinarity**.
4. **Invite representatives** from successful GS programs and have them **report** about their experience establishing and maintaining successful GS programs. Contacts exists with Prof. Patrice Petro/Uof Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Prof. David Leeper/Earlham College; Prof. Pierre Atlas/Marian College; Prof. Mohan Sood/San Jose State University; Prof. Rich Schur/Drury University
5. Inquire about and solicit **additional seed money and funding** from federal (Title VI grants) as well as from private sources (locally, Bill Gates Foundation, etc)

SELECTED LITERATURE

- Albrow, Martin. 1997. *The Global Age: State and Society Beyond Modernity*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- Globalization Studies Network. 2004. "Globalization Studies Network (GSN) Framework Document (Agreed at the Inaugural Conference, August 2004)." *Globalizations* 1(2): 324-3.
- Riggs, Fred W. 2004. "Global Studies Manifesto." *Globalizations* 1(2): 344-50.
- Rosow, Stephen J. 2003. "Toward an Anti-disciplinary Global Studies." *International Studies Perspectives* 4(1): 1-14.
- Singer, Peter. 2002. *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*. New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Steger, Manfred P. 2001. *Globalism: The New Market Ideology*. Rowman & Littlefield.
- Steger, Manfred P. 2003. *Globalization: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press.

CURRENT GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAMS IN US HIGHER EDUCATION

(Source: <http://ilabs.inquiry.uicu.edu>)

Antioch College

Social and Global Studies
795 Livermore St.
Yellow Springs, OH 45387
Phone: 937-769-1000
<http://www.antioch-college.edu/Academics/areas/sgs/>

Arizona State University

School of Global Studies
Mail Code 4602
Tempe, AZ 85287-4602
Phone: 480-727-3118
Email: globalstudies@asu.edu
<http://www.asu.edu/clas/globalstudies/>

Azusa Pacific University

College of Liberal Arts,
Dep. of Global Studies and Sociology
PO Box 7000
Azusa, CA 91702-7000
Phone: 626-969-3434
<http://www.apu.edu/clas/globalstudies/>

Brandeis University
International and Global Studies
MS 055, Rabb 231
415 South Street
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: 781-736-3498
Fax: 781-736-8562
<http://www.brandeis.edu/programs/igs/>

Christian Brothers University
Global Studies
650 East Parkway South
Memphis, TN 38104
Phone: 901-321 - 3000
<http://www.cbu.edu/Academics/studyabroad/>

D'Youville College
Liberal Arts Department
320 Porter Ave., ALT 426
Buffalo, New York 14201-9885
Phone: 716-829-8174
Fax: 716-829-7760
http://www.dyc.edu/academics/liberal_arts/global_studies/index.asp

Earlham College
Peace and Global Studies
Drawer 105
Richmond, Indiana 47374
Phone: 765/983-1305
FAX: 765/983-1229
<http://www.earlham.edu/~pags/contact.html>

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
600 S. Clyde Morris Boulevard,
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-3900
Phone: 928-777-6992
<http://www.erau.edu/pr/degrees/b-gsis.html>

George Mason University
Center for Global Studies
4400 University Drive
MS 1B9
Fairfax, VA 22030-4444
Phone: 703-993-4625
Fax: 703-993-9430

Email: cgs@gmu.edu OR <http://cgs.gmu.edu/>

Lesley University
Global Studies
29 Everett St.
Cambridge, MA 02138
Phone: 800-999-1959 ext: 8800
Fax: 617-349-8810
<http://www.lesley.edu/lc/global.html>

Lewis University
Contemporary Global Studies
One University Parkway
Romeoville, IL 60446-2200
Phone: (800) 897-9000
<http://www.lewisu.edu/academics/contemporary-global-studies/>

Manchester College
Peace Studies Institute
Manchester College, Box 105
604 E. College Avenue
North Manchester, IN 46962-1276
Phone: 260-982-5343 /Fax: 260-982-5043
<http://www.manchester.edu/Academics/Departments/Peace%5FStudies/>

Marian College
The Franciscan Center for Global Studies
3200 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222-1997
Phone: 317-955-6336
Fax: 317-955-6448
Email: fcgs@marian.edu
<http://fcgs.marian.edu/>

Menlo College
Russell Center for International
Management and Global Studies
1000 El Camino Real
Atherton, CA 94027
Phone: 650-543-3831
<http://www.menlo.edu/academics/russell/>

Middle Tennessee State University
Global Studies
1301 East Main Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37132-0001
Phone: 615-898-2300

<http://www.mtsu.edu/ucat/academics/gs.html>

Morgan State University
Center for Global Studies
Turners' Armory Room 208
1700 E. Cold Spring Lane
Baltimore, MD 21251
Phone: 443-885-4027
Fax: 443- 885-8364
Email: cglobal@jewel.morgan.edu
<http://jewel.morgan.edu/~cglobal>

Mount Holyoke College
Center for Global Initiatives
50 College Street
South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075-6451
Phone: 413-538-2072
Fax: 413-538-3064
Email: global@mtholyoke.edu
<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/programs/global/>

Nebraska Wesleyan University
Global Studies Program
Nebraska Wesleyan University
5000 Saint Paul Avenue
Lincoln, NE 68504-2794
Phone: 402.465.2348
Fax: 402.465.2179
URL: <http://www.nebrwesleyan.edu/academics/departments/globalstudies/>
Email: cypert@nebrwesleyan.edu

New York University
Global Studies
145 4th Ave. Room 201
New York, NY 10003
Phone: 212-998-7200
URL: <http://www.scps.nyu.edu/departments/degree.jsp?degId=65>

Norfolk State University
Center for Strategic and Global Studies
700 Park Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23504
Phone: 757-823-8999
Fax: 757-823-9413
URL: <http://sola.nsu.edu/csgs/>

Pacific Lutheran University

Global Studies Program

12180 Park Street S.

Tacoma, WA 98447-0003

Phone: 253-535-7684

URL: <http://www.plu.edu/external/majors/quick-links/global-studies.html>**Pennsylvania State University**

Global Studies

201 Shields Building, Box 3000

University Park, PA 16804-3000

Tel: 814-865-5471

Fax: 814-863-7590

URL: <http://www.psu.edu/admissions/steps/choosing/global.htm>**Purdue University**

Office of the Dean of International Programs

Undergraduate Global Studies

Young Hall, Room 120

302 Wood Street

West Lafayette, IN 47907-2108

Phone: 765-494-9399

Fax: 765-494-2546

URL: http://www.ippu.purdue.edu/global_studies/index.cfmEmail: puglobal@purdue.edu**Ripon College**

Global Studies

300 Seward Street

P.O. Box 248

Ripon, WI 54971-0248

Phone: 1-800-94RIPON

URL: <http://www.ripon.edu/academics/global/>**Rutgers**

Center for Global Change and Governance Graduate Programs

123 Washington Street, Suite 510

Center for Law and Justice

Newark, New Jersey 07102-1895

Phone: 973-353-5585

Fax: 973-353-5074

URL: <http://cgcg.rutgers.edu/cgcg/graduate.htm>

SUNY - Binghamton University
Global Studies Integrated Curriculum
Binghamton University
PO Box 6000
Binghamton, NY 13902-6000
Phone: 607-777-2336
URL: <http://gsic.binghamton.edu/>
Email: ois@binghamton.edu

SUNY - Binghamton University
Institute of Global Cultural Studies
PO Box 6000 LNG-100
Binghamton, NY 13902-6000
Phone: 607-777-4494
URL: <http://www.binghamton.edu/igcs/index.htm>
Email: igcs@binghamton.edu

SUNY - Brockport
Delta Global Studies Track in the International Studies Major
350 New Campus Drive
Brockport, NY 14420
Phone: (585) 395-2291
Fax: (585) 395-5890
URL: http://www.brockport.edu/delta/Option_II.html
E-mail: delta@brockport.edu

SUNY - Stony Brook University
College of Global Studies
Social and Behavioral Sciences Office
Room: S-412
Stony Brook, NY 11794
Phone: 631-632-7703
URL: <http://www.sunysb.edu/aadvising/gls/>

San Jose State University
Global Studies Program
210 North Fourth Street, Suite 301
San José, CA 95112
Phone: 408.924.7196
Fax: 408.924.7203
URL: <http://gs.sjsu.edu/>
Email: globalstudies@gs.sjsu.edu

St. Lawrence University
Global Studies Department
23 Romoda Drive
Canton, NY 13617
Phone: 315-229-5011
URL: <http://www.stlawu.edu/global/>

St. Michael's College
Global Studies Program
One Winooski Park
Colchester, VT 05439
Phone: 802-654-2000
URL: <http://www.smcvt.edu/Admin2.asp?SiteAreaID=483&Level=1>

TITLE VI UNIVERSITY GLOBAL STUDY CENTERS
http://www.cgs.uiuc.edu/resources/resource_centers/title_vi.html

University of Alabama in Huntsville
Global Studies Program
Room 250, Morton Hall
301 Sparkman Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35899
Phone: 256-824-2384
URL: <http://www.uah.edu/colleges/liberal/global/index.php>
Email: globalstudies@uah.edu

University of California-Santa Barbara
Global Studies and International Studies Program
Room 3044, Humanities & Social Sciences Building
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-7065
Tel: (805) 893-7860
Fax: (805) 893-8003
URL: www.global.ucsb.edu

University of Chicago
Center for International Studies
Pick Hall 101
5828 S. University Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637
Phone: 773.702.7721
Fax: 773.702.9286
URL: <http://internationalstudies.uchicago.edu/index.html>

University of Denver

Graduate School of International Studies

2201 S. Gaylord St.

Denver, CO 80208

Phone: 303.871.2544

FAX 303.871.3585

URL: http://www.du.edu/gsis/iglos/security_masters_gs.html**University of Maryland, Baltimore County**

International and Global Studies

1000 Hilltop Circle

Baltimore, MD 21250

Phone: 410-455-2024

URL: <http://www.umbc.edu/mds/igs/>**University of Pittsburgh**

Global Studies Program

University Center for International Studies

4100 Posvar Hall,

Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Phone: (412) 624-2918

Fax: (412) 624-4672

URL: <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global>E-mail: global@ucis.pitt.edu**University of Tennessee**

Global Studies

901 McClung Tower

Knoxville, TN 37996

Phone: (865) 974-6021

Fax: (865) 974-7013

E-mail: global@utk.eduURL: <http://web.utk.edu/~global/default.html>**University of Washington-Bothell**

Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, Global Studies

18115 Campus Way NE

Bothell, WA 98011-8246

Phone: 425-352-5350

URL: <http://www.uwb.edu/IAS/degrees/BLS/GST/>

Washington State University

World History PhD and MA Program Dept. of History PO Box 644030 Pullman, WA
99164-4030 Phone: 509-335-5570 Email: streetsh@wsu.edu URL:
<http://libarts.wsu.edu/history/graduatepage/world/World.htm>

Washington State University

Liberal Arts and General Studies
P.O. Box 641412
Pullman, WA 99164-1412
Phone: 509-335-8731
URL: <http://libarts.wsu.edu/genstudies/academics/pullman/global.html>
Email: libartsgs@wsu.edu

Washington University School of Law

Whitney R. Harris Institute of Global Studies
One Brookings Drive, Campus Box 1120
St. Louis, Missouri 63130
Phone: (314)935-7988
URL: <http://law.wustl.edu/igls/>

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Global Perspective Program
100 Institute Road
Worcester, MA 01609-2280
Phone: 508-831-5547
Fax: 508-831-5485
URL: <http://www.wpi.edu/Academics/Depts/IGSD/>
Email: global@wpi.edu

GLOBAL STUDIES CENTERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Center for Global Development (www.cgdev.org)

Center for Global Studies (www.cgs.uiuc.edu)

Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation
(www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/csgr)

Global Studies Association North America (www.net4dem.org/mayglobal)

Global Studies Association UK (www.sociology.mmu.ac.uk/gsa)

Globalization Studies Network (www.gstudynet.com)

United Nations University (www.unu.edu)

World History Association (www.thewha.org)

The Center for Global History (www.stonybrook.edu/globhisctr)