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The Vanderbilt International Office continues to highlight the many successes of faculty, staff and students for their involvement in international research, teaching, and service. In the current issue we read about Fernando Polack, M.D., the Cesar Milstein Associate Professor of Pediatrics, whose vaccine research in Argentina will help protect children worldwide from deadly diseases. Additionally, Peabody faculty member Kevin Leander is working on a project with Utrecht University to better understand how new media forms are changing the way migrant youth define their identity. The [spring/summer 2010 issue](#) of *Vanderbilt International* has been mailed to colleagues around the world. All Vanderbilt colleges, schools, departments, divisions, and offices are invited to contribute ideas and stories to the editors. Please email us at vio@vanderbilt.edu with anything you have to share or if you would like to be added to our next mailing list.

VIO Grant Highlights

The VIO Research Grants program awarded thirteen new grants in 2009-10. Awardees include faculty from Engineering, A&S, Peabody and Law, and span topics from Art to Astronomy. Grants recipients included Prof. Stephen Heyneman (Education Policy in Brazil and the United States), Prof. George Hornberger (Climate Change Adaptation: Flood Impacts and Perceptions) and Prof. Daniel Gervais (International and Intellectual Property Law). To see summaries of all the grants, visit www.vanderbilt.edu/vio/funding/past-recipients.

As part of the continuing effort to enhance the undergraduate learning experience, the VIO Curricula Grants provide support for sustainable initiatives that integrate global content into new or existing courses. The VIO Curricula Grants program awarded two 2-year grants in 2009-10. The grant recipients were Prof. Cynthia Paschal (Planning Project for International Biomedical Engineering Studies) and Ifeoma Nwankwo (Internationalizing American Studies). For more information, visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/vio/funding/curricula>.

International SOS to Provide Travel Assistance

Vanderbilt has contracted with International SOS to provide travel assistance and evacuation services for all faculty and staff members traveling internationally on Vanderbilt related business. A portal has been created on the Vanderbilt website to permit faculty and staff to use these services. The SOS portal can be accessed from the Vanderbilt International



Office website by clicking on the Travel Registration Program [link](#).

Prior to embarking on an international trip, all VU travelers should complete the Personal Traveler Locator on the portal. This ensures coverage and provides the contact information needed by SOS and Vanderbilt to locate the traveler in the event of a crisis or emergency.

Delegations From Around the World Visit Vanderbilt

This year, VIO welcomed a variety of international visitors to campus. Delegations from John Cabot University, Italy; Utrecht University, Netherlands, the University of Warwick, England; the University of Cape Town, South Africa; the University of Melbourne, Australia; and the University of São Paulo, Brazil were among the groups who visited VU to learn more about our university and to collaborate on new projects. Vanderbilt, in turn, sent its faculty and administrators overseas to engage with our global partners.

A group from Vanderbilt including Drs. Calum Avison, Alan Brash, Stephan Heckers, Bruce McCandliss, Jeff Schall and Mark Wallace visited Utrecht University to discuss research collaborations in the areas of cognitive development, neuroimaging, psychiatry and vision.



Vanderbilt delegation with John Dewar, Provost, University of Melbourne

In March, Richard McCarty, Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Jeff Balsler, Vice-Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine, and Joel Harrington, Associate Provost for Global Strategy, visited the University of Melbourne, one of Vanderbilt's core partner institutions. During their visit, the University of Melbourne announced new mobility research grants for their faculty to work with researchers at Vanderbilt in the areas of Medicine, Nanomaterials and Innovation and Intellectual Property.

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Global Education Office Breaks a Record

The number of undergraduate students studying abroad through the Global Education Office (GEO) reached a record level this year with 618 students participating in credit-bearing programs overseas. Over the last five years, enrollment in study abroad has increased by 18% and the number of locations and types of programs has also grown. This year new programs were added in Singapore, the Netherlands, Hong Kong, Guatemala, and Hungary. For more information on GEO, go to www.vanderbilt.edu/geo



Fulbright VU Pollinator Garden

Vanderbilt's Canadian Visiting Fulbright Chair, Christine Rivas, along with the student-run environmental organization, Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility (SPEAR), and Pam Sevy, the Vanderbilt University landscape architect, recently announced the completion of new pollinator garden bordering Library Lawn. The garden is the direct result of a grant given to Rivas by the Fulbright Canada Eco-Leadership Program as part of Fulbright's effort to encourage recent recipients to engage



in environmental action in their community. The program builds on the model of Fulbright's mobility programs, by soliciting proposals from current and recent grant recipients to undertake community-based environmental initiatives. Canada-U.S. Fulbright Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Michael Hawes, flew to Vanderbilt for the event.

The College of Arts and Science and the Canada-US Fulbright program co-fund a visiting research chair each year. This year, Rivas worked with colleagues in History and the Center for Latin American Studies.

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