

**2017-2018 Yearly Report**  
**Global Intercultural Research Center (GLINT) Activities**

GLINT continues to promote **global scholarship** at UCCS.\* The goal is to continue to enhance **global awareness and internationalization efforts** at UCCS through a multitude of activities. In the future, those efforts are contingent upon further collaboration with and participation of affiliates, in-depth marketing and brand analysis, and further opportunities with the campus community and the public to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of **global citizenship**.

The Director is required to be a UCCS faculty member with the competencies and accomplishments required to plan, manage and evaluate programs that foster the community of scholars interested in global-intercultural research. The Director reports directly to the Office of the Provost. The chief responsibilities of the Director are to strengthen connections (actual and virtual) among faculty whose research, teaching, and service integrates global intercultural perspectives and promote the culture needed to facilitate the highest level of global intercultural research, teaching, and service activities among faculty.

Key activities from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018 include:

1. Organizing bi-weekly and/or monthly meetings with the AVC for Diversity and Inclusiveness and the Director of the GEO in order to identify ways to further internationalization efforts on campus. The focus is on curricular and co-curricular activities, as well as potential research and service collaborations.
2. Leading a bi-yearly meeting with the GLINT Advisory Governance Board to discuss curricular and co-curricular activities, as well as potential research and service collaborations.
3. Providing detailed feedback to requests from affiliates for external grant applications and writing letters of recommendation/support for faculty affiliates.\*
4. Sending personalized notes, “golden tickets” and hard-copy flyers to all affiliates in November 2017 to encourage participation.
5. Adding 5 new faculty affiliates to GLINT, which brings up the total to 50, from 45 in May 2017.
6. Employing a part-time assistant to provide basic staff support (including accounting and clerical services), media support (website development, virtual recordings, community announcements), and links to the community, as well as to facilitate coordinating conferences/colloquiums/symposiums/workshops.
7. Supporting a listserv for GLINT affiliates to provide information and updates on GLINT, as well as potential internal/external funding opportunities and community events relevant to this group.
8. Maintaining a website as a virtual platform for collaboration and dialogue, especially amongst affiliates. See [www.uccs.edu/glint](http://www.uccs.edu/glint). The website has facilitated the exchange of dozens of “global intercultural” materials for teaching and learning amongst affiliates. This website needs updating because of change to Drupal interface.
9. Re-organizing the GLINT Brown Bag Series into the GLINT Talks Series— a monthly lecture series bringing GLINT affiliates together. Between 7-20 faculty/students/staff attend each brown bag, avg. 14.
10. Creating the GLINT Visioning Sessions – pre-GLINT talks that touch on and encourage conversations amongst affiliates about the direction of the center.
11. Attending the CU Boulder Rocky Mountain Research Data Center (RMRDC) grand opening in October 2017. There were 23 attendees from across the region.
12. Coordinating and facilitating a "Refugee 101" presentation in November 2017 as part of a “People on the Move” series: event brought more than 50 attendees (including internal and external community members) and served as a volunteer training workshop for Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain Region.
13. Co-coordinating and facilitating International Education Week in November 2017 along with multiple offices across campus, but especially the Global Engagement Office. Activities included parade of nations, a faculty Fulbright information session, an intercultural awareness workshop, film viewing and study abroad discussion, an international student and faculty panel, and a trivia night event. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members participated in the various events. A report is available upon request.
14. Co-coordinating the “Unity Project” on campus in November 2017 with more than 1000 attendees.
15. Co-coordinating a series of co-curricular events for Spring 2018 film series on “America Divided” related to migration, affordable housing, and environmental justice. Partnered with Citizen’s Project to create a facilitated dialogue series around three films. More than 200 participants from on and off-campus.
16. Receiving a “Distinguished Scholar Award” in April 2018 and focused talk on GLINT activities at the American Association of Geographers meetings in New Orleans.
17. Co-sponsoring (and attending) an additional 20+ co-curricular events around campus in Fall 2017-Spring 2018: all together GLINT sponsored and co-sponsored events including at least 2000 participants during the course of the year;

18. Reviewing and Funding GLINT Seed Grant Applications in May 2018. Awards:
  - a. Ji Hyun Oh, Assistant Professor, Teaching/Learning, College of Education, Title of Project: Connecting Children with Nature through a Global Lens: What, How, and Why? From Scandinavian Educators' Perspectives and Practices
  - b. Suhaan Mehta, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Title of Project: A Muslim Marvel: Form and Identity in the comic book series Ms. Marvel: Kamala Khan
  - c. Glen Whitehead, Associate Professor, Visual & Performing Arts, Title of Project: EcoAcoustic Global Initiative: Europe
  - d. Christina Jimenez, Professor, Department of History, Title of Project: Grassroots Entrepreneurship in Urban Public Spaces: The Emergence of the Informal Economy in Guadalajara, Mexico, 1890-1930
19. Continuing to meet with multiple entities including but not limited to the deans, MOSAIC, and the directors of auxiliary and conference services as well as media services in order to identify curricular, research and service collaborations, promote curricular, research and service activities, and assist in the coordination and promotion of these various activities.
20. Working with Hanover Consultants to compile potential funding sources.
21. Meeting with LAS Advancement to seek out other potential funding sources.
22. Continuing to compile external grant database of potential funding sources/benefactors/philanthropists.
23. Continuing efforts to base fund GLINT, given the input from the strategic plan event and the revised strategic plan.
24. Continuing discussions with GEO to explore future plans for workshops on teaching global awareness, training for faculty on partnerships, education abroad, and faculty exchanges, as well as Fulbright receptions and workshops.
25. The Director of GLINT is also charged with promoting the center in local, national, and international venues. Key activities from Fall 2017-Spring 2018 include:
  - a. Serving as a Task Force Member for Lutheran Family Services and State of Colorado Refugee Resettlement Stakeholder Group, as well as a consultant for the Colorado Refugee Services Program.
  - b. Facilitating the creation of a local refugee stakeholder group, including the chief resettlement agency Lutheran Family Services, which now meets on a quarterly basis. Meetings began in May 2016 and continue every quarter.
  - c. Serving as an international advisor to the International Rescue Committee's META project on refugee resettlement since January 2017.
  - d. Participating in a research working group on "Climate, Migration & Health with a Focus on Refugee Movements" with the UC Boulder Population Center since May 2017.
  - e. Serving on the steering committee of the Rocky Mountain Research Data Center (RMRDC) at the Institute of Social and Behavioral Sciences at UC Boulder since October 2016, a first of its kind census center with funding from the US Census Bureau.
  - f. Continuing work as an Ambassador for the College Readiness and Success Program Workshop Series, a year-long mentorship program for underrepresented minority students sponsored by El Pomar Foundation.
  - g. Creating a new partnership with Citizen's Project, a local non-profit.
  - h. Continuing to compile a database of Colorado Springs/Front Range organizations with an interest in internationalization.

#### Present and Future Activities (Summer 2017-Spring 2018)

1. Developing National Endowment for the Humanities "Community Conversations" grant due August 2018.
2. Encouraging recent GLINT Seed Grant Applicants to pursue external funding opportunities, with the help of Hanover Group and UCCS Office of Research.
3. Finding best practices for marketing and branding of GLINT – to better reach and engage both affiliates and other interested individuals. Pending funding, hiring student worker to achieve marketing goals.
4. Creating "research scholar" groups to foster collaboration amongst affiliates.
5. Co-organizing Fall 2018-Spring 2019 Brownbag Series.
6. Co-organizing Fall 2018 International Education Week.
7. Continuing to find opportunities to engage affiliates and students in global intercultural research.
8. Continuing efforts to base fund GLINT, given the input from the strategic plan event and the revised strategic plan.
9. Working with Advancement to achieve new fundraising goals for GLINT.
10. Transitioning leadership to new director, who begins as full-time director in January 2019.



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