

# GCS Newsletter

--- Global China Studies

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## AWARDS

Congratulations to Wen Xin for being the recipient of Second Runner-up in this year's Mr Armin and Mrs Lillian Kitchell Undergraduate Research Awards by the University. Well-done!

## EXCHANGE

We have a very active student exchange program. In the coming fall, about 14 GCS students will be staying outside Hong Kong for one semester/ quarter, studying at the Catholic University of America (2), Peking University (1), SciencesPo (4-5), Seoul National University (1), Shanghai Jiaotong University (1), National Taiwan University (1), UCLA (1) and York University (2). In the next spring, we are also looking to establish and activate our exchange partnership with the University of Copenhagen and UVA respectively.

**The *Guidelines on Credit Transfer* and the *Course Selection Pre-approval form* are available from the website: [http://www.shss.ust.hk/global\\_experience/exchange\\_out.html](http://www.shss.ust.hk/global_experience/exchange_out.html)**



Left & middle: Flora, Rosanne, Po Yan, Yoyo, Angie and Wing Shan in Paris (January 2013)  
Right: Leona at UCLA (January 2013)

## *RESEARCH OPTIONS*

It is good news that the Research Options for the GCS program have been approved by the University's committee (subject to final approval by the Senate). The Research Options enable academically motivated students to use their free elective credits to develop a focus of interest in the GCS program with enhanced research training on an optional basis. The approved course lists, subject to continual updating, will be uploaded on the website by late August or early September.

For details, visit [http://www.shss.ust.hk/major/curriculum\\_research.html](http://www.shss.ust.hk/major/curriculum_research.html)

## *INTERNSHIPS*

We also offer wide-ranging internship opportunities to cater for students' diverse interests. One student is currently taking up an internship at the American Chamber of Commerce. In the summer, we are going to place more than 30 GCS students in over 15 organizations for an internship experience varying from 4 to 8 weeks. These include the General Chamber of Commerce, Legislative Council, mass media (TVB), MTR, museums, NGOs (SoCO & Oxfam), social enterprises, political parties and publishing companies etc. Diversity is our hallmark.

## *JEFFERSON GLOBAL SEMINARS*

This summer, the University of Virginia will be sending more than 40 students to HKUST to attend the Jefferson Global Seminars jointly delivered by UVA and our School. Our GCS students will be given the privileged opportunity to take these challenging courses together with the UVA students.

## *GLOBAL CHINA SEMINARS*

The Global China Seminars provide a unique platform for us to address and discuss interesting issues from the Global China perspective. This year four seminars have been organized: (i) China and the World: Comparative and Historical Perspectives; (ii) China's Global Relations; (iii) Rethinking Global China from Local Perspectives; (iv) Deconstructing 'China': Chinese and Western Perspectives. With a good start, we look forward to organizing more in the future. The summaries will be uploaded on the GCS website soon.

## *SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT TALK SERIES*

We will kick off the series with the first talk by Mr Herman Chan from the Sino Publishing Company on April 26 (Friday), 3-5pm. Students who are interested in taking up an internship with the company, developing a career in publishing or learning more about the latest development in the publishing field (e.g. e-commerce) are welcome to attend.

## *MAINLAND SUMMER PROGRAMS*

Mainland study programs are becoming abundant this summer, including exchange or international programs at Fudan University, Shanghai Jiaotong University and Sichuan University etc. Program fees will be waived and free accommodation will be provided. More than 30 GCS students have applied.

## *PEER MENTORING WORKSHOP*

With funding support from the University, the School is going to hire a consultancy firm to offer a peer mentoring workshop for our GCS students at the end of May. Stay tuned.

## *FACULTY-STUDENT LIAISON MEETING + END-OF-YEAR PARTY*

We are going to organize these events after the examinations at the end of May. Again stay tuned for the announcement.

## *GCS COMMON ROOM*

The GCS room (Rm.3109A) will be officially named as the Global China Studies Common Room. It is open to use – for work, rest or socializing – by all the GCS students during the day on the weekdays (except public holidays) and for booking after office hours. The GCS Common Room is left to the Student Union of SHSS (HSSU) for self-management but it remains a common space for all the GCS students. The rules are now being reviewed and will be announced to the students again soon.

## *STUDENT SOCIETY*

It is tremendous joy to see the Humanities and Social Science Student Union (HSSU) grow and expand in its second year under the leadership of the newly formed cabinet. Receiving the torch from their predecessors and pioneers, the new cabinet shares the conviction and passion to promote the spirit of humanities and social science more widely on the HKUST campus. This is the vision from our student leaders: “Technology alone is not enough. We appreciate the beauty of humanity.” How nice!

