

# International Center for Intercultural Communication (ICIC)

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## February 2017 Newsletter

### The 2017 Communication, Ethics and Medicine (COMET) Conference

The 15th International Conference on Communication, Medicine, and Ethics (COMET) will be hosted by the Department of Communication Studies and the International Center for Intercultural Communication at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA from June 26-28, 2017. The conference aims to bring together scholars from different disciplinary backgrounds involving various healthcare specialties and the human and social sciences. A special emphasis is on the dissemination of ongoing research in language/discourse/communication studies in relation to healthcare education, patient participation, and professional ethics. Plenary speakers will include:

- **Rita Charon, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center and Executive Director, Program in Narrative Medicine at Columbia University
- **Gary L. Kreps, Ph.D., FAAHB**, University Distinguished Professor, Department of Communication and Director, Center for Health and Risk Communication at George Mason University
- **Sandra Petronio, Ph.D.**, Professor of Communication Studies at IUPUI.
- **Alice Dreger, Ph.D.**, award-winning scholar, writer, historian, and (im)patient advocate
- **Ellen Barton, Ph.D.**, Professor of English and Linguistics at Wayne State University

Discounted, early-bird registration is planned to open online on or before February 15, 2017. Learn more at <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/icic/pages/comet-2017-conference>. For specific inquiries, please contact ICIC at [icic@iupui.edu](mailto:icic@iupui.edu).

### IU School of Dentistry— International Dentist Program (IDP)

The Spring 2017 semester of Intercultural Training at the IU School of Dentistry's International Dentist Program is up and running! Now in its fourth year, Esen Gokpinar-Shelton, ICIC Assistant Director, teaches the course with an emphasis on oral and written academic communication, pronunciation, and listening comprehension, all under the larger umbrella of intercultural communication. IDP students take this course as part of their first-year studies once admitted to the program.



Students from the Spring 2016 IDP Intercultural Training course smile for the camera.



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## TESOL 2017 International Convention

Esen Gokpinar-Shelton, Andy Buchenot, and JesAlana Stewart will present “Designing Linguistically and Culturally Relevant Online Health Information” at TESOL 2017 in Seattle, WA, running March 21-24. This research-oriented presentation will investigate how theories of intercultural communication competence and applied linguistics may be used to promote online health literacy among U.S. Latino populations.

## MA TESOL Open House

This past November saw the unveiling of the Master of Arts in TESOL within the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI. ICIC, along with English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and Program for Intensive English (PIE), recently held an informational Open House to showcase the program to prospective students, as well as to provide an overview of available internship and practicum opportunities. Ulla Connor, ICIC Director, serves as the MA TESOL Program Director.

## SMC Corporation - English Language for Japanese Engineers

Currently in its third year, the curriculum for SMC was designed by ICIC to improve employees' work-related oral and written communication skills in English. Pictured here are current students and teacher, Rehab Morsi, along with ICIC Assistant Director, Esen Gokpinar-Shelton. The program is scheduled at this time to run through March 2017.



## Scholarships in Intercultural Communication

With the addition this year of the Barbara E. and Karl R. Zimmer Graduate Scholarship in English, the Department of English now offers two scholarships closely tied with the ICIC mission. The Zimmer Scholarship supports graduate students enrolled in the Department of English with an applied linguistics or TESOL concentration in the School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI. The Cimino Award is granted for the best paper or thesis on intercultural communication submitted by a graduate student in a degree program offered through a department in the IU School of Liberal Arts.

The **International Center for Intercultural Communication (ICIC)** is a university-based research and service organization created in 1998 to enhance links between the city of Indianapolis, the state of Indiana, and cultures/nations throughout the world. ICIC strives for excellence in language and intercultural training in academic, professional, and other occupational contexts. The center is part of the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

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