



## International Update

California State University, Chico  
February 19, 2008

### International Events:

- [Conversations on Diversity: In Search of the “African” in African-American](#), Wednesday Feb 20, BMU 210, 12pm-1pm.
- [International Forum: The Challenge of Change in India: A Student Forum](#)  
Tuesday Feb 26, 5-5:50pm. Holt Hall 170.
- [Campus Internationalization Faculty/Staff Reception](#), Wednesday Feb 27, 4-5pm, Humanities Center, Trinity Hall. All Faculty and Staff are welcome.
- [Chico Performances: Ladysmith Black Mambazo](#), Friday Feb 29, 7:30pm. Laxson Auditorium.
- [International Forum: Understanding Canada, Eh?](#) Tuesday Mar 4, 5-5:50pm. Holt Hall 170.

### International Research and Projects:

*We hope to receive a line or two about any international research or projects that are being undertaken. Please email to [kpunteney@csuchico.edu](mailto:kpunteney@csuchico.edu)*

- **Dr. Michael Leitner**, Department of Recreation and Parks Management, presented a workshop on "Adapted Dance for Frail Older Adults" at the Biannual Conference of the Israel Gerontological Association in Tel Aviv, February 4-5, 2008 in Tel Aviv.
- **Dr. Tony Waters**, Sociology, while on sabbatical year teaching in Germany, was interviewed and photographed by the Sued Deutschland Kurier (South German Courier) newspaper about his views on the U.S. Presidential primary elections.
- **Dr. Neil Schwarz**, Psychology, had paper on the "Cognition of aesthetics in graphics: The influence of beauty on web-page design and learning" accepted to the 2008 International Congress of Psychology in Berlin, Germany. He was also accepted as a discussant on a paper entitled "Distributed cognition: A framework for understanding learning with technology."

### Campus Internationalization Updates:

- [Communication and Networking Task Group](#) is hosting a Reception for Faculty and Staff on February 27, 2008 (see events section above) and expanding website.
- [Integrating International Students Task Group](#) assisted with International Student Orientation, is developing a cross-cultural workshop, is exploring possibilities for a homestay program, and more.
- [Faculty/Staff Development Task Group](#) facilitated Staff Development Workshop on cross-cultural training. Future workshops are being planned. Also conducting survey of faculty/staff needs.

### International Opportunities:

- **Students and Faculty: July 2008 Study Abroad in Spain**, Experience the Spanish language, culture, and civilization beyond the classroom. Earn 6 or 8 CSU, Chico credits. Spend four days in Paris at the end of the trip. For more information, contact [Dr. Char Prieto](#).
- **International Internships** for Summer 2008 in many fields and many countries offered by International Cooperative Education (ICE). An information session will be held Tuesday,

February 19, 4:30-7:00pm in Butte Hall, Room 219. For more information, contact the internship center at 310 Salem Street or 898-5893.

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