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UCSB to Establish New Global Studies Graduate Program and Center with Support from Orfalea Foundation

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(Santa Barbara, Calif.)—UC Santa Barbara is establishing a novel graduate program and center in global and international studies that will focus on the academic preparation of professionals to work in the global non-profit sector as well as in international government and multinational business.

Kinko's founder Paul Orfalea and the Orfalea Family Foundation of Santa Barbara are providing critical seed money for the new effort in the form of a major financial pledge, which was announced at UCSB on Monday. Orfalea is currently a distinguished visiting professor in the Global and International Studies Program at UCSB, where he teaches a popular course in global business.

"As the world becomes more interconnected, we need to understand the processes and interactions that bring people together across traditional boundaries," said Orfalea. "UC Santa Barbara will have one of the first graduate programs and centers in international studies in the nation to focus on issues of globalization. This program will provide special training for those seeking to work internationally in non-governmental organizations whose activities – on issues ranging from economic development to human rights – improve the human condition. We are delighted to support the campus in this significant endeavor."

The multiyear Orfalea commitment of \$500,000 annually will enable the university to launch the new graduate program quickly and ensure its future. In tandem with the foundation's financial commitment, the campus will dedicate faculty and facilities to meet the needs of the new program.

"UCSB is extremely grateful to Paul, Natalie, and the Orfalea Family Foundation for their extraordinary contribution to global and international studies and the excellence of the campus," said UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang. "Their vision and commitment to create a program and center that focus on the complex issues of globalization will set the international standard for this dynamic interdisciplinary field."

In recognition of the generous support from the Orfalea Family Foundation, the new center will be named the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies.



Paul Orfalea



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From left: Giles Gunn, Dominic Sachsenmaier, Gurinder Mann, Chancellor Henry Yang, Paul Orfalea, Mark Juergensmeyer, Richard Appelbaum, Gene Lucas, Melvin Oliver

Mark Juergensmeyer, director of global and international studies at UCSB, said he was "humbled by this extraordinary commitment and excited by the challenge to fulfill such high expectations. It is truly gratifying to know that one of our best professors will leave a lasting contribution to the university by helping to develop an innovative new program."

The new Orfalea Center will promote and advance global and international studies through interdisciplinary conferences, seminars, and public programs. It will also provide support for the new graduate program in the form of student fellowships and internships, visiting professorships, and staff.

UCSB's new graduate program, which will offer a master's degree in global and international studies, will train students for careers in international affairs, government service, and multinational business. It will differ from other master's degree programs in the field in both its global approach and its emphasis on a growing "third sector" of non-profit, non-governmental organizations working in a wide variety of areas, including environmental protection and economic development as well as human rights.

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“This program will provide a new kind of education for a new kind of career,” explained Richard Appelbaum, professor of sociology and global studies, who chaired the planning committee for the new master’s degree. “International non-government organizations have become leaders of global civil society, and we want to help prepare the leaders for these organizations.”

According to Gene Lucas, UCSB’s executive vice chancellor, the new graduate program and center are the result of a multiyear planning and review process. “This will be the first graduate program of its kind in the nation, and we are delighted that it will be at UC Santa Barbara,” said Lucas.

An inaugural conference with leaders in global and international studies will be presented by the Orfalea Center this fall. Prospective students will be recruited for the master’s degree program during the coming academic year, and the first class will enroll in the fall of 2006.

The Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies and the new M.A. program are part of the social sciences division of the College of Letters and Science at UCSB.

Melvin Oliver, dean of social sciences, explained that “it would not have been possible to launch the new master’s program without the special support of Paul Orfalea and the Orfalea Family Foundation. It speaks to the commitment and expertise of our faculty in global studies, and it will enable us to offer one of the most exciting and stimulating M.A. programs anywhere and to position UCSB to become a global leader in this important interdisciplinary field.”

More than 700 undergraduate students now major in global studies at UCSB. There are also 20 graduate students enrolled in doctoral programs in six academic departments that have added an emphasis in global studies.

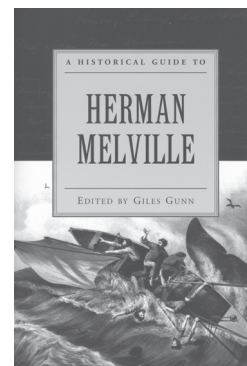
Paul, Natalie and the Orfalea Family Foundation are generous benefactors of UCSB. Their past leadership gifts to the campus include \$2 million to the Orfalea Family Children’s Center, named in memory of Paul’s parents, and support for the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education and its Autism Research and Training Center. In addition, they have provided financial support for intercollegiate athletics and physical education and recreation at UCSB.



Faculty on the Move

Giles Gunn
Chair, Global Studies

Giles Gunn’s [Historical Guide to Herman Melville](#) has just been published by Oxford University Press, which includes five original essays and a short biography of Melville by other scholars, along with an introduction, historical chronology, and bibliography produced by Professor Gunn. In addition, Professor Gunn gave a talk for the Department of English at UC Santa Barbara in its “Work in Progress series” Wednesday, May 18, on the book he is currently writing which will be devoted to global terror and its impact on notions of the human. He also spoke at UCLA on Friday, May 20, at a conference on “Rethinking the Secularization Thesis” on “Reconceptualizations of the Secular in the Construction of the American Religious Imaginary.”

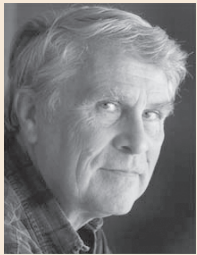


A Historical Guide to
Herman Melville
Edited by Giles Gunn

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New Orfalea Center to be Established



Statement of Mark Juergensmeyer Director, Global & International Studies

Our challenge is to make sense of the extraordinary changes in global society and culture that surround us at this moment in history, and to help train leaders for the global society of the future.

Fortunately UC-Santa Barbara has a wealth of intellectual resources that rise to this challenge, found in a variety of departments and schools throughout the University. It is exciting to realize that the gift provided by Paul Orfalea and the Orfalea Family Foundation has provided opportunities to reach out across the campus and create new activities, research projects and teaching programs that build on the strengths that are here. It is a bright new day for global and international studies at UCSB.

PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS to establish a new Center for Global and International Studies to provide an intellectual and programmatic focus for the University's activities in global, international, and area studies. The Center will provide financial support and arrangement facilities to sponsor public programs, seminars, publications, and research planning for units across the campus.

The Center will be inaugurated in the 2005-06 academic year. It will be called "The Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies" in appreciation of the gift provided by Paul Orfalea and the Orfalea Family Foundation.

According to Mark Juergensmeyer, director of global and international studies, the new Center is long overdue. "The Center will tap into a great diversity of creative energy on campus," Juergensmeyer said, adding that "it will help to stimulate discussion and research into a wide range of intellectual issues related to contemporary world affairs."

Like the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, the new Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies will not administer academic programs or conduct research on its own. Instead, it will play a supportive role in animating the intellectual life on campus with regard to global and international issues. It will work closely with instructional and research units, including the new graduate M.A. program in global and international studies, for which the Orfalea Center will provide much of the external funding. It will also provide support for other groups and individuals throughout the campus, subject to the availability of funds.

The Orfalea Center will be administratively located in the division of social sciences in the College of Letters and Sciences. An advisory committee for the Orfalea Center will include representatives of all units on campus that want to be involved in the Center's mission and activities.

New MA Program in Global & International Studies

A NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM AT UCSB offering a Master of Arts in Global & International Studies will be launched in the coming academic year. The two-year M.A. degree will provide an academic background for students seeking leadership roles in all sectors of the new global civil society, including non-profit organizations, business, journalism, and government agencies. The program will focus especially on leadership of international service and human rights organizations that are playing an increasingly important role in the rapidly-globalizing world.

Applications will be accepted during 2005-06 with the first cohort of entering students admitted in the fall of 2006. Up to 25 students are expected to be enrolled in the first year, with around 50 students in the program once it is fully established.

The new MA will be the first global or international studies degree program in the nation that will focus primarily on leadership in international NGOs—non-governmental non-profit organizations. This vital and vibrant sector of global society encompasses a wide range of voluntary associations, charities, social movements, and non-profit organizations. These agencies play leading roles in such diverse areas as environmental protection, labor and human rights, disaster relief and humanitarian aid, peace and conflict resolution, family planning, health, and education.

The program aims at providing an academic background that is culturally sensitive, historically aware, politically concerned and socially responsible. It will also provide practical skills.

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Statement of Richard Appelbaum Chair, MA Committee



Some forty years ago then-UC President Clark Kerr envisioned UCSB as the premier campus for international studies in the UC system. That is why the Education Abroad Program was initially headquartered here.

Today, UCSB's draft Academic Plan for the next 15 years identifies Global & International Studies as one of four "campus-wide themes...in which calculated investment combined with attention to organizational issues and better academic integration could give our campus a clearer and more compelling academic profile." Moreover, one of the other three campus-wide themes – "the academy and society" – calls on UCSB to "directly engage the public sphere" as a way of "helping the campus define itself both to itself and to the larger community that supports it." With the partnership between the Orfalea Family Foundation and UCSB, and our campus' strong commitment to furthering global studies, Clark Kerr's original vision is being realized. We are proud, and grateful, to be a central part of this effort.

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The two-year curriculum of the MA program is similar to the international affairs degree programs offered by such prestigious institutions as Harvard’s Kennedy School, Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School, Columbia’s School of International and Public Affairs, and UCSD’s School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. While all of these schools prepare future leaders for international careers in the public and private sector, the new Global & International Studies program at UCSB will differ from them in several crucial respects.

According to Prof Richard Appelbaum, chair of the planning committee for the new MA program, the differences are more than just a matter of focusing on leadership roles in international NGOs. According to Appelbaum, the curriculum is built on “a global paradigm, rather than an international one.”

Similar to the undergraduate global studies major at UCSB—which was one of the first in the nation and which now has 800 majors—the MA will focus on the increasing globalization of the world’s economy and society. Ten new courses will be designed and taught especially for the graduate program.

According to Appelbaum, these courses will recognize that “the world is in an epochal transitional stage” in which it is “increasingly a single interactive system, whether one is talking about global corporations, environmental changes, religious movements, terrorist organizations, or MTV.”

Along with the standard skills provided by other international affairs programs, the new MA program will emphasize the importance of training students to have an understanding of

different cultures, including the ability to communicate across cultures. Students will learn not only about such topics as micro and macro economics, global trade and finance, and transnational political institutions, but also about theories of intercultural understanding as well as specific cultural regions. The humanities and social sciences will be combined in policy-oriented graduate training.

Practical training and experience will be emphasized as well as academic knowledge. Students will spend the summer and fall quarter of their second year studying abroad and in internships. They will also take two policy-oriented workshops designed to simulate real-life decision-making situations. If appropriate to their career objectives, they will learn about such practical matters as writing proposals to foundations and other sources of funding, tracking organizational finances, or constructing websites.

The program was made possible through the generosity of Paul Orfalea and the Orfalea Family Foundation. Their gift provides support in the form of student fellowships and internships, visiting professorships, and staff. It also supports the establishment of the Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies, whose mission is to promote and advance global and international studies at UCSB, and which will sponsor interdisciplinary conferences, seminars, and public programs as well as provide funding for the new MA program.

The planning committee for the M.A. degree is chaired by Appelbaum and includes Mark Juergensmeyer, Giles Gunn, Gurinder Singh Mann, Dominic Sachsenmaier, and Benjamin J. Cohen.

About the Orfaleas



Paul and Natalie Orfalea

PAUL AND NATALIE ORFALEA and their family have a long history of supporting educational initiatives, including scholarships and child development programs. In 2000, the family started the Orfalea Family Foundation, which supports various charitable activities.

Paul Orfalea is a successful business leader and entrepreneur. The son of Lebanese immigrants, he founded Kinko’s (a nickname derived from his trademark curly hair) in Isla Vista, UCSB’s adjacent community, in 1970, selling school supplies and photocopies to college students. Today, Kinko’s is a leading provider of electronic communications and document production services with locations throughout the world. In 2004, it was acquired by FedEx Corporation.

Paul is currently involved in a range of business ventures, including West Coast Asset Management Inc. and Stone Canyon Venture Partners LP.

An alumnus of the University of Southern California, he was named Entrepreneur of the Year by USC’s Marshall School of Business in 1998. His illustrious career has been profiled in “Forbes,” “People,” and “Fortune”

magazines. Last year, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Babson College in Massachusetts.

Natalie Orfalea is a former chair of the Chancellor’s Council, UCSB’s premier annual giving program. Following a successful career at Xerox Corporation, she ran an independent product-development firm. Currently, she plays leadership roles in numerous community organizations in the Santa Barbara area.

Paul Orfalea has served as a trustee of The UCSB Foundation. In recognition of his dedication and service to the university, he was named an Honorary Alumnus of UCSB in 1998.

The Orfaleas have two children and live in Montecito.

Global Studies Alum's Views on Peace Education in Bosnia

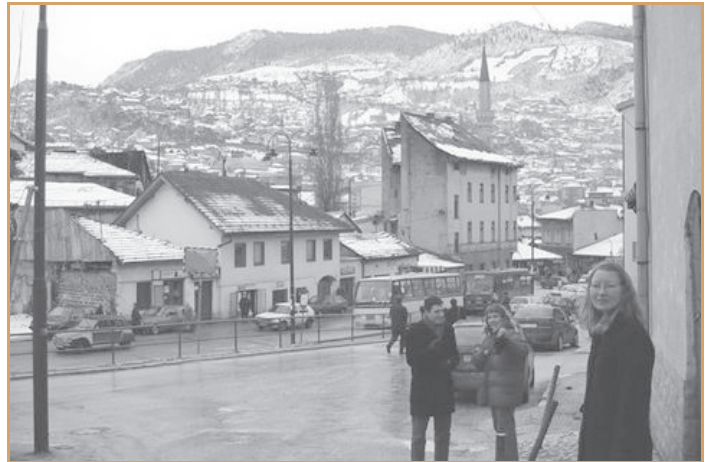
by Nyla Rodgers, Class of 2001

IN THE WINTER OF 2004, my passion for peace education brought me to Sarajevo, Bosnia for an internship at Education for Peace International (EFP). After graduation, I devoted my professional career to creating and teaching peace education lessons in the U.S. After much deliberation, I realized if I wanted to pursue this field and move from the safe haven of California and see if peace education would actually work in a war torn society

My long trip to Sarajevo started on January 7th, 2004 on a bus ride from Vienna, Austria. Due to a flat tire, we stopped in a small mountainside village and I was now surrounded by twenty houses; sixteen of them appeared to be bombed or abandoned and the rest appeared to still be occupied. I sat there remembering the lessons I had learned about ethnic cleansing during the Bosnian war - that more than likely it was neighbors killing each other or forcing each other to flee. Shortly we were on the road again and I arrived in Sarajevo at 5 a.m.-just a few short hours before I would begin my first day of the three month internship at Education for Peace International (EFP).

Education for Peace International (EFP) is an incredible program that teaches peace in a holistic manner. The elements of peace are taught in every subject. EFP's main focus is that the way to create peaceful environments is to teach about the unity in diversity of all things. These lessons reinforce the notion that even though the Bosnian population is comprised of three very different religious groups, they need to learn to embrace their diversity in order to live peacefully and flourish as a country.

Due to ethnic cleansing during the Bosnian war, towns are still very segregated. EFP's structure seeks to break through these barriers. After a class has completed the EFP program they work in tandem with another class of a different ethnicity, who has also completed EFP program, to put together a performance dedicated to teaching the lessons that they have learned about peace. They



Nyla Rodgers in Sarajevo

invite parents, neighbors and politicians from all of their communities to come and see the performance. At these performances old friends who have not seen each other since the war because of their ethnic differences are reunited. Through witnessing their children's hope and need for peace, this all-encompassing approach allows whole communities to be touched by EFP's philosophy.

In March I left Bosnia a changed woman. I felt so fortunate to witness the power peace education has to move the hearts and minds of communities that have experienced suffering and loss due to a war. The absolute necessity for peace education everywhere has been reinforced in my whole being. As I drove away from the bombed and abandoned villages, I sat there questioning how it was possible to continue to teach that war was the only viable answer to conflict. When really the fundamental goal of all life, when you look past greed and materialistic values, is to live a life of peace.

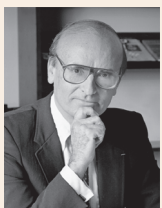
Faculty on the Move



MARGUERITE BOURAAD-NASH, Associate Chair and Student Advisor of the Global Peace and Security Program, served as an Expert Witness in an Immigration and Naturalization Service Case in the matter of Deportation Proceedings Before the United States Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review, Immigration Court, Detroit, Michigan, April 26, 2005.



MARK JUERGENSMEYER, Director of Global & International Studies, and Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies, was the keynote speaker for the International Association for the History of Religions conference in Tokyo in March. He was also a member of the planning committee and the leader of the team of scholars focusing on religious terrorism at the European Summit on Terrorism held in Madrid, Spain.



RONALD W. TOBIN, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic programs, Professor of French, Chair of European Area Studies, and Executive Committee Member in Global & International Studies, attended the WASC's annual meeting in San Diego, April 12-14. On April 30 he spoke to the local association of francophiles, Le Réseau Français de Santa Barbara, on "Coffee, That Exceedingly Cerebral Brew." He has been asked to serve on the Advisory Board of The Penn State Romance Studies series.



LURIE HARRIS, Visiting Professor in Global Studies, has been invited to return to the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science & Management for the fall quarter 2005, to teach a course that she has been asked to develop specifically for Bren focusing on applied environmental ethics. On April 4-6, she was a featured speaker at the annual UC ABOG Conference held in San Francisco on the topic of applied personal and business ethics for managers.

UCSB Global Studies Students Triumph Again!



FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, the UCSB Model Arab League (MAL) delegation won the top awards at this year's West Coast MAL Conference, held April 8-11 at Mills College in Oakland. Representing the country of Egypt, our team reaped the Best Delegation award and all 11 members won top honors:

Best Committee Chair: Lulwa Bordcosh

Best Delegates:

Ministers of the Interior: George Lyons and Komal Mehta Best Delegates, Palestinian Affairs: Hassan Elhaj and Aaron Lavee Best Delegates, Environmental Affairs: Muhammad Nafeie and Heba Gamal Best Delegates, Social Affairs: Bahar Sadigh and Alon Sachar

Honorable Mention, Ministers of Defense:

Garth Hall and Adam Al-Sarraf

Agenda topics included the security situation in Iraq and Darfur, the role of non-regional partners in the Palestinian-Israeli peace process, the impact of technology on social norms and values of the Arab world, the influx of non-national guerillas and terrorists into Iraq, and establishing desalination programs to provide more fresh water resources to Arab countries. In the winter quarter, students researched up to fifteen such topics while enrolled in the Model Arab League course (Middle East Studies 151). They produced sizeable research notebooks containing regional and international treaties, copies of official government documents and policy papers, speeches and remarks made by regional leaders, media reports, and more general background information. With this information they formulated position papers conforming to Egypt's policy priorities, and drafted resolutions that were the basis of the caucuses and debates that occurred at the MAL conference itself.

UCSB competed against 14 delegations from other western colleges and universities. As a result of the delegation's outstanding performance, it was invited to participate in the National Model Arab League Conference next year in Washington, D.C.

Prof. Juan E. Campo (Religious Studies and Global Studies) has instructed and advised UCSB's MAL delegations since 1993. David Reaves and Josh Hoffman, both graduate students in History, did a marvelous job this year mentoring the student delegates. The delegation was also supported with funds from the UCSB's King Abd al-Aziz Chair of Islamic Studies, the Global and International Studies Program, and the Department of Religious Studies' Hani Sadek Endowment.

Middle East Studies Grads Sweep Fulbright Awards

IT HAS BEEN AN UNPRECEDENTED YEAR for Middle East Studies at UCSB. Four of our graduate students have received Fulbright Hays dissertation awards for the Middle East area. Fulbright only grants 17 awards each year for the entire Middle East region. In addition, three other graduate students have received Fulbrights for Middle East Studies topics in other regions.

Elizabeth Brownson (History Dept.) received her award for research of Jerusalem Islamic court records relating to the status of Palestinian women during the British mandate period. Amy Cyr (Music Dept.) will research music and youth culture in Jordan. Joshua Hoffman (History Dept.) has a research topic on Egyptian historiography during the Nasser period. Eve McPhearson (Music Dept.) will be looking at music and national

identity in Turkey. David Reeves' (History Dept.) dissertation topic is on peasant revolts in Azerbaijan during the early Soviet period. Leslie Sargent (History Dept.) received both an IREX and Fulbright award for research on the South Caucasus under Russian rule from 1800-1920. Megan Sijapati (Religious Studies Dept.) will be doing research on Muslims in Nepal.

Caleb Elfenbein (Religious Studies Dept.) is one of 18 recipients of the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation dissertation fellowships. He is the first UCSB Middle East Studies students to receive this award. His project is on Egyptian secularism and radical Islamic movements.

Congratulations to the UCSB award recipients. Their achievement compares favorably to the other major universities in the US that have Middle East Studies programs.

UCSB Students Take Initiative in Reassessing Post Tsunami Development

by Johann Sabbath
UCSB Global Studies Student
Reclaim Initiative Co-Director

IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS SINCE the December 26 tsunami, the people of Sri Lanka and South India have begun the long journey of reconstruction. Most of those effected by the disaster are putting their lives, their families, and their communities back together. But the work is difficult and the process slow—by most accounts, painstakingly slow.

With the help of international relief agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private charities, there has been a widespread effort to help the tsunami victims recover from the disaster. Already millions of dollars of international aid has poured into India and Sri Lanka.

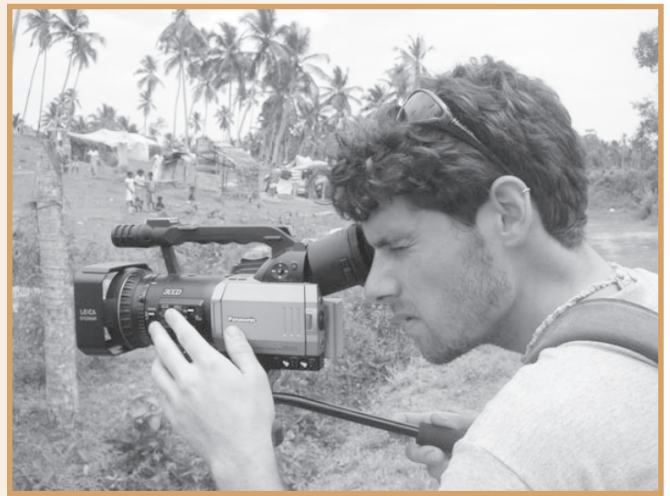
But whether the relief effort is proving effective remains an open question. Early reports suggest that the process of reconstruction has been ill-managed and slow going. International agencies, relief organizations, community groups, and even private individuals moved by the plight of the tsunami too often work at cross purpose while those in need of help wait at the sidelines.

The Reclaim Initiative is a student initiated and led research effort aimed at assessing this process of reconstruction—whether the aid effort is working as intended, whether the people are receiving the aid they have been promised, whether they have a voice in the process of reconstruction, and what can be done on the part of western aid organizations and charities to better assist those in need during the transition.

UCSB Global Studies alum and Reclaim Initiative Co-Director of Research and Documentarian Paul Lynch is one of three student field researchers currently on the ground in Sri Lanka. Photographs and journal entries by Paul can be found on the project's interactive website, www.reclaiminitiative.org. John Morse, also a UCSB alum, will be joining the Sri Lanka field team in June. More UCSB students are expected to join the field team in Sri Lanka and South India this summer.



In a village between Pereliya and Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka tent shelters sit on top of wave washed foundations more than four months after the tsunami



Paul Lynch at an Internally Displaced Persons Camp in Sri Lanka

Currently, here at UCSB, Global Studies Student Ryan Bushek is coordinating a component research team of nine UCSB undergraduate students in support of the Sri Lanka field team. Students communicate via email and conference call with the Sri Lanka field team and assist them in a rigorous process of data collection and analysis. The project is expected to run through the next school year, and participation is open to students of all areas and levels of study. Interested students are encouraged to email johann@worldwaterway.org to find out how to get involved. Input and advice from numerous UCSB and UCLA community members has been, and continues to be, a valuable asset to the overall project and research design. The Reclaim initiative benefits directly from the close advisement of global community leaders Anita Roddick—Founder of the Body Shop, Vandana Shiva—author and founder of the Research Foundation for Science Technology and Ecology, Mary Evelyn Tucker—professor of religion at Bucknell University, Satish Kumar—editor of Resurgence Magazine, and Mark Juergensmeyer—UCSB professor.

The Reclaim Initiative is a global project of the California Student Sustainability Coalition, based at the UCLA and UCSB campuses. Initially funded by a generous grant from the Wallis Foundation, along with other private donors, the project is administered by the World Waterway Institute.



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will turn out in Iraq. Economic growth gives us a lifestyle only we can understand without ever having the vicious bottom-side of the business cycles of the past. The most worthy in society will eternally be deserving of redistribution but socially, *unrest* has come to fruition in all but the denial of marriage and military service based on sex, mostly *rest*; Vietnam is a country. And now, after the impact of two triangles a pentagon a field and four planes, unease.

Members of the Foreign Affairs Club have been busy over the last few months: we are publishing the first edition of the Foreign Affairs Journal – so keep us in mind when you hand-in a paper you'd like to see published – we've hosted a handful of Events, and we're working towards establishing one of the first, if not the actual first, Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Honor Society in the country. Moreover, we're already busy working towards Fall 2005, we might show movies, we'll most likely host a couple of conferences on the Asian Pacific Rim and Genocide and without a doubt we'll be discussing foreign affairs every week over a wine/beer and exotic food from some region of the globe.

Our heart is in the Global & International Studies program but our members come from a variety of departments on campus, yes one guy is even a math major. We'd love to meet you, take foreign affairs, and put it into conversation and print.

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