International Travel by Faculty – Highlights from 2017

Clockwise from top left, photos from: Brie, Neil & Apryl, Brian, Neil
(“very metal” forensic photo)
Clockwise from top left, photos from: Mark, Brian, Artur, Brie
Dr. Apryl Alexander & Dr. Neil Gowensmith (Forensic Psychology)

Apryl & Neil attended the International Association of Law and Mental Health conference in Prague, Czech Republic this past July. Apryl’s presentation was entitled Intelligence in juveniles with illegal behaviors: A comparison of juvenile sex offenders and juvenile delinquents. Neil presented research on insanity acquittees.

Dr. Mark Aoyagi (Sport & Performance Psychology)

Mark visited Copenhagen, Denmark for the Copenhagen Summit on Mindfulness and Acceptance Approaches in Elite Sport. He provided an invited presentation on Mindfulness applications within professional sport in the United States.

Dr. Judy Fox (International Disaster Psychology)

Monrovia, Liberia: Traveled to collaborate with Tubman University and the Liberian Association for Psychosocial Services on 2 initiatives: a) the development of internship sites, b) exploration regarding the feasibility of assisting in the development of a Psychosocial Certificate program for professionals working in the mental health field. Supported by a small grant from DU Internationalization and our Department.

Dr. Brian Garity (Sport Coaching)

Brian was in U.K. for two weeks to visit scholars from Northumbria, University of Glasgow, Loughborough, and then present and attend at International Council for Coaching Excellence conference in Liverpool. Brian had a few presentations there on coach education and his work with GSPP’s Dr. Lynett Henderson Metzger on micro aggressions in sport coaching.

Dr. Neil Gowensmith (Forensic Psychology)

Neil provided a keynote presentation at the Pan-African Psychology Union Congress in Durban, South Africa. The presentation was called, “Challenges and Successes in Forensic Psychology.” He then traveled to Cape Town. His time in Durban and CPT was spent continuing research on race and psychology, building university collaborations between DU and the U of Kwa-Zulu Natal, consulting on forensic mental health system development, and preparing for the 2018 GSPP course in South Africa.
Dr. Rohini Gupta & Dr. Annie Miller (Colorado Resilience Collaborative, International Disaster Psychology)

Rohini and Annie traveled to Birmingham UK with a delegation from Denver/Aurora to learn about different approaches to challenging extremism. This is part of a US Embassy-facilitated learning exchange which will bring Birmingham delegates to Denver/Aurora later in the year.

Dr. Jacob Hyde & Jeni Hunniecutt (Sturm Specialty in Military Psychology, PsyD)

Budapest, Hungary: Jacob and Jeni presented, "Standardizing yoga: assessing components within yoga as complementary and alternative medicine for U.S. military veterans" at InPACT2017. (International Psychological Applications Conference & Trends)

Dr. Brie Kohrt (International Disaster Psychology)

- Coatepeque, Guatemala - Consultant for The University of Colorado’s Center for Global Health- Trifinio Center for Human Development
  - Assisted maternal and child community health program located on a banana plantation in western Guatemala (Madres Sanas) in creating a measure for perinatal depression and training community health workers in utilizing this measure. Trained community health workers in methods for managing mild to moderate depression symptoms in pregnant women and new mothers.
- Trujillo, Peru- Director of PASEO (www.paseoprogram.com)
  - Ran PASEO summer program with 15 graduate students from across the United States. PASEO is a Spanish for mental health language immersion program where students build clinical language skills and also complete practicums with community organizations in northern Peru that would not typically have access to mental health services. This summer, we worked with the following community partners: A school for children with special needs, a home for abandoned youth, a community food bank, a grassroots organization service migrant slum communities, and a youth criminal justice organization.
- Ayacucho, Peru- Consultant for DiaManta
  - Provided consultation and training for an organization called DiaManta that works with teenage mothers as well as female teen survivors of sexual abuse. Provided training on methods for responding to sexual assault disclosure, methods for managing crisis behaviors in residential settings, methods for measuring trauma recovery, and assessment tools for measuring cognitive and psychosocial development in children born to teenage mothers. Supervised 2 University of Denver students assisting with projects.
Dr. Artur Poczwardowski (Sport & Performance Psychology)

Artur was elected Secretary General of the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP) for the term 2017-2021! At the ISSP 14th World Congress (Sevilla, Spain, 11-14 July) he organized two symposia:

1. with Robert Schinke, Laurentian University, Canada  
*Global efforts in developing credentialing systems for sport and exercise psychologists: Four organizational perspectives (AASP, FEPSAC, EFPA, and ISSP)*

and had a presentation there with Dr. Gangyan, Si, Hong Kong Institute of Education, Hong Kong: *ISSP progress in introducing international credentialing: Processes, challenges, and emerging solutions*

2. with Małgorzata Siekańska, University of Physical Education in Krakow, Poland  
*Evidencing principles of Positive Sport through theoretical insights, practical applications, and empirical evaluations*, and co-authored 3 papers there.

Additionally, he co-conducted a pre-congress workshop for students (with: Dariusz Parzelski (University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Warsaw, Poland) *Tele-consulting: Reflections on Benefits, Risks, and Best Practices.*