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2020-2021 | OFFICE OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS



A screenshot of the Global Ambassadors x UWTea Time Zoom meeting

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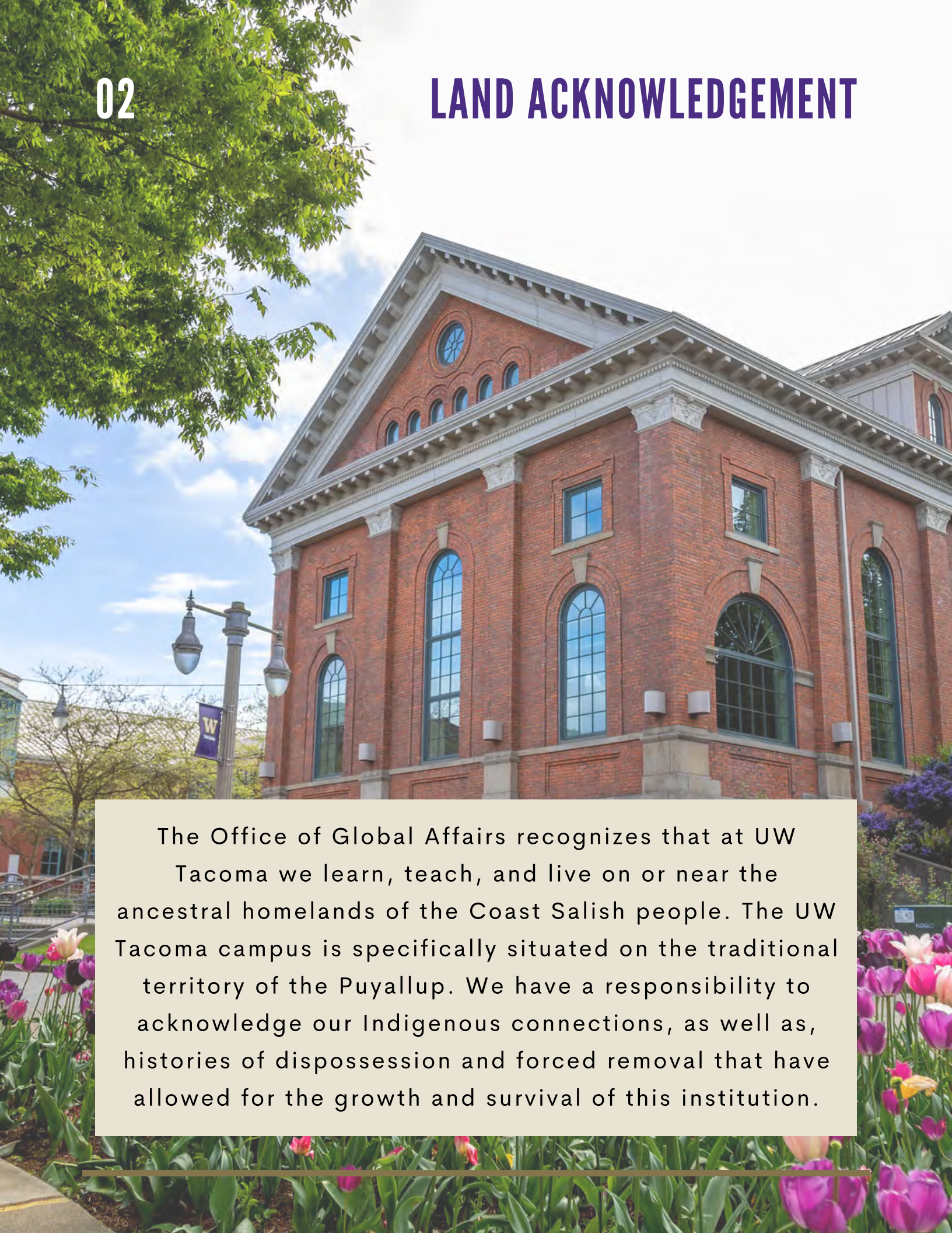
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The Office of Global Affairs recognizes that at UW Tacoma we learn, teach, and live on or near the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish people. The UW Tacoma campus is specifically situated on the traditional territory of the Puyallup. We have a responsibility to acknowledge our Indigenous connections, as well as, histories of dispossession and forced removal that have allowed for the growth and survival of this institution.

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Above is a picture of the UW Tacoma campus



Jeff Cohen

It is my pleasure to share with our campus and wider community, the Office of Global Affairs' 2020-21 Annual Report. As you might imagine, this past year has been incredibly difficult in the field of international education. Those of us dedicated to expanding access to and deepening the impact of international education and global learning have been called to envision the field in new and innovative ways. We have also been called to reflect on the ways in which our (in)action and entrenched practices impact the lived experiences of those we serve.

Amidst all of this, Office of Global Affairs (OGA) staff and student employees worked diligently to not only maintain their established high standards of service to our campus and communities, but also to devise innovative approaches. Whether shifting to virtual spaces in support of student access, expanding our support of Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), engaging in advocacy efforts for international students, providing mentorship and support to students applying for competitive fellowships, or building new international partnerships, OGA staff and student employees have answered the call to action that the moment required.

Of course, we also found time to celebrate successes. The OGA family added two new babies during the 2020-21 academic year. We welcomed two incredibly talented temporary staff to the team, both of whom were graduates of UW Tacoma. We saw the departure of two of our permanent staff, both of whom will be missed dearly, but we know will be successful as they navigate the next phase of their personal and professional lives. Finally, we welcomed a new full-time International Student Advisor, Kelsey Crain, who is already having a meaningful and deep impact on our students, our office, and the campus community.

As you read this report and learn more about the amazing work that our colleagues have done while navigating so many challenges, I hope you will continue to imagine a UW Tacoma that is globally engaged, welcoming, and innovative in its approach to international education. As we continue to reflect on the future of global learning and international education at UW Tacoma and beyond, the Office of Global Affairs will continue to collaborate across campus and in the wider community in support of students, faculty, and staff. Thank you to all of our partners for your support this past year. We look forward to continued mutual successes.



Study abroad student Vanessa Emanuel in Ecuador

224

international students from 18 different countries enrolled at UW Tacoma in Autumn 2020

9

UW Tacoma students participated in virtual study abroad programs from Summer 2021 to Early Fall 2021

125

international alumni engaged in Optional Practical Training in the U.S. (Autumn 2020)

47

students and alumni submitted applications to competitive fellowships

1

J-1 visiting scholar was sponsored by UW Tacoma faculty

19

students and alumni were awarded fellowships

2020-21 BY THE NUMBERS

07

34

students and staff attended informal Japanese & Arabic language lessons

18

students participated in 16 virtual Global Ambassadors meetings

5

faculty members from 3 academic schools participated in our fourth COIL Fellows cohort

27

fellowships workshops were offered to students and faculty

8

OPT and CPT workshops were offered to international students

405

advising sessions were conducted with international students



Study Abroad Student Royze Banados in Uganda



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LANGUAGE LESSON FACILITATORS



Japanese
Yuna Wada



Japanese
Shiho Matsuo



Arabic
Maryam Al Darraji

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Kelsey Crain received her undergraduate degree from the University of Washington with a major in Sociology and a minor in Spanish language, and she received her graduate degree from SIT Graduate Institute in International Education.

Kelsey's passion for international education grew through her personal experiences in study abroad, international internships and volunteer programs, and teaching English abroad.

Influenced by her experiences abroad, she decided to pursue a MA in International Education from SIT Graduate Institute.

Since then, she has worked at the Experiment in International Living, facilitating the application process for youth studying abroad. She has also worked at FIUTS on the UW Seattle campus, where she developed and coordinated events and programs for international students. Most recently, she worked for NorthWest Student Exchange, managing a team of staff and advising high school students coming to the US for an exchange year on the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program.

Kelsey is excited to join the team at OGA and continue learning about people and cultures from all over the world. She loves helping international students set and meet their personal and academic goals.



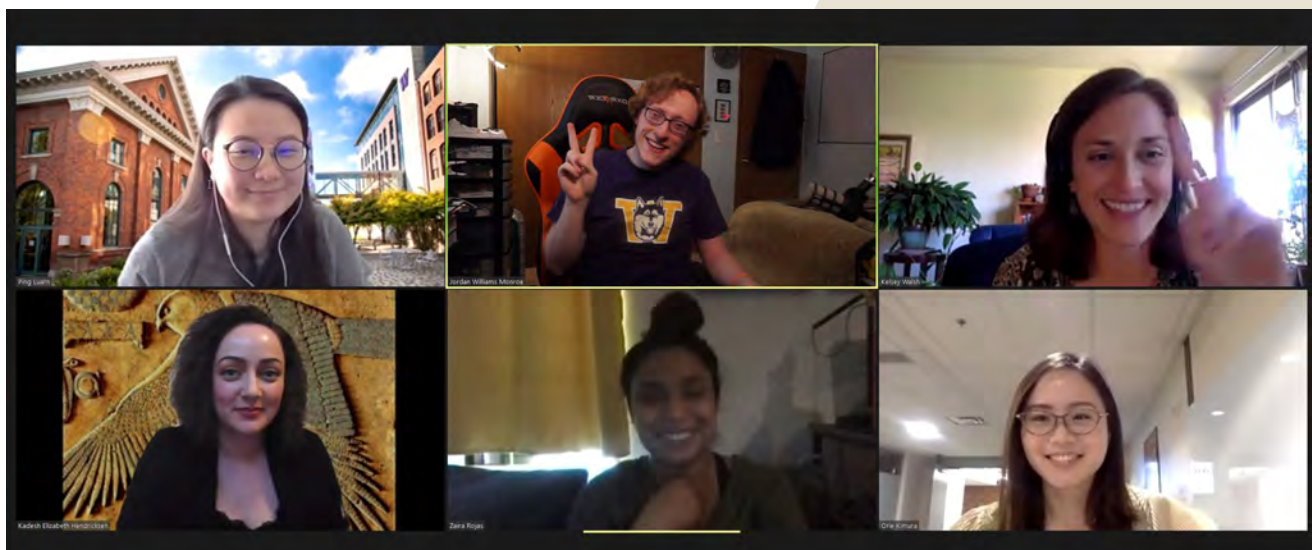
Kelsey Crain

GLOBAL AMBASSADORS X UWTEA TIME

During this past academic year, we combined two programs that we used to offer separately: UWTeaTime and Global Ambassadors. Students met virtually to discuss social justice topics of global and local significance and to build community among international and domestic students.



Screenshot of the Living and Housing Worldwide meeting



Screenshot of the Materialism and Consumerism meeting

CODING & COMPUTING BY DESIGN

Happenstance brought **Ping Luarn**, an international student from Taiwan, to UW Tacoma and its information technology program, but she's made a home here.

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Ping Luarn

THE SUBTLE INFLUENCER

Taylor Owens, a 2020 Udall Scholar, wants to use her criminal justice degree to address the ongoing tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women.

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Taylor Owens

CHANCELLOR'S MEDALIST 2021

Kirsten Hargett, a 2019 CFHI study abroad participant, was named the 2020-2021 Chancellor's Medalist for her extraordinary achievement as a student at UW Tacoma.

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Kirsten Hargett

| TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP |

Chanise Jackson (Law & Policy; Business Administration, BA '22) and **Andre Jimenez** (Law & Policy, BA '22) are UW Tacoma's first-ever Truman Scholars. The Truman Scholarship is a prestigious national scholarship for students passionately committed to careers in public service, social justice, or education. It provides funding for graduate school, leadership training, and professional opportunities for 60 future change agents every year.

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Chanise Jackson

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Law & Policy; Business Administration, BA '22



Andre Jimenez

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Law & Policy, BA '22

OSCARS

| GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD |

The Global Citizen Award recognizes students who work to expand co-curricular global learning opportunities in alignment with the mission and values of the Office of Global Affairs and the urban-serving mission of UW Tacoma. Awardees are exemplars of global citizenship in that they practice cultural humility and selfless service to their peers and the broader campus community. This year's awardees are **Momoka Matsuo**, **Yuna Wada**, and **Shiho Matsuo**. They have been leading informal Japanese lessons at UW Tacoma individually and as a team, and it has been inspiring to see how they worked together to help UW Tacoma students learn about Japanese culture and language. All of them have volunteered their time and energy to offer these lessons, and we're grateful for their efforts.



Left to right: Momoka Matsuo, Yuna Wada, and Shiho Matsuo

| INT'L STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD |

The International Student Leadership Award is given to an international student who has shown outstanding leadership and has been meaningfully involved in campus life. This year's awardees are **Felix Aaroz Copley** and **Ping Luarn**.



Felix Aaroz Copley and Ping Luarn

OSCARS



STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

| ASIAN AMERICAN AND NATIVE AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER (AANAPISI) SCHOLARS |

Ihsanullah Abdulrahimzai, Premajor

Matavai Asaeli, Ethnic, Gender & Labor Studies; Business Management, BA '21

Komisi Petelo, Computer Science & Systems, BS '22

Jonah Bardos, Computer Engineering & Systems, BS '21

Abid Rahmani, Business Administration, BA '21

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Matavai Asaeli, Ethnic, Gender & Labor Studies; Business Management, BA '21

Kirsten Hargett, Biomedical Sciences, BS '21; Psychology, BA '21

Rachel Moyer, Psychology, BA '21

Steven Simmons, Master of Social Work, MSW '21

Raelynne Woo, Writing Studies; Arts, Media, & Culture, BA '21

Summer Turnberg, Biomedical Sciences, BS '22

| FREEMAN-ASIA SCHOLARSHIP |

Degan Hussein, Biomedical Sciences, BS '22

STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

| MARY GATES RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP |

Alexa Knight, Biomedical Sciences, BS '22

Alexandria Rios, Biomedical Sciences, BS '22

Veronica Ramirez Ramsay, Healthcare Leadership, BA '21

| FUND FOR EDUCATION ABROAD |

Gabriela Romero, Ethnic, Gender, and Labor Studies, BA '23

| NSIN X-FORCE FELLOWSHIP |

Alexander Amado, Computer Science & Systems, BS '21

| POINT FOUNDATION, BIPOC SCHOLAR |

Eileen Jimenez, Education, EdD '23

| PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP |

Anastasia Cale, Community Planning, MA '19

| TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP |

Chanise Jackson, Law & Policy; Business Administration, BA '22

Andre Jimenez, Law & Policy, BA '22

VIRTUAL EUROPEAN SUMMER SCHOOL



Three students participated in the **Virtual European Summer School on Business in Europe** at our partner Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences, Germany. This program provides students an opportunity to learn about the European business environment virtually and gain practical experience via a virtual applied project with a German company.

CFHI VIRTUAL PROGRAMS



Child Family Health International (CFHI) is offering Global Health Experiential Learning Programs in the early fall. Three of our students are participating in virtual **CFHI: Global Health Experiential Learning Programs** this Fall. CFHI focuses on reciprocal partnerships and empowerment in local communities and helps transform perspectives about self, healing, and global citizenship. Students engage with physicians and medical professionals in India, and learn about food security in Uganda or healthcare delivery in rural Bolivia.



NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

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The Office of Global Affairs supports the continued growth of international exchange opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. This year, OGA facilitated two formal student exchange agreements with institutions abroad.



The first was developed in partnership with Dr. Margaret Griesse (School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences) and the **Federal University of Mato Grosso do Sul** (UFMS) in Brazil. We are working with Dr. Griesse and our partners in Brazil to bring several UFMS students to UW Tacoma as part of this exchange in Winter 2022.



The second was developed in partnership with Dr. Marion B. Eberly (Milgard School of Business) and **Bielefeld University of Applied Sciences**. As an expansion of our ongoing partnership with Bielefeld, this exchange program will launch during the 2021-22 academic year.

Through both of these exciting initiatives, UW Tacoma students will be able to study for a semester or longer at either of these universities while paying their regular rate of UW Tacoma tuition. Be on the lookout for more information about how to apply for these exchange opportunities in the coming months.

UPDATE

During the academic year 2020-21, the **UW Tacoma Office of Global Affairs** and **Global Initiatives at UW Bothell** collaborated on the **COIL Fellows Program**. A total of ten faculty members, five from each campus, participated in the program. Faculty learned about the COIL pedagogy, cultural humility, learning outcomes and assessment, and cultivating partnerships.

Cindy Schaarschmidt, who leads the COIL initiative at UW Tacoma, is part of the **Northwest COIL Directors Network**. This group of COIL administrators from Oregon, Washington State, and British Columbia is an innovative model for virtual exchange administrators to create communities of practice.

NAFSA INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR ARTICLE

THE MISSING LINK IN COIL

How a group in the Pacific Northwest can be a model for virtual exchange administrators to create communities of practice.



READ MORE



UW TACOMA COIL FELLOWS

| BUSINESS |

Margo Bergman, Associate Teaching Professor

| ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY |

D.C. Grant, Assistant Teaching Professor

Deveeshree Nayak, Assistant Teaching Professor

| INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES |

Loly Alcaide Ramirez, Associate Professor

Etga Ugur, Associate Professor



Screenshot of a UW Tacoma & UW Bothell COIL Fellows meeting

The Office of Global Affairs is proud to support and collaborate with colleagues across campus. This year we would like to highlight our campus partner, the **Institute for Innovation and Global Engagement** (IIGE). The IIGE promotes a globally engaged campus through the **Global Honors Program** and the **Global Innovation and Design Lab**. The IIGE is a central campus serving unit, bringing together faculty and students across majors into an interdisciplinary and inclusive problem-solving framework connected to real-world projects. The IIGE advances the UW's imperative to be boundless, and adds momentum to UWT's strategic goal to advance global learning.

The IIGE have had HUGE success with their various publications to campus and community, specifically with the launch of the office **GID Lab Instagram** in Winter 2021 to better connect with students!

To date they've had:

9 issues of IDEATE

230 Tweets | 88 Followers

32 Instagram posts | 55 Followers

87 Facebook posts | 40 Followers

2020-21 MILESTONES

- Launched **Minor in Innovation and Design** in Winter '21
- Hosted **Global Engagement Conference** in Spring '21 with over six area institutions participating
- Debuted **Innovation Through Design Thinking** course for Milgard School of Business MBA program in Summer '21
- 84 students in all were enrolled in one or more of the IIGE's academic offerings
- 19 students graduated with **Global Honors** and a **Minor in Global Engagement** and 7 with a **Minor in Innovation and Design**
- Created **INNOVATE TACOMA** series within a framework of inclusive innovation and design justice in the **Global Innovation and Design Lab** to assist area organizations through the interrelated challenges of the pandemic, economic hardship, and systemic racism.
- Undertook design sprints for over 9 organizations through the GID Lab (see column right), with over 65 students participating across community-need projects through a global and inclusive framework.

IIGE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Community Engagement Legacy Award:

Dr. Divya McMillin, Associate Vice Chancellor for the Institute for Innovation and Global Engagement

Distinguished Teaching Award:

Dr. Weichao Yuwen - IIGE Faculty Council member representing the School of Nursing and Healthcare Leadership

Mary Gates Research Scholar: Veronica Ramirez Ramsay (Healthcare Leadership)

\$500 Global Innovation and Design Award:

Faith Kim (Writing Studies), Kalyn Jones (Information Technology & Writing Studies), and Ayda Kedirkhan (Communications)

\$2000 Bamford Fellowship in Global

Engagement: Paul Zuber-Fantulin (Pre-major), Anna Nugent (Psychology), and Andre Henderson (Social Welfare)

\$500 IIGE Research Paper/Project Awards:

Oluwaseyi Faulkner (Pre-major), Andre Jimenez (Law and Policy), Sarah Johnson (Psychology), Christopher McCallister (Policy, Philosophy, and Economics), Brianna McNeley (Psychology), and Seth Ziolkowski (Arts, Media, and Culture)

\$100 Global Engagement Conference Award

Jack Levin, Divine Yagumyum, Zhaira Flores, Summer Turnberg, Vanessa Umana



"I enjoyed the natural, social and academic environment of UW Tacoma and worked with scholars and students who gave me significant inspiration on diversity and literature in my area of studies." - Dr. Myung Jin Hwang

Myung Jin Hwang, a Professor at the Graduate School of Social Administration, Korea University with a specialization on Social Welfare and Statistics. After earning an MSW at Columbia University (1997) and a Master's of Business Administration at Appalachian St. University (1994), Dr. Hwang earned his Ph.D. in Social Work in 2003 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His dissertation research was entitled "Asian-Americans in the Social Work Profession: Perceptions of Organizational Fairness as a Mediator of Work-Related Outcomes."

As a Visiting Scholar at UW Tacoma, Dr. Hwang continued his research on the community care, income supplement program, and statistical governance of Korea. Dr. Hwang's time as a visiting scholar will result in several peer-reviewed publications. In addition, Dr. Hwang published a second edition of his co-authored book, entitled Public Sociology (Kim, S.D. & Hwang, M.J., 2020) and another one translated from English into Korean (Social Gerontology).

MAKE A GIFT

The Office of Global Affairs at UW Tacoma works with campus, community, and international partners to internationalize our campus through innovative initiatives and programming. Students, faculty, and staff rely on the Office of Global Affairs in a variety of ways, including in applying for competitive fellowships and awards, study abroad programming, international student and scholar services, and on-campus global learning. Please consider making a donation to support our students, faculty, and staff, whether by directly funding student scholarships or funding OGA initiatives and programs. Please visit the **[OGA Make a Gift page](#)** for more information.

MILGARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dr. Margo Bergman, Associate Teaching Professor

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Anderson Nascimento, Associate Professor

SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIP. ARTS & SCIENCES

Dr. Turan Kayaoglu, Professor

Dr. Vanessa de Veritch Woodside, Associate Professor

Dr. Alex Miller, Assistant Teaching Professor

SCHOOL OF URBAN STUDIES

Dr. Lisa Hoffman, Professor

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

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A picture of the UW Tacoma's "W sign"



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