Pablo Gomez Lillo, from Madrid, Spain, is CSC's first visiting FLTA (Foreign Language Teaching Assistant) professor and student. After studying elementary school education for five years he took up the challenge of applying for the FLTA program in hopes of gaining new experiences in teaching and studying in the US.

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Pablo feels that having the opportunity to take a foreign language would not only enrich the lives of the students at CSC but also provide a valuable tool for those who wish to have a better study abroad experience.

More than anything Pablo hopes to inspire students and faculty to take up the torch for the language programs so that language opportunities can be more available to students in the future.

Bernard Botchway, an international student from Ghana, via the UK, is a freshman this year at CSC. He grew up in Croydon, London. He attended the Galaxy International school where he was head boy (at U.K. schools, a Head Boy/Girl is usually responsible for representing the school at events, and therefore must be able to make public speeches). Bernard had the benefit of learning with a diverse community of students from around the world at Galaxy.

Bernard was interested in studying abroad for his college career and looked no further than New England for prospective colleges. He was drawn to the small campus setting of CSC and, also by the soccer and honors programs available to him. Already he has shown great initiative being elected the president of the first year class but he still has many more goals to see completed such as starting an inter school think-tank on international issues.

After graduating from CSC he aspires to run for Parliament and one day become the president of Ghana.

Hannah Lise Raddatz

“My personal motto is Ad Astra Per Aspera, which translates ‘through adversity to the stars’”

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A Professor or a Student? Or Both!!!

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Did You Know...?

Day of the Dead (or more accurately The Days of the Dead) is a holiday celebrated throughout Latin America and most famously in Mexico. Celebrated on November 1 (All Saints Day) and November 2 (All Souls Day), Day of the Dead in Mexico combines both pre-Colombian and European Catholic traditions and folk beliefs.

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On these days Mexicans welcome the spirits of their departed families and friends by building altars in their homes decorated with flowers, candles, incense and favorite foods and personal items of the deceased. Not a spooky event like Halloween, Day of the Dead makes fun of death with candy skulls and whimsical images of skeletons. It affirms that the bonds of family, love, and friendship are stronger than death.

The Inhabitants of Surin have a century old reputation for their ability of capturing and training elephants. From labor to war, elephants hold a significant importance in Thai history and they are an indispensable part of their culture. During the region of King Rama II, even the national flag had an elephant. In honor of the very importance of Thai elephants and to celebrate their relationship with the locals, an annual event, the Surin Elephant Round Up show, has been held since 1960.

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The popular Thai event has received international recognition and gets audience of all age group, gender and even of other nationalities. The event includes elephant talent competitions, demonstrations of various techniques used in capturing and training elephants, presentation of elephant warfare techniques of ancient times and a tug-o-war between man and elephants.

Language Lessons

Learn Nepali in a moment...

English: Hello
Nepali: Namaste

English: How are you doing today?
Nepali: K cha tapaiko halkhabar?

English: I am fine. How about you?
Nepali: Mero sabai thik cha ani tapai ko ni?

The ISS Corner

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Monday November 14th
Wesson Research Reports: Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region
12:30—1:45 pm
Alumni Lounge, Ware Campus Center
Three honors students (Pengxiang Ding, Yujia Wang and Shu Wen Teo) will present findings from Idea Fund summer research projects conducted in China and Malaysia.

Monday November 14th
“The Anatomy of Hate: A Dialogue to Hope”
7:00 pm, Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center
Film offering a look at the biological, sociological, psychological mechanisms involved in acts of war, violence and contention in the world today. Includes post-screening talkback with director/producer Mike Ramsdell.

Tuesday November 15th
“Crossing Borders,” a film by Arnd Wächter
7:00 pm, Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center
Documentary on the journey of four Moroccan and four American college students as they travel together through Morocco. A powerful film about intercultural understanding and self-discovery.

Wednesday November 16th
“Leo’s Room,” a film by Enrique Buchichio
7:00 pm, Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center
Uruguayan film (in Spanish with English subtitles) about an affable but troubled and reclusive college student coming of age in Montevideo, Uruguay. A modern tale of romance and friendship.

Thursday November 17th
Culture of Peace: a presentation/discussion with David Adams
3:30—5:00 pm, Alumni Lounge, Ware Campus Center
Dr. David Adams, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Wesleyan University and Former UNESCO Director presents his blueprint for a transition from a world of war to one of peace.

Thursday November 17th
World Fusion and Contemporary Jazz with Randy Armstrong and Venezuelan percussionist Jose Duque
7:00 pm, Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center
Come, listen to powerful and uplifting music that draws from American Jazz, Native American flute, West African drumming, and North Indian sitar.

International Flags representing the global diversity of our campus will be proudly displayed in Colgate Hall.

Help complete the world puzzle. For each puzzle piece added, students will receive a raffle ticket. In addition, students will receive an extra raffle ticket for each IEW event they attend, thereby increasing the odds of winning!