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We will be using Twitter in an effort to reach a wider audience when publicizing upcoming CGS events and to share photos and updates as they happen.

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## UNIVERSITY PARK EVENTS

2/3 and Every Monday, 12:30 p.m., 102 Kern  
Comparative Literature Luncheon lecture series

2/5  
*Memory Balloons: Algerian Comic Strips and Franco-Algerian Memory*  
Sandra Rousseau, Penn State  
124 Sparks, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

2/6  
Meredith Fensom, Lawyer and expert on Latin America  
Executive Education Building (adjacent to the Nittany Lion Inn), 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2/13  
Faten Yasser Halawi-Ghosn, Pittsburgh  
Executive Education Building, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2/20  
Roger Thurow, author of *The Last Hunger Season*  
Executive Education Building, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

2/27  
Mary Beth Long, Former Department of Defense Assistant Secretary, founder and CEO of Metis Solutions  
Executive Education Building, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Full event listings can be found at <http://cgs.psu.edu>

## World Stories Alive Series Back at Schlow

(Photos on p. 4)

By Kathryn Black

The World Stories Alive! Tales in Many Tongues series is back at Schlow Library for its third year this spring. On select Saturday mornings the Community Room of the library is filled with parents and children ages 3-8 eager to learn about the culture and language of a presenter. This year includes sessions in Russian, German, Hindi, Turkish, Japanese, Portuguese, French and Arabic. The Chinese, Spanish, and Hebrew Sessions have already happened and were all huge successes.

Each session includes a children's story read in the chosen language and is followed by a song and a craft that further explore the culture of the people who speak the language. The storyteller reads the story in their native language, explains the stories in English, and encourages the audience to participate in the songs and learn a few useful words. The session on January 25<sup>th</sup> was the Hebrew session and the presenter, Mike Goldenberg, told one of his favorite childhood stories called *A Tale of Five Balloons*. Then the children were able to sing along to a birthday song in Hebrew and made a craft of the Star of David. At the Spanish session, Xavier Jiménez Cuba read the story *La puerca de Juan Bobo* or *Juan Bobo's Pig*. The sessions will continue until April 12<sup>th</sup>. See the full schedule on page 3.

## Intern Spotlight: Annie Goodrich

By Kelly Diaz

Annie Goodrich is the lead intern at the Center for Global Studies for the Spring 2014 semester. She started at CGS in Fall 2013 as an undergraduate intern. She is a senior majoring in Political Science with minors in Business and International Studies.

Annie studied abroad in Seville, Spain and loves incorporating this experience into her work with the Center for Global Studies.

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## Young Scholar of Central PA Charter School: Looking Back, Thinking Ahead

By Annie Goodrich

One of my duties as an intern at the Center for Global Studies includes leading an after-school club at the Young Scholars of Central Pennsylvania Charter School. Last semester, I lead a club titled "Spanish Culture Club" with the intention of teaching students about my experience studying abroad in Seville, Spain. Although I do not plan on being an educator, I found the experience to be both challenging and rewarding.

Each week I designed a lesson plan that attempted to be educational and fun. Making sure each lesson took up the allotted time was a matter of trial and error. Either the activity took longer than I thought because the kids were enjoying themselves or we finished early because the lesson was not as fun as I had anticipated. As the semester progressed, I gained a better understanding of what the students liked and adjusted my lesson plans based on their interests. Planning and organizing lessons allowed me to develop a daily task sheet so that I was prepared and organized when I arrived at my club. Time management is a "real-world" skill that I would like to improve upon during the second semester.

For the Spring 2014 semester I am leading a club titled "World Culture Club." Although I enjoyed leading my Spanish Culture Club, I wanted go beyond one country so the students get a broader scope of the world. Unlike last semester I will be working with another intern, which will present new learning opportunities. Last semester I did not have to communicate with anyone else because I was leading the club by myself. In some ways this is easier, however, I look forward to working with another intern because we can work together to enhance the club in various ways. Hopefully we can use a range of skill-sets to make the club as fun and educational as possible.

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### *Intern Spotlight, continued from page 1*

Last semester she lead an after-school club on Spanish culture at the Young Scholars of Central Pennsylvania school in State College, PA. This semester she organized the Spanish World Stories Alive event.

She is graduating in May and already has a great job lined up! Starting in September, Annie will begin work at an insurance company called Amica in Providence, RI. After seven weeks she will be transferred to one of their offices throughout the country. She says she is nervous about transitioning from being a college student to being a professional, but is excited about the new challenges and opportunities. She never saw herself working in insurance, but she liked the idea of the seven-week training program. She heard of this opportunity when the company came to the job fair at the Bryce Jordan Center last fall. She says that the process was very quick, but she is grateful to know what she will be doing after graduation.



Annie in front of the Plaza de España, Seville, Spain

### *Charter School, continued from page 2*

The first day of second semester clubs start on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>. I plan on getting a better understanding of what the kids know about different countries and what they want to learn. After the introductory session, I will focus on a different country during each session. Following a brief lesson the kids will do a craft, learn a new game or read a book based on the country being studied. As we “travel” to different countries the kids will put stamps in their passports, which will hopefully make the experience even more authentic.

### **Schedule for *World Stories Alive!* *Tales in Many Tongues***

March 1	Turkish
March 22	Japanese
March 29	Portuguese
April 5	French
April 12	Arabic

## **“Global Rhetoric and Global Intersections: The Old and the New”**

By Ali Gatlin

CGS hosted Professor Joseph L. Jeyaraj of Penn State's English Department for his talk, “Global Rhetoric and Global Intersections: The Old and the New” on Wednesday, January 22nd 2014, as part of the Brown Bag Lecture series.

Offering a simplified definition of globalization as the proliferation of information, Professor Jeyaraj elaborated on both the earlier forms of globalization as well as the issues present in rhetoric around globalization today in light of our move towards becoming a “world without boundaries.” The discussion traced the evolution of globalization from the shift from shipping to air transport to the advent of the Internet, and considered how this enables faster communication and increased connections on an intercontinental scale.

Dr. Jeyaraj asserted that these advancements and how they reverberate internationally beg the question: “Who controls the story?” Indeed, the role of rhetoric in globalization is pivotal. The truth of the matter is that new media are controlled in new, sophisticated ways, allowing them to be framed from different angles in accordance with the interests of the source disseminating the message. To illustrate this point, Dr. Jeyaraj presented several case studies. At one particularly demonstrative point, he asked the audience if anyone knew which country had recently deported a quarter of a million inhabitants in under three months. The question was met with silence before Jeyaraj explained the situation unfolding Saudi Arabia, where the government has launched a campaign to deport illegal migrant workers living and working menial jobs in the country. This presented a current and relevant issue, which has largely been swept under the rug by most news outlets. The talk left the audience to ponder the questions: who gets to control the story in this day and age, and, once it is told, which is the version we as consumers, are fed?

#### **Our Mission**

The Center for Global Studies (CGS) has been designated a Title VI National Resource Center by the Department of Education. Working in collaboration with Penn State’s many excellent international initiatives, faculty and students from multiple disciplines, and K-12 schools in the region, the CGS is dedicated to the growth and support of global studies.

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Photos were taken during the Spanish and Hebrew *World Stories Alive!* sessions. Look on page 3 for the complete schedule!

