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1. OU and Universidad del Norte to collaborate on MA program

Jose Amar, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla, Colombia visited Ohio University last week to finalize plans to collaborate with OU's CommDev program to facilitate faculty and student exchanges, facilitate field research and augment the cross-cultural aspects of each respective MA program.

**For more information about Universidad del Norte, please visit: www.uninorte.edu.co

2. Maureen Magee to work at CRS

Second year CommDev student Maureen Magee will work at Catholic Relief Services (CRS) starting in June. Catholic Relief Services works in over 30 countries throughout Africa and strives to enhance human dignity, empower the people that it helps and strengthen and support partner organizations. CRS achieves this by working in the areas of food security, peace building, HIV/AIDS, civil society building, Emergency Response and health among others. Magee will begin work in June and will be based in West Africa (location to be announced).

**For more information, please visit: <http://www.crs.org/>

3. Akibu Hassan obtains summer internship

Hassan will be working at Bush Radio, based in Cape Town, South Africa. Hassan will learn about radio production and implementing entertainment education strategies. Bush Radio's mission is to ensure that communities who have been denied access to resources take part in producing ethical, creative and responsible radio that encourages them to communicate with each other, to take part in decisions that affect their lives, and to celebrate their own cultures.

**For more information about Bush Radio, please visit <http://www.bushradio.co.za/>.

4. Omolola Famuyiwa attends conference in Texas

Second-year CommDever Omolola Famuyiwa attended the research colloquium: “Expanding the Definition of Convergence and Integration” from April 19–21, sponsored by the Center for Communications Research and the Institute for Hispanic and International Communication at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Famuyiwa presented her paper “Inter-country Collaboration: A case study of the entertainment-education campaign for population control in Nigeria,” that she developed under the supervision of Dr Judith Millesen of the Political Science Department.

Says Famuyiwa about her experiences at the colloquium, “I gained so much from the event due to the round-robin format employed for presentation. Each presenter had about fifteen minutes to describe paper to about fifteen people followed by a ten-minute Q & A session which was more like a thesis defense. Thereafter, another set of fifteen people come to a presenter’s table and the process is repeated. This way, each presenter get to interact with about sixty people over a period of one hour thirty minutes. The great thing about the format is that even if your paper is not popular with everyone, the style ensured all presenters got good feedback.”

Famuyiwa was also invited to join a panel of four young student leaders in celebration of for the first Ohio International Summit for Education on April 26th. Famuyiwa made the case for the inclusion of international themes in Ohio’s curriculum and shared her insights about the problems students face when discussing cultures, sharing perspectives she gained while interacting with children as an OVIC graduate assistant. Speakers at the summit include Mrs. Frances Strickland, wife of the state governor who is an achiever in her own right, Sir Michael Barber, a former education advisor to Prime Minister Tony Blair, and Susan Tave Zelman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Our own Dr. Drew McDaniel chaired my panel. Karla Schneider and Laura Schaeffer were in attendance.

5. Dr. Irobi to teach “Theater for Development” this summer

Dr. Esiaba Irobi will teach the summer course “Theater for Development: An International Perspective” from July 26 – August 26. The course will start with a global survey of the histories, theories, dynamics, styles and forms of “Theater for Development” in the different part of the world today and how it has been used to combat a number of important issues, including political illiteracy, AIDS, globalization, apartheid. The course will explore the unique aesthetics and dynamics that set this form of theater apart from mainstream African and Western theater and will explore why this type of theater has been so successful in hybridizing indigenous African performance aesthetics with both Western theater forms and dramatic techniques from the African Diaspora.

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