



# University of Wyoming

## Center for Global Studies

Fall 2023 Newsletter

The world seems ever more complicated. Around the globe, events challenge our commitment to make a difference. How is it possible? The one thing we know is that we must try, for our students will face that world. So today we stand even more committed to our mission to facilitate knowledge, understanding and resilience through our programs and in our students.

This newsletter looks back across the past year and forward to new global engagements. We hope that as you read it you will experience the joy, as well as the concern, of our international work, and recognize its value for the days to come.

*To help Wyoming meet the World, on GIVING DAY  
Go to our GIVING DAY page and indicate the fund of your choice  
You will find suggestions for particular programs below*

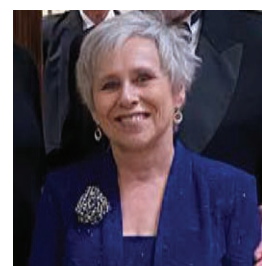
*Our thanks to Patrick Ivers for his inspirational, matching gift.  
Give Patrick a run for his money and join him in supporting CGS.*



- Global Engagement is foregrounding our shared campaign to support international students in emergency situations. Circumstances can change and students' needs can be dire. We, together, can help.
- To support that initiative, or the CGS fund of your choice, follow this link on October 25-26, noon to noon.

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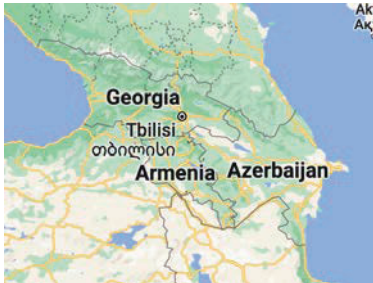
*Caroline McCracken-Flesher*  
Director, Center for Global Studies



## STUDENT VENTURES & AWARDS

The Center for Global Studies draws on donor support to send students around the world to research. There is no substitute for field work, whether it be in a historic library, in the Kenyan bush, or pursuing a family record across Europe. In 2022-2023 we supported 26 students, with awards totalling \$56,600. ALL these awards were made possible by individual donations and the ongoing support of the Harris and Ellbogen endowments. You can find stories about these student projects on our web page. Here, we highlight their variety.

**Nino Gegidze (Political Science MA and Centennial Scholar)**, travelled to the Republic of Georgia to research American perspectives on NATO expansion. Nino writes:



*Thanks to the funding I received from the CGS Fund, I had the opportunity to travel to Georgia to conduct in-depth interviews with influential figures, including former Georgian politicians, ambassadors to the United States, the former chairman of the Parliament of Georgia, and the former minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia. These interviews have been invaluable in shaping the scope and depth of my research. ... Without your generosity, this ambitious research project would not have been possible. Your contribution has made a significant difference in allowing me to pursue my academic goals and contribute to the field of international relations.*

**Centennial awards also went to:**

- Hannah Mink (Law JD): “Chilean-Bolivian International Transboundary Water Relations Post-Chile v. Bolivia.”
- Skylar Chambers (International Studies MA): “Modern Feminist Activism in Taiwan and Japan: A Comparative Examination of #MeToo’s Influence.”
- Dahara Don (International Studies MA): “Socio-cultural and Economic Barriers Encountered by Women in Politics in Sri Lanka: A Case Study.”
- Sylvie Hansen (English MA): “Native Americans & Nonsingular Subjectivities at the Metropole.” (London, Paris, Berlin, Florence, Milan.)

**Erin Stewart (MSc. Zoology & Physiology; CGS Excellence Award)** travelled to Panama to research the songs of Chestnut-backed Antbirds. What did she find?

*Although Chestnut-backed Antbirds typically only sing two-note and three-note songs, I have also recorded them singing one-note and four-note songs on multiple occasions. This is exciting, because this species has innate rather than learned song, and innate song is typically considered less flexible. Second ... although three-note songs are primarily sung by males, female also commonly sing them. ... [females] sang alongside their mates on many occasions.*



**Hayley Moon (MS Experimental Psychology, CGS)** examined sexual violence against women on British university campuses. She tells us:

*Working with... the University of Surrey and ... the Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (IDVSA), I had the opportunity to examine the effectiveness of trainings that improve the investigation of non-consensual, sexual acts on college campuses as well as the implementation of successful supports for universities and victims. ...The team has finalized and begun selling a sexual misconduct "toolkit" across UK universities that educates institutions on how to successfully investigate sexual assault cases on campus.*

**CGS Excellence Awards also went to:**

- Kimberly Jordan (Zoology & Physiology MS): “How does bill morphology impact foraging behavior in a tropical bird across a rainfall regime?” Gamboa, Panama.
- Leo Khasoha (Zoology & Physiology MS): “What explains commonness and rarity of small mammals in an East African Savanna: a test of the Niche-Breadth hypothesis.” Kenya.
- Mary de Aquino (Zoology & Physiology MS): “Examining the relationship between specialization level and niche breadth in army-ant following birds.” Gamboa, Panama.
- Logan Armstrong (Law JD): “Indigenous Peoples in Chile v. Bolivia.” Santiago, Chile.
- Hayley Moon (Psychology): “A Comparative Study of Universities Response to Sexual Assault.” Guildford, England.
- Naomi Boldon (Biomedical Science Ph.d.): “Discovering the role of MCS in epigenetic programming and behavioral outcomes.” Heidelberg.
- Lena Newlin (Creative Writing MFA): “Japanese American Wyomingites—an intergenerational story.” Germany.



You can follow Lena Newlin’s travels here:

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**Annabella Helman (Ph.D. Ecology; Ellbogen)** studied the animal traffic at watering holes in Kenya.



*I have spent the latter half of this summer in the bush most every day learning from the diverse wildlife as well as the people that live alongside them. My morning commute to my study site consists of dodging buffalo herds, driving next to white rhinos, and stopping for a lion-jam of safari vehicles. On the way to the office one morning, I even got to witness my study’s focal pride of lions actively hunting warthogs! ... I could not be more thankful for the funding I received to support my work! This field season has been a blast and I have been able to think critically about new ideas and their feasibility for my remaining dissertation chapters.*

**Ellbogen Awards also went to:**

- Janna Gentry, Creative Writing MFA: “Religious Subcultures at Home and Abroad.” Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Dedan Ngatia, Ecology Ph.D.: “Recovering a globally important African wild dog (*Lycaon pictus*) population: addressing the main causes of mortality--infectious disease and persecution by people.” Mpala, Kenya.
- Blessing Olumiyiwa Ajisafe, Political Science MA: “Sustainable Power Energy in Nigeria: Utilizing the Polycentric Governance Approach.” Nigeria.
- Kofi Kusi (*pictured, middle*), International Studies MA: “Sustainable Development: Implications for Urban Employment in Emerging Global Cities, A Case Study of Accra, Ghana.”
- Greg Ronco, English MA: “Re-storied Irish Identity through Cultural Memory, Landscape, and Spirituality.”





**The Harris Award supports students working on environmental and sustainability issues.**

**Jeff Dolphin (Zoology & Physiology MS; Harris)** is a typical Harris award winner—if there could be such a thing. His project “Assessing Wildland-Urban Interface Between Wolves and Feral Dogs in Bogd Khan Mt Strictly protected Area, Mongolia,” explores the complexity of sustainability where people and wildlife overlap. While much of his work involved trail cameras and statistics, he notes:



*While in Mongolia we completed 19 surveys of local people who lived near Bogd Khan Mt. Many have livestock and nearly all of them have sustained losses to wolves in the past if not within the last year. Many herders use Bankhar livestock guarding dogs to keep predators away. These dogs are very effective, but losses still happen as the dogs cannot be everywhere especially in the winter months as flocks wander further from the ghers and snow makes it difficult to travel. One herder who took our survey reported that he had seen wolves and wolf-dog hybrids and he believed the breed of dog, that crossed with the wolves, is a breed of dog called a Taiga, due to the look of their unique tail.*



**We also congratulate Harris awardees:**

- Maeve Knepper (Economics & International Studies BS & BA): “Evaluating the Impacts of Water Scarcity on Refugees in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.”
- Jenna Vonhofe (Law JD): “Transboundary Water Relationship between Chile and Bolivia.”
- Cecilia Curiel (English & ENR MA): “Narrative & Environmental Policy Making.” Germany, Hungary, Romania.
- Katherine Garrett (Zoology BS): “Life in the slow lane for rufous elephant shrews: testing predictions of life history theory in a small mammal community.” Mpale Kenya.
- Pallavi Pokharel (Haub MA): “Unnati: Empowering Rural Women Affected by Climate Change.” Nepal.
- Cody Wallace (Zoology & Physiology, Fish & Wildlife): “How do juvenile ungulates learn to migrate?” Tuscany.
- Luke Wilde (Ecology Ph.D): “The best path forward: a global synthesis of factors constraining ungulate migrations in a changing world.” Italy, Switzerland.

**We receive TWICE as many strong applications as we can support.**

**To help UW students achieve their international research:**

On Giving Day, go to

- Global Engagement Office,
- then Center for Global Studies,
- and write in “CGS Student International Research Awards.”



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## UW in Scotland Interns:

Do you remember our fundraisers (involving not-to-be-named-but-tasty food and drink)? With the help of numerous gastronomes and three major donors, those fundraisers have supported FOUR student interns in Scotland since 2021.



This year, Greg Ronco accompanied the UW in Scotland community tour of the Borders, studying the principles and practices of heritage tourism as he went (photo below).

Olivia Belton interned at the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow—famous as the first private museum in Scotland and now for its ground-breaking work in “Curating Discomfort.”

Guided by Mungo Campbell, deputy director and Zandra Yeaman, curator of “Curating Discomfort” Olivia (photo, center) made a comparative study of museums and worked on an “impact study of their Curating Discomfort intervention. Curating Discomfort has gained so much deserved traction in the past year and there was a lot of work to be done, I stayed very busy.”

Olivia’s mentors were equally enthusiastic about the UW energy and ability she brought to her internship opportunity: Zandra Yeaman wrote: “It was a real joy working with Olivia. I wish we had her in Glasgow for longer.” Mungo Campbell agreed: “It was entirely wonderful to have Olivia with us. She is going to go far.”

*We will be watching out for the progress of all these wonderful students. We agree. They are going to go far!*



### To support UW students in their Scottish internships:

On Giving Day, go to —Global Engagement Office,  
—then Center for Global Studies,  
—and write in “CGS Scotland Student Engagement Fund.”

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## Research coming soon to a classroom near you!

Faculty research today becomes classroom opportunity tomorrow. In partnership with UW’s Research and Economic Development Office, CGS supported 15 faculty in their research. Projects ranged from a consideration of Via Ferrata climbing in Austria in support of tourism research, to a collaboration on tardigrades with colleagues in Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Faculty researched marital-parental conflict in Taiwan, construction safety standards in Egypt, voice work to combat addiction in Ljubljana, linguistic landscapes in Jerusalem, music history and performance in Cardiff, covid impacts in Harare, CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing systems for crop engineering in South Korea, marketing and child loss in New Zealand, autism and pregnancy in Canada, ecohydrology in China, transdisciplinary methods in New Brunswick, domesticated and wild animal interaction in Kenya, and galaxy evolution in Germany. Phew!

Our congratulations to Jake Goheen, Curtis Davidson, Thomas Boothby, Bethann Merkle, Danny Dale, Sandy Hsu, John Fadiel, Jiantiang Zhu, Ahmed Abdelaty, Matthew Greenberg, Christina McDonnell, Elizabeth Minton, Chelsea Escalante, Paddington Hodza, and Jongchan Woo.

**Professor Danny Dale** (3<sup>rd</sup> from the right) with colleagues at the Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics and Heidelberg University. This week-long colloquium invited participants to pose future research directions, and receive feedback on how best to design an experimental program to address the questions posed.



**We receive TWICE as many applications for important research projects as we can fund. To support UW faculty to accomplish the international research that drives tomorrow's teaching:**

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- then Center for Global Studies,
- and write in “CGS Faculty Research Awards.”

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## EVENTS



### *Dia de los Muertos / Day of the Dead*

What is *Day of the Dead*? The Latin America and Caribbean cohort in CGS worked with students and Laramie community members to show how culturally rich and expansive our town's history truly is. The Art Museum and American Heritage Center flashed into life as the colors, stories and mementos of dear family members were celebrated on stunning altars. The Stockgrowers' Room resonated to histories of Hispanic life in our region; cultural traditions shared their differences in the classroom and the art studio erupted into sugar skulls! We were delighted to host 180 community members to celebrate our international history as the Gem City of the Plains.

**Join us for THIS YEAR's celebrations: UW American Heritage Center & Art Museum, 27 October.**





## International Education Week:

### Fifteen Students presented at our International Scholarship Showcase:

We heard research ranging from literacy in Iceland to the influence of Japanese culture on Brazilian music; from considerations of war between the US and China to how museum policies deter repatriation of artifacts.



Presenters included *Makayla Kocher*, English BA; *Victor Xavier Viera Goulart*, Music; *Maeve Knepper*, International Studies; *Mischa Galitzen Weiss*, MA International Studies; *Skylar Chambers*, MA International Studies; *Spencer Travis*, BA Political Science.

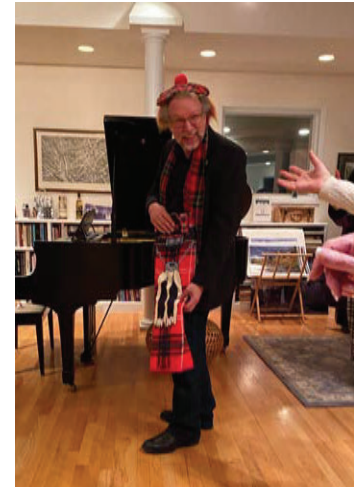
Poster presentations were staged by *Zeinab Akbarishahabi*, Ph.D. Chemical Engineering; *Abdullah Mohammad Sakib*, Ph.D. Economics; *Ashley Park*, MS Molecular Biology; *Friday Otuya*, MA International Studies; *Juana Hicks-Rodriguez*, Pre-Vet and Spanish; *Kathan Bandyopadhyay*, Ph.D. Zoology and Physiology.

**Aziz Abu Sarah**, a Palestinian peace activist who strives to make the world better one educated tourist at a time, keynoted International Education Week. We work our visitors hard. They go to classes, meet constituencies, give talks...and we build lasting connections. Aziz's talk on his life and work enthralled the community of students, faculty and friends. CGS looks forward to collaborating with him as we continue to meet and engage a world that just doesn't sit still. We wish him well in his work.



## SCOTLAND WEEK

The UW in Scotland cohort staged days of events—in the dark days of February, CGS gets lively! There were exhibits of photography in Theater and Dance and of Scotland’s Black History in Coe Library. A mini film festival screened classics from *Tunes of Glory* to *Local Hero*. Leith Davis of Simon Fraser University introduced us to the post-Culloden writings of Robert Forbes. And jumping the Scottish shark, the UW in Scotland faculty hosted pipes and drums and dancers in the Union’s Skylight Lounge. The house was packed! Then, since it’s UW in Scotland, there was also a fundraiser, with the emphasis on Fun, to send UW students to intern in Scotland.



*Denver & District Pipe Band; Naoma Tate with Jamie Snyder (UW in Scotland faculty); Paul Flesher models our fabulous auction items.*

## UW in JERUSALEM

Our world is a difficult place. In the university, we seek to understand, and so to prepare our students to face those difficulties with insight and resilience. Wyoming aims to make a difference.

We have learned that where faculty travel—whether in person or intellectually—students follow. And then they overtake us. With that in mind, and with the generous support of Naoma J. Tate and Hilery Lindmier and the Laura Jane Musser Fund, we launched UW in Jerusalem. Following the model of UW in Scotland, it aims to introduce faculty from across the disciplines to the richness of the region, its people and cultures. Faculty build research relationships and UW builds academic partnerships. While our plans are in abeyance under current circumstances, we did accomplish a lot in a few months. Sixteen faculty traveled to Jerusalem in January 2023 and spent a chilly week exploring and learning. Already the School of Pharmacy is building partnerships and internships; Agriculture is exploring practices in agronomy and business; papers on language in sites of contestation and on the orientalizing of Palestine through art are well along to publication. Courses are in development. Colleague Brandon Gellis won a Fulbright to Israel.



*Geo-Politics in the hills; Geology & Archaeology at Masada; arboriculture at Ein Gedi; water rights at Afula.*



## FULBRIGHTS

At the 2022 Fulbright launch, Global Engagement VP Isa Helfgott welcomed previous winners and future applicants. Caroline McCracken-Flesher demonstrated the fantastic swag we have to set them on their way—it's for wrapping around your luggage handle—and emeritus professor Steve Ropp inspired by sharing his own Fulbright experiences. We are delighted to say that Brandon Gellis (Art), Elizabeth Lynch (Anthropology) and Tom Seitz (International Studies) subsequently won faculty Fulbright awards and are spending 2023-24 overseas.



## FACULTY AWARDS FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION

Faculty go above and beyond to connect UW students to the world. This year, we recognized four colleagues for their extraordinary efforts: Jean Garrison (founder of CGS); Stephanie Anderson (Chair of the School of Politics, Public Affairs and International Studies); Arthur Zhu (Kinesiology and Health, and founder of the UW/Shanghai University of Sport program); and Eric Nigh (leader of programs focused on the Middle East). Eric Nigh's students and colleagues celebrated how significant his work has been to their success.



## CONFERENCE AWARDS

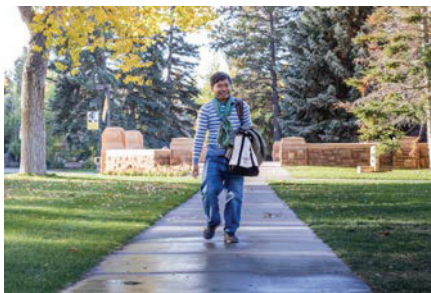
University of Wyoming faculty rank with some of the best in the world. We want the world to know of the work they do, and to learn about the place where they do it. Research and Economic Development and the Center for Global Studies collaborate to support colleagues who are working to host international conferences in Wyoming. That can be a heavy lift, so we are helping with the *first* lift—the initial sponsorship that enables colleagues to compete, to have a fund to leverage early on, and that will meet their needs when the moment arrives.

Winners of funding for 2023 were Nicole Crawford, UW Art Museum for “Stealing Culture: A Global Approach to Repatriation and Restitution for Museums, Academic Institutions, and Communities,” and the team of Temple Stollinger, Jacob Hochard and Brent Ewers for their “International Interdisciplinary Conference on Wildlife Management and Policy.”

Previous winners Matt Kauffman and Jerod Merkle accomplished their conference of the Global Initiative on Ungulate Migration at Jackson, in Summer 2023. There’s no better place to study ungulates on the move!

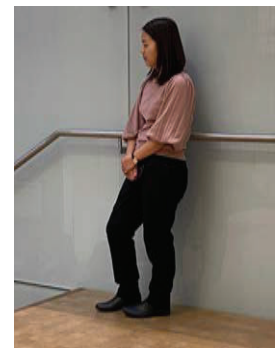


**YSEALI —the Young South East Asian Leaders Initiative**, led by Kehli Hazlett, got onto a level footing post-COVID. Five colleagues from across the region participated in 5 programs across campus. We were delighted to host Eng Kea, Cambodia (UW Makerspace); Chit Moe Zaw, Myanmar (Telehealth with Health Sciences—remote); Pheana Sopheak, Cambodia (History); Antonia Tefa, Indonesia (Education); Yustina Atok, Timor Leste (English Language Center and Communications).



Pictured: Eng Kea took UW by storm—working with UW’s Innovation Wyrkshop.

**Yuki Ayukawa**, our Japan Outreach Initiative coordinator, has been a strong and self-motivated addition to CGS. This year, she has conceived and run programs across the state on a variety of topics, and engaged participants from the Consul General to the University to rural communities and schools. Here, she is pictured at an engineering forum on the Tohoku earthquake, 2011.





## UW on International Screens?

Would you like to Re-Discover Wyoming? CGS led in a project to showcase UW faculty, connecting their research to our state's remarkable resources. Our audience is international students, who might think of joining us at 7220. But you'll have fun too if you go down the intellectual rabbit hole, following Matt Kauffman as he tracks mule deer migrations, Caroline McCracken-Flesher as she maps Robert Louis Stevenson on the transcontinental railway, or Laura Vietti reminding us that dinosaurs are a Wyoming commodity. Start with any video, and then just ... follow the trail. To walk with Wyoming's dinosaurs, go to [CLICK HERE ...](#)



## TRAVEL WITH US... AND GO PLACES YOU NEVER EXPECTED!



The UW in Scotland Community Educational Tour at Newtowngrange National Coal Mining Museum.

If you missed our tours to Uzbekistan and to Scotland in 2023... well, Greece, Iceland and Mongolia are coming up!

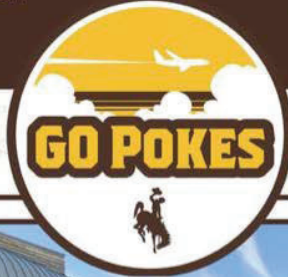
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**ICELAND**

**April 6-15, 2024**

*Led by Anne Alexander*  
Assistant Dean, College of  
Business



**MONGOLIA**

**May 27-June 7, 2024**

*Led by Dean John Koprowski*  
Dean, Haub School of Environment and  
Natural Resources



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Interested in traveling internationally with the University of Wyoming this year? Fill out this interest form to learn more: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?5419368-D4RWYfXaAQ>.

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## The Centennial Community

The Centennial Community has long nurtured UW students to pursue their research abroad. Every year, we celebrate by bringing the students to meet their friends in Centennial. This year, Tanja Börzel and Thomas Risse (Freie Universität Berlin), Centennial residents and indefatigable supporters of UW's internationalization, took us by surprise by issuing a challenge to Centennial to double its funding. We immediately met their match. So this year we should be able to send EIGHT students abroad, encouraged along by the town of Centennial.

And T&T remind us all that this coming year is the TENTH ANNIVERSARY of the Centennial Scholarships Fund. Can you spy a campaign coming?

If you would like to help build the Centennial fund toward its tenth birthday, contact Caroline: [cmf@uwyo.edu](mailto:cmf@uwyo.edu)



UW Students present their work: while Thomas and Tanja cheerlead for the Centennial Scholars.



**To support more students as Centennial Scholars:**

On Giving Day, go to


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- then Center for Global Studies,
- and write in “Centennial Scholarships.”

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

We've had a busy start to the semester, hosting Sam Mihara (Heart Mountain internee), Hamid Khan (UW Outstanding Alum), and Professor Mohsine el Ahmadi of Cadi Ayyad University. But there's more to come!




**The Wyoming Betabeleros'  
News: "La Pagina Espanol" of  
The Powell Tribune (1927)**

**Presentation & Exhibit**  
Tuesday, October 24th, 2023  
3:30-5:00 p.m.  
American Heritage Center, Gallery One  
Open to the Public

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AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER

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**Come and join the Day of the Dead/  
Día de los muertos event at the  
University of Wyoming campus!**

October 27, 2023  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
UW Arts Museum / American Heritage Center  
Costumes are welcome!

**Activities:**  
-Altar exhibit  
-Sugar skulls decoration  
-"Todos los Santos" celebration around the  
Hispanic world  
-Bilingual poem reading  
-Viewing of short documentary explaining the  
origins of this celebration

Sponsors: Latin American Cohort-Center for Global Studies, Modern  
& Classical Languages, School of Politics, Public Affairs &  
International Studies, UWAM, AHC, Wyoming State Museum.

November 16, 12–2 p.m. *Student International Scholarship Showcase*  
(International Education Week event)

December 12 Jolabokafloð  
In the dark of the year, hang out with books and hot chocolate...what's not to like?  
Cheney Center (details TBD)

**WATCH THE UW CALENDAR FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

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## TOMORROW'S WORLD?

*The University of Wyoming is a place of knowledge and understanding. In the months to come, watch out for CGS public events that help us all to look forward. We are a community that chooses to work together for a better global future. Join us as we learn and strive.*

## WHERE IN THE WORLD?

CGS helped UW students and scholars engage with 56 countries last year. 54 UW departments participated.

### HELP US FILL IN THE MAP ...



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