

Spotlight on ILA Members

ILA Members are doing amazing leadership work around the world, from starting new degree programs to nurturing young people who make a difference, from running innovative workshops and seminars to fostering organizational change. We are pleased to shine an ILA spotlight on the programs of our members. If you would like to nominate yourself or another ILA institutional member to be featured on these pages, please contact ILA at ila@ila-net.org.

Spotlight on Global Institute for Leadership and Civic Development :

GILCD Announces New Semester Program in Prague

by Heather McDougall

In this era of globalization, the cross-cultural competency of students is essential. It is imperative for students to understand their interconnectedness to the world around them. As Jack Welch stated in a speech to GE employees:

"The Jack Welch of the future cannot be me. I spent my entire career in the United States. The next head of General Electric will be somebody who spent time in Bombay, in Hong Kong, in Buenos Aires. We have to send our best and brightest overseas and make sure they have the training that will allow them to be the global leaders who will make GE flourish in the future."

Colleges and universities have the responsibility to equip students with the necessary knowledge and training to tackle pressing issues in their local, national, and global communities. The Global Institute for Leadership and Civic Development, Inc. (GILCD) is an independent educational organization which seeks to **train future leaders and**

global citizens. In its 10 years of operation, the Institute has educated over 450 students from 65 different countries. Its flagship program, the Global Leadership Program in Prague (GLP), is a 4-week study abroad program open to university students from around the world. This summer, 50 students from 18 different countries will attend the program. Students also have the option of staying in Europe to attend the two-week post-program in Berlin. In previous years, programs were also held in: Cuba, Italy, Thailand, and Argentina. In June 2008, GILCD ran its first US program in Boulder, Colorado. The programs are comprehensive, including: university courses, teambuilding retreat, cultural activities, and community service. Through these programs, GILCD seeks to provide students with: **knowledge, opportunity, and inspiration.** A key

strength of the program is the diversity of its participants. Alumni regularly praise the program for providing a cross-cultural



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After 10 successful years, GILCD is expanding its flagship program, the Global Leadership Program, to a new fall semester program which includes a **Certificate in Global Leadership Studies** through Anglo-American University. Applications are being accepted on-line at www.globalleaders.info. Applications are also being accepted for the summer programs in Prague and Berlin.

tural experience unlike any other.

Based on growing demand, GILCD is expanding its programs to a new fall 2009 semester program in Prague in partnership with Anglo-American University (August 24 – December 18, 2009). As part of the program, **students will at-**

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tend the International Leadership Association's Annual Conference held in Prague in November.

Similar to the summer programs, the semester program includes university courses, teambuilding retreat, community service, and cultural activities. The semester program includes 15-18 US (30-36 ECTS) credits, culminating in a **Certificate in Global Leadership** issued by GILCD and

Anglo-American University. The courses are specially designed to focus on issues of global importance. Each course is both interactive and challenging. A selection of the courses includes: Philosophies of Leadership, Social Entrepreneurship, Special Topics in Globalization, Social Change, Women and Leadership, and Ethics and Leadership. Students are also able to take an



elective directly through Anglo-American University in a variety of fields from political science, law, business, sociology, and international relations.

The learning experience is enhanced by a series of cultural and experiential activities. The pro-

gram begins with a 5-day retreat in the Czech countryside. Participants visit Villamov Chateau for a team building retreat and then Bromouv for a community service project at Bromouv Monastery, a UNESCO protected site. Later in the program, students raise their awareness of human tragedy by visiting Terezin, a former concentration camp during WWII. In addition, courses are supplemented with site visits to key government, business, and social organization offices. Fall 2009 is an exciting time to be in Prague. Numerous events celebrating the 20th anniversary of the fall of communism will be held.

A crucial component of the program is the professors who are selected both for their academic excellence and hands-on experience in cross-

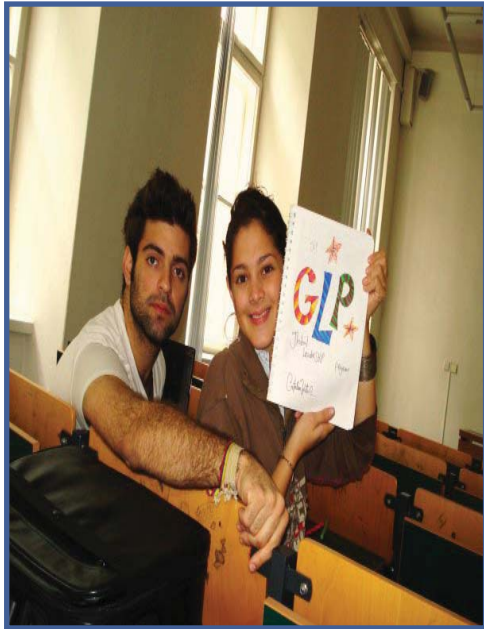
cultural development and social change. The Associate Dean of the program, Heather McDougall, was an Assistant Professor of Leadership and American Studies at Christopher Newport University and Fellow at St. Mary College's Center for Women's

Intercultural Leadership. She is recognized for her dynamic teaching style and innovative curriculum. The program is also excited to have Scott Sherman join our organization as a Visiting Professor. Scott is teaching the Social Entrepreneurship and Social Action courses. Co-Founder and current Executive Director of the Transformative Action Institute

Become a Preferred University

GILCD welcomes participation of universities on several levels. As always, it welcomes ILA members to recommend students they feel would benefit from the programs. For the new semester program, it is seeking to expand these relationships with other universities which have a demonstrated interest in promoting leadership and global citizenship. The Preferred University Program enables universities to send up to five students to the program. The university will receive a stipend for one of its professors or staff to visit the semester program and attend the 2009 ILA conference. Contact Heather at director@globalleaders.info for more information. In addition, GILCD is happy to work with universities to design special courses for your students.

(TAI), Scott's work on nonviolent social change projects has been praised by such Nobel Peace Prize Laureates as the Dalai Lama and the late Mother Teresa. He is also a nationally recognized speaker on environmental regeneration and transformative action. Scott's Social Entrepreneurship class will give students in-depth training on proposal and business plan writing, development, and fundraising. Students who complete the course are able to submit their proposals to funding agencies, such as Echoing Green. Participants from the summer programs have gone on to implement their projects, including Juan Calderon who, along with other GLP alumni, created Social



Leadership Colombia, an organization focused on promoting community service and youth innovation in Colombia.

About GILCD

GILCD seeks to **train future leaders and global citizens** through opportunity, knowledge, and inspiration.

Opportunity:

- To meet other young persons from around the world
- To discuss issues which have global importance
- To experience another culture and its practices
- To participate in community service activities which will benefit others
- To take on new roles and responsibilities
- To develop new skills and increase human resources

Knowledge:

- The concept of leadership and what it takes to become a leader

- How to lead others
- Communication skills
- How persons from diverse cultures can learn from one another
- What responsibilities young people have in today's global community

Inspiration:

- To take back what is learned to his or her home community
- To develop new plans of action in his or her own community or school
- To become future community, business, social, educational, and political leaders
- To continue learning about other cultures

GILCD believes that young persons are a remarkable source of imagination and drive. Students should be given the resources and support in order to transform their ideas into action—so they can move the world.

How to Apply

The program is open to university students from around the world. Both undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to attend. Upon special approval, graduate credit can be earned. Applications are found on-line at www.globalleaders.info.

Student Testimonials

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"I had a life changing time at GLP and I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Never before have I been exposed to such first class teaching and first class people...I now have so much more insight into other cultures, other realms of politics and even a greater understanding of myself. Studying abroad at GLP has inspired me to hopefully go on and do something great for the greater good, and I now have no doubt that I can achieve it."

-Zach (Australia)

"It could sound kind of exaggerated saying that GLP has been the best experience of my life, but when you live GLP you learn that there are not enough words to express the way in which it helps to improve your life. It really changes your perspective."

-Juan (Colombia)

