

# Community Engagement

Building on KSU's successful Year of Peru, Ernesto Silva and Dan Paracka--working closely with the Consul General of Peru, Miguel Alemán Urteaga, as well as Christian Hardigree of The School of Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality, and Jenifer Duggan of Culinary and Hospitality Services--served as hosts for a week-long Culinary Residency by celebrated Peruvian Master Chef Flavio Solórzano during the week of November 2, 2015. One of the most recognized and celebrated chefs of Peru, Flavio Solórzano's specialty is Peruvian cuisine, including pastry and ice cream--he is credited with the creation of coca leaf Ice Cream. He has done extensive research on quinoa and his repertoire of quinoa dishes made from the 3,000 varieties of the grain cultivated in the Andes Mountains can be found in his 2013 book *Ayara: Madre Quinoa*, in which he hails the grain's virtues. He is a founding member of ACOA (Peruvian Society of Gastronomy) and the annual MISTURA festival, one of the largest food festivals in the world, as well as the host of a popular cooking show on Peruvian television. During his residency, he visited numerous classes, conducted cooking demonstrations and hosted a Quinoa Tasting Festival at the Commons that was well-attended by students.



Peruvian Chef Flavio Solórzano

## Student Engagement



GWST Student Internship 2016

Payton Berry

"I am currently completing an internship for the Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia, which helps survivors of sexual assault by providing medical exams and resources such as counseling and legal consultation. In addition to these things, I will be assisting with follow up calls to check in with survivors, helping those who call the sexual assault hotline, and attending and planning events that provide education to the community about sexual assault and violence in dating relationships. This organization does so many great things to help people who have survived sexual assault, and I am really looking forward to being a part of that process!"

### GWST 1102 Love and Sex Class

In Fall 2015, students in Ashley McFarland's GWST 1102 completed a civic engagement project as part of their public policy Learning Community. Students wrote to their elected representatives calling for action on a range of issues, from sex education in public schools, to animal welfare legislation, to proposals for infrastructure projects.

## Study Abroad with ISD Faculty



Ernesto Silva



Seneca Vaught

From May 12th to 31st, Drs. Ernesto Silva and Seneca Vaught will be traveling through Peru with a group of students who in Fall 2014 enrolled in their Learning Community: From Latin America with Love as part of the LUCES (Latin@s United in Commitment to Education Success) initiative.

**June 11-July 12, 2016 -Intensive Spanish and Creative Writing in Oaxaca, Mexico -  
Dr. Linda Niemann - lniemann@kennesaw.edu**



ISD affiliated faculty, Dr. Linda Niemann, says: "Participants will spend four weeks in the historic and artistic colonial city of Oaxaca, located in the south of Mexico. Oaxaca is known for beautiful colonial architecture, bright artwork and a tranquil atmosphere. Students will live with host families and take Spanish courses at the instituto Cultural and creative writing courses taught in English by the KSU program director. The program will include fieldtrips to woodcarving, pottery, and weaving villages, as well as a three-day excursion to the coastal town of Huatulco enroute to which we will visit the culturally important shrine to the Virgin of Juquila. Oaxaca is the art center of Mexico, has a perfect warm climate, and is minutes from the fascinating archeological site of Monte Alban. The town is surrounded by traditional Zapotec, Mixtec, and Mixe villages, some of which have codices and local museums. Immersion in the culture and guided fieldtrips, combined with language instruction, will give students an intensive experience of Mexican life."

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## ISD Chair's Message

ISD continues to work on developing a proposal for an interdisciplinary major. Student survey results were very encouraging; out of more than 1000 students who completed the survey, more than 25 percent expressed strong interest in a possible major. So far, the name is Global Diversity Studies, but we are still open to suggestions.

ISD has a number of exciting events planned for the Spring 2016 semester. These include officially launching the new Peace Corps Preparation program, in conjunction with the annual Pathways to Peace lecture on March 8, 2016. The lecture this year will be given by Winona LaDuke, an internationally renowned Native American activist, environmentalist and writer.

The day after Pathways to Peace, the American Studies Student Organization (AMSTO) will host a one day Symposium. "American Studies: A Showcase of the Possibilities of Interdisciplinarity" will take place Wednesday, March 9, in the Social Science Building. Students will present their work, and the keynote speaker is Dr. Donald Pease, the Avalon Foundation Chair of the Humanities and Chair of the Liberal Studies Program at Dartmouth College. Proposals for student posters, papers, or panels will be accepted through Feb. 15; please submit these to [tanyabrinkley@me.com](mailto:tanyabrinkley@me.com).

Also this spring (April 22), our Asian Studies program will host its biennial Symposium on Asia US Partnerships (SAUPO) workshop. SAUPO is the largest Asia business conference in the Southeast. In addition, for the first time there will be a special SAUPO Summit in Shanghai a month before the workshop in Atlanta. Hats off to Dr. May Gao, the seemingly tireless organizer who leads these efforts

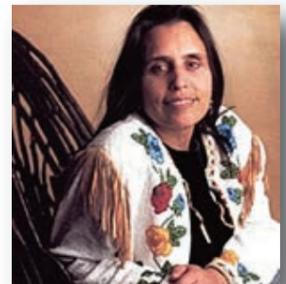
Looking ahead, the Call for Papers will go out soon for the Southeast Women's Studies Association 2017 meeting. Which will be hosted by our own Gender and Women's Studies Program. The theme is "Digital Feminisms: Embodying, Crafting, & Disrupting Networked Spaces." Be on the lookout for more information, and feel free to call us with questions.

As always, please keep in touch and stop by the office to find out more about ISD. We would welcome feedback on our new website: <http://isd.hss.kennesaw.edu>

Robbie Lieberman

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*"The essence of the problem is about consumption, recognizing that a society that consumes one-third of the world's resources is unsustainable. This level of consumption requires constant intervention into other people's lands. That's what's going on."*

Winona LaDuke



Dr. May Gao, SAUPO Chair

## Faculty News

During Fall semester **Alan LeBaron** served as Chair of the Task Force to Enhance the Center for Latin America and Latino Studies in the Division of Global Affairs. He published *La inmigración de los mayas guatemaltecos a Estados Unidos: ¿El amanecer de los maya-americanos?* in *Experiencias de migración indígena en América del Norte Hoy*, edited by Elaine Levine, National Autonomous University of Mexico Press, 2015. He received the Community Engagement Award for travel and research in Guatemala, to continue work on Maya migration into the United States. He received several grants, including one from the Division of Global Affairs, along with Gabriel Ramirez of the Finance Department, to establish internships with Cooperatives in Costa Rica.

**Robbie Lieberman** will comment on a panel at the International Studies Association (in Atlanta) in March: "Visual Media and Peace Education: Strategic Pedagogy Across Disciplines." Her review of Vincent Ontondi's *African Americans Against the Bomb: Nuclear Weapons, Colonialism and the Black Freedom Movement* will appear in the February 2016 issue of *American Historical Review*.

**Julie Newell** published a book chapter: "Myth 9. That Nineteenth-Century Geologists Were Divided into Opposing Camps of Catastrophists and Uniformitarians." *Newton's Apple and Other Myths about Science*. Eds. R. L. Numbers & K. Kampourakis. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2015.

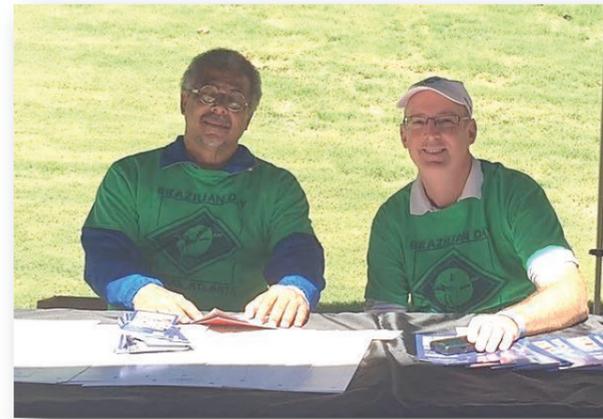
Dan Paracka published in paperback, *The Athens of West Africa: A History of International Education at Fourah Bay College, Freetown, Sierra Leone* (African Studies) in November, 2015.

**Robert Owusu** (RELS) published a chapter, "Socioreligious Agencies of Santeria Religion in the United States of America" in *Contemporary Perspectives on Religions in Africa and the African Diaspora*, edited by Ibigbolade S. Aderibigbe and Carolyn M. Jones Medine, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

**Kristin Petersen** presented on a panel at the National Women's Studies Association Conference in Milwaukee (WI) that focused on dependent relations as models of precarity. Her paper "Lesbian Motherhood and the Right to Parent," analyzed trends in custody cases between lesbian mothers and ex-partners that have implications for the full practice of women's citizenship and for the intelligibility of women in same-sex/maternal relationships before the law. The NWSA conference (36th annual) theme was Precarity, "draw[ing] attention to the experiences, structures, and relational aspects of systemic inequality."

**Seneca Vaught** and **Tammy Powell** coauthored an article entitled: "Digital is the New Black (Studies): Cyberlearning as the Spirit of Social Justice" published in the *Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy*.

**Kathryn Walkiewicz** has just had an article accepted for publication at NAIS: *Journal of Native American and Indigenous Studies*. It's entitled "Affirmative Exclusions: The Indigenous Exception in Oklahoma's Official English."



### Fulbright Visiting Scholar Dr. Raul Fernandes

(pictured here with Dan Paracka)

Dr. Fernandes is the Vice-Director of University Amílcar Cabral and Senior Researcher of INEP – National Institute of Social Science in Guinea-Bissau. A social-anthropologist with studies in University of Paris VIII, France (DEA) and University of Coimbra, Portugal (PhD), his work focuses on coastal societies and cultures from Guinea Bissau. He analyzes the division between industrial and artisanal fishing. He is currently participating in a collaborative program with Bayreuth University (Germany) on local modes of dispute settlement in various regions of Guinea Bissau. Dr. Fernandes is visiting KSU during the 2015-2016 academic year as a Fulbright scholar.

### Introducing ISD's New Spring Part-Time Faculty

ISD welcomes Deniz Gumustekin, a current student in the PhD in International Conflict Management Program, who is teaching a section of PAX 1102, J. Steve Miller, teaching an early morning section of RELS 1102, Britta Spann, who is teaching one section of AMST 1102 and one of AMST 3700, Victor Willis, who is teaching for AADS & AMST and Li Wong, who is teaching one section of ASIA 1102. Welcome to the faculty and thanks for all you do for our students!

ISD will launch its new certificate in Diversity and Community Engagement in the Fall of 2016. Ari Eisenberg will teach the introductory class (ISD 2001) which will be cross-listed with GWST 3070: Gender & Social Justice.

## Special Events



Pathways to  
Peace

March 8, 2016  
12:30 - 1:45 p.m. - Prillaman 1000  
Activism, Social Justice &  
the Next Generation

**2016 - The 6th Annual Pathways to Peace** will feature Winona LaDuke, an American activist, environmentalist, economist, and writer, known for her work on tribal land claims and preservation, as well as sustainable development. She established (with The Indigo Girls) the Honor the Earth organization in 1993; she serves as its Executive Director. A national advocacy group that raises awareness and funds for Native environmental groups, Honor the Earth works nationally and internationally on issues of climate change, renewable energy, sustainable development, food systems and environmental justice.

**March 9, 2016 - American Studies Symposium: A Showcase of the Possibilities of Interdisciplinarity.** AMSTO is pleased to announce that Dr. Donald Pease will be the keynote speaker on March 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm, in the Social Science Auditorium, Room 1021. A reception will follow the address. Student panels at 9, 11, and 2:30 will be held in Social Sciences 3020. Chat and Chew in the SO Atrium 12:30 - 2:00 pm with short presentations on faculty and student research.

**March 22-24, 2016 SAUPO in Shanghai, China.**



**April 22, 2016 - The Symposium of Asia-USA Partnerships (SAUPO) Workshop.** (Venue to be determined.)

### 2015 Latin American Film Festival

In collaboration with the Consulates of Argentina, Brazil, Mexico & Peru, ISD and the Division of Global Affairs teamed together to host a Latin American Film Festival on a weekly basis from the end of September through mid-October, 2015. Films included "The Aura" (Argentina, 2005), "The Year My Parents Went on Vacation" (Brazil, 2006), "The Absent Stone" (Mexico, 2013), and "The Bad Intentions" (Peru, 2011). All of the films were followed by lively discussion facilitated by Ernesto Silva with comments/reactions from the Consuls General.



### ISD is Growing!

ISD is working on filling two new faculty positions. One is a joint appointment with English, specializing in Asian-American literary studies. The new faculty member might teach in such areas as Religious Studies, Postcolonial Studies, Asian Studies and American Studies.

The other position is in American Studies/Latino Studies. Possible courses might include introduction to Latin American/Latino Studies or other courses such as American Identities, Pop Culture, and U.S. in the World.