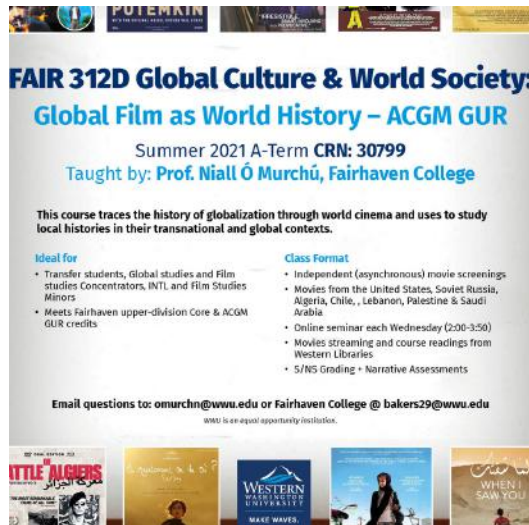


GLOBETROTTER

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**FAIR 312D Global Culture & World Society:
Global Film as World History – ACGM GUR**

Summer 2021 A-Term CRN: 30799
Taught by: Prof. Niall Ó Murchú, Fairhaven College

This course traces the history of globalization through world cinema and uses to study local histories in their transnational and global contexts.


Ideal for

- Transfer students, Global studies and Film studies Concentrators, INTL and Film Studies Minors
- Meets Fairhaven upper-division Core & ACGM GUR credits

Class Format

- Independent (asynchronous) movie screenings
- Movies from the United States, Soviet Russia, Algeria, Chile, Lebanon, Palestine & Saudi Arabia
- Online seminar each Wednesday (2:00-3:50)
- Movies streaming and course readings from Western Libraries
- S/NS Grading + Narrative Assessments

Email questions to: omurchn@wwu.edu or Fairhaven College @ bakers29@wwu.edu
WWU is an equal opportunity institution.



SUMMER QUARTER COURSE SPOTLIGHT

Interested in taking an internationally focused course this summer that also fulfills the ACGM GUR and requirements for Fairhaven core and the INTL studies minor? Consider taking Global Film as World History (FAIR 312D). This course traces the history of globalization through world cinema and uses it to study local histories in their transnational and global contexts. Films from the US, Soviet Russia, Algeria, Chile, Lebanon, Palestine, and Saudi Arabia will be covered. This course meets on Wednesdays from 2-3:50, with movies being watched asynchronously beforehand.



ADVISOR SPOTLIGHT --HANNAH NEVITT--

Hannah Nevitt is the Club Advisor for the A.S. Global Ambassadors! She loves her job as Study Abroad Advisor at WWU, and has been in the field of international education for over 10 years. Hannah first studied abroad in Rome, Italy as a first generation college student with her twin sister. Her experiences abroad provided her with a wider appreciation of different cultures and ultimately, inspired a career path for her. She has traveled extensively, visiting over 30 countries including areas of Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania, and the Americas. She also worked as an on-site coordinator for a Spanish Immersion Program and Language School in Costa Rica. Her favorite destinations have been around the Mediterranean Sea - Morocco, Egypt, Spain, Italy, and Turkey. She also loved her most recent experience in Argentina!

Her international education experiences have positively impacted her life in so many ways. Her favorite part of being the club advisor is working with so many talented and inspiring globally minded students, and in sharing their appreciation for all things international. She is very excited to "pay it forward" by helping students study abroad and enter international career pathways after graduation!

WWU GIVEDAY 05.27.21

Give Day is coming up, and there are many good causes that the Education Abroad office and Institute for Global Engagement are supporting this year. If studying abroad has had a positive impact on the life of you or someone you know, or if you are interested in supporting international students on campus, please consider giving to the following organizations.



Support Education Abroad Scholarships

The international crisis of COVID-19 has reinforced that the greatest challenges facing our world are not bound by borders, constrained by continents, or solved in societal silos. To tackle worldwide challenges, the leaders of tomorrow will need a worldwide education today. WWU students who study abroad can be these future leaders, but they need your help.

The world is on lockdown, but not for long. Soon, students will be faced with enormous financial obstacles to safely travel, learn, and participate in transformational study abroad experiences. These opportunities will soon be out of reach for students already struggling to afford their education, but not if you can help.

Please consider a gift to support Education Abroad Scholarships today! The first \$1,000 in gifts will be matched dollar for dollar by Lee Sternberger and Craig Shealy to inspire support and increase the number of students who can access transformational study abroad experiences!

Give at the below link ON GIVE DAY:

<https://wwugiveday.wvu.edu/giving-day/35532/department/35772>



Help Support WWU International Student Support Fund

Western hosts 100-200 international and exchange students each year, on F-1 and J-1 visas. These students come from over 35 countries, contributing valuable and diverse perspectives to our campus and community. They also help financially support WWU as well as the local community. International students at WWU pay non-resident tuition, and do not qualify for U.S. federal financial aid. They have very limited access to scholarships and are not generally authorized to work off campus. They do not have the safety network that domestic students have. Many families make huge sacrifices to fund their children's education in the U.S. because they believe in our educational system.

Some of the issues that cause financial challenges include:

- currency devaluation in many countries, relative to the U.S. dollar
- parents losing employment and going through financial hardship
- natural catastrophe or economic crises back home
- loss of home-country government scholarship
- visas restrict international students from working off campus

COVID-19 pandemic expenses

- increased technology needs and costs to access virtual learning
- immigration uncertainties requiring unplanned travel arrangements
- increased cost of airfare, delays, cancellations, and testing/quarantine

Give at the below link ON GIVE DAY:

<https://wwugiveday.wvu.edu/giving-day/35532/departments/39518>

EMERGENCY FUND

You can also give to ISSS's emergency fund for international students AT ANY TIME. The pandemic has introduced many financial hardships for international students on campus, and donations are highly appreciated to help alleviate those hardships and give the students the best possible Western experience.

Give AT ANY TIME at the following link:

<https://iss.wvu.edu/news-story/fundraiser-international-student-support>

NATURAL WONDERS

BY ELLIE POTTS

Have you ever heard April showers bring May flowers? As the seasons change and you begin to enjoy the outdoors more in the spring and summer, I wanted to share with you the 7 Natural Wonders of the World!



First, we have the Grand Canyon in Arizona, USA. It is the world's most famous canyon due to its size. It is so big that it impacts its own weather systems, and the weather has significant variance in different points of the canyon. However it is not the world's deepest canyon, which is Yarlung Tsangpo Canyon of Tibet. The Grand Canyon National Park has the North Rim and South Rim, but the South Rim is most visited because of its viewpoints. Six million years ago, the Colorado River changed its course into the Colorado Plateau. The waters from the melting ice age eroded the canyon, forming it to be over 6000 feet deep 2 million years ago, but today it is only 500 feet higher than the bottom. Today, the Indigenous tribes Havasupai and Hualapai live in reservations on the Grand Canyon, and the canyon was previously home to Navajo, Hopi, Paiute, Zuni, Puebloans and more. In 1868, John Wasley Powell led the first geologic research expedition into the canyon. US President Theodore Roosevelt established it as a Game Preserve in November 1906, then a National Monument in 1908. And the 17th US National Park in 1919. The canyon has gone through thousands of mining claims and conservation management with forest fire management, dam construction, tribal reservations, water rights disputes, and ecosystem restoration.

Aurora Borealis/Australis (northern/southern lights) is best seen in Alaska or Canada's Northwest territories Yukon, and Nunavut. The best peak periods to see these wonders are every 11 years, the next one in 2024! The enchanting lights are a natural phenomenon caused by the interaction of Earth's magnetic field and charged particles from the sun, and can be witnessed at the Earth's magnetic poles. It is called Aurora Australis in the south, best seen in Australia, Queenstown of New Zealand, and Mount Wellington in Tasmania. Aurora Australis means "dawn of the north and south", named after Aurora, the goddess of dawn in Roman mythology. I found this so interesting as a Natural Wonder of the World, as it does not take place in one particular location, but it is an amazing phenomenon with scientific and historical components.

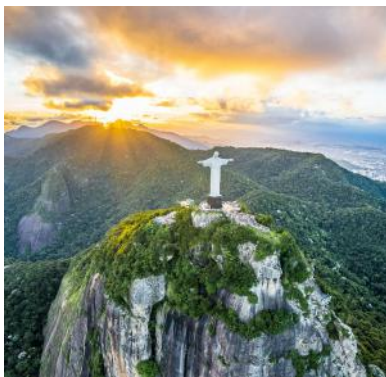


Mother nature's natural beauty is not only high up in the sky, but also deep below! In the Pacific Ocean, north of Queensland, Australia, lies the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest living structure. It is over 115800 square miles, encompasses over 3000 reef systems, 600 islands, stretching 1864 miles over the Queensland coast. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act was established in 1975 by the Australian government, with the intention to preserve the rights of the aboriginal populations. The reef's biodiverse ecosystem supports nearly 10% of the world's fish species. Many of the species the reef supports are endangered, and the ecosystem itself is the world's most threatened due to coral bleaching and ocean acidification. Help the reefs by swimming with reef safe sunscreen, reducing your global footprint, voting with your dollar, donating, signing petitions, telling others and learning more!

NATURAL WONDERS

BY ELLIE POTTS, CONTINUED

Traveling west, to the continent of Africa, Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River is a natural border between the countries Zambia and Zimbabwe. These breath-taking falls are the world's largest falling sheet of water, 500 million litres of water fall per minute! (That is about 200 Olympic-sized swimming pools). The waterfall is at 5500 feet at the widest point, and has a drop of 355 feet. The falls are surrounded by a biodiverse habitat, the Victoria Falls National Park and Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. The falls were originally named Mosi-oa-Tunya by the locals, which meant "The Smoke that Thunders," before the British Explorer David Livingstone renamed it and the nearby city Livingstone, Zambia. Nearby the falls, you will find acacia, teak, ivory palm, fig, and ebony flora in the rainforest region, as well as buzzards, falcons, eagles, hippopotamuses, antelopes, elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, lions and leopards.



Moving west again, we arrive at the Harbor of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, in Guanabara Bay (this means arm of the sea, named by the Tamoio Indigenous peoples). It was later discovered in 1502 by a Portuguese explorer Gonçalo Coelho, where the French and Portuguese rivaled over possession, before farming, sugarcane, gold, coffee, cotton and rubber exports created economic enrichment and population growth. This region is the world's largest natural deep-water bay based off of its large volume. There are over 130 islands in the surrounding bay, and big granite mountains bordering the harbor, including Sugar Loaf Mountain and Corcovado Peak. The "Christ the Redeemer" monument is in Corcovado, as a symbol of the city, standing 130 feet tall, arms stretching 98 feet wide, and weighing 635 tons.

Next is the cinder cone volcano Parícutin in the state of Michoacán near the city of Uruapan in Mexico, about 200 miles west of Mexico City. The Parícutin volcano lies atop the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt that runs 560 miles (west to east across central Mexico). The crater currently is about 660 feet across and it is possible to climb the volcano and walk the perimeter. Parícutin erupted in 1943 and 1952, and was the first occasion for modern science to document the full life cycle of an eruption of this type. For 9 years, scientists studied the active volcano with sketches, maps, photographs and more. The volcano is now extinct, and a major tourist attraction, standing about 10000 feet tall in west-central Mexico.



Lastly, we have the tallest mountain in the world, Mount Everest. The Himalayas straddle the border between Nepal and China's Tibet Autonomous region. This mountain, at an altitude of 29029 feet, is relatively young, 50-60 million years old, still growing a quarter of an inch higher each year. 26000 feet and above is considered the death zone, which is unsuitable for any form of life to survive for long. As of 2018, there were 295 deaths of people attempting to summit the mountain. Before 1802, the South American Andes were believed to be the highest mountain range, until the Great Trigonometrical Survey discovered the truth in the making of an accurate topographical map of the Indian subcontinent.

Thank you for reading about the 7 Natural Wonders of the World - now go show Mother Nature some love!!



OFFICER SPOTLIGHT --SHELBY MAFFEI--

Hi, my name is Shelby Maffei. I'm originally from Eastern Washington but I live in Bellingham now. I am a first-year student, hoping to minor in international studies. I am undecided on my major but I am leaning towards environmental studies. I am currently the secretary for the Global Ambassadors but I plan to be the activity planner in the fall! I love being outside and being active. A few of my favorite things to do in Bellingham are exploring new places to hike, hanging out with friends, and going to the gym with my roommates.

I have not studied abroad but I did have an exchange student from Spain in 2017 and visited her in Madrid, Spain the following summer for a month. The photo of me was taken in El Retiro Park in Madrid! I plan to go back to Spain and possibly study abroad there. I loved every part of the trip. Spain is a very beautiful place with so much to do and see. While in Spain I visited Toledo and Marbella as well. I miss Lulu and her family the most and the food. I want to visit Italy someday, it is on the top of my bucket list. My dad's family is from Italy and I want to learn more about the culture there.

My favorite part about the club would be how inclusive they are. I joined halfway through the spring quarter and everyone welcomed me.

Follow us on Instagram!
@globalambassadors_wwu



IMPORTANT DATES

Peace Corps Panel

May 19th -- 5 pm

Join Peace Corps recruiter Abby Senuty and a panel of returned Peace Corps volunteers who have continued to work internationally. Learn about their experiences and the role Peace Corps has played in their career. Email peacecorps@wwu.edu for info on how to register.

GA Outdoor Games

May 21st -- 5 pm

Join us for a evening of fun outdoor games at Forest and Cedar Park, which is a 5 minute walk west of Red Square! Masks are required! Feel free to bring any outdoor games you have.

Maskerade Prom

May 22nd -- 7 pm

AS productions will be holding a COVID aware dance on the PAC plaza (south of the Viking Union), Students will be able to RSVP in quarantine groups of 2-5 people (in the same household) and will be given an assigned dance square for the event in order to maintain a distance of at least 6ft between groups at all times. Masks are required!



JEREMY'S BUCKET LIST --AMAZING AZORES--

The Azores are my favorite place in the world. This is the first entry in my series in which I have visited the location before. However, there was much of the Azores I had yet to see. The Azores are a Portuguese archipelago of 9 islands in the Atlantic Ocean. Comparisons to Hawaii are easy to make. Lush green fields full of grazing cows surround crater lakes and volcanoes. The **Sete Cidades** (above) on the island of **São Miguel**, the largest, is the perfect place for a leisurely bike ride. Jumping to the island of **Terceira**, the UNESCO World Heritage Site **Angra do Heroísmo** awaits. Unique and colorful architecture lies within the city, with beautiful hikes to vistas just outside.

Hopping on an ferry to **Pico** takes you to one of the jewels of the Azores, **Mt Pico**, Portugal's tallest at just over 7700 ft. The 8 hour round trip hike takes you straight up to the top of the dormant volcano, where views of the central group of five islands await. Looking south from the top reveals ocean without land until Antarctica. Crossing the short strait to **Faial** is one of the best places in the Atlantic to keep watch for whales and dolphins. Once in **Horta** on Faial, one can see the colorful murals that represent the many yachters who stop for a drink at **Peter's Sports Cafe** on their journeys across the world.

The best thing about the Azores? The quiet. There is no better place to relax and enjoy what is around you, away from the hustle and bustle of the world. Sip on a glass of wine, and unwind. There is no place quite as amazing as the Azores.



A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello readers,

Welcome to this, the last issue of the Globetrotter for the academic year! It's been a tough year, but we are happy that many of you have participated in our events this year! As of now, we will be back to entirely in person for next year, but we plan to try and keep a virtual component for those of you aren't yet comfortable with in-person socialization.

This issue features amazing causes to consider donating to for Give Day. If you are not able to donate, please consider sharing this with your family and friends. Every donation helps international students and future study abroad students on campus!

Safe Travels,

Jeremy Caldeira

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