EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

JANUARY 2019

MEET THE TEAM

During your time at SIU, you will receive support from the staff in the office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) at the Center for International Education (CIE). You may notice several people are relaying information to you. Our staff works to not only maintain your immigration records, but also to ensure that you have a meaningful exchange. It is our goal that all students, scholars and families are supported while at SIU. Meet the team that works to support the J Exchange Visitor (EV) program:

Tina Sickinger, Responsible Officer (RO), is a graduate of SIU Carbondale and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Community Health Education with a minor focus on Environmental Studies. She began working at the CIE in 2010.

Robert Phipps, Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO), is a graduate of SIU Carbondale and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Radio-Television with a minor focus on Marketing. He began working at SIU in 2000 and joined the CIE in 2011.

Paul Egbo, Graduate Assistant (GA), is a graduate of SIU Carbondale and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Aviation Management with a minor focus on Aircraft Product Support. Paul also holds a Master’s degree in Agribusiness Economics and is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Quality Engineering and Management. He joined our CIE staff in 2017.

Marisa Wiegand, Graduate Assistant (GA), is a graduate of SIU Carbondale and holds a Bachelor’s degree in Speech Communication with a concentration on Intercultural Communication. She is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in the Higher Education with a focus on College Student Personnel. She joined the CIE staff in 2017.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to say ‘hello’, you may stop into the Center for International Education, write us by email at jvisas@siu.edu, or call our front-desk at (618) 453-5774.

Sincerely Yours,
Tina, Robert, Paul, and Marisa

JANUARY EVENTS

- **January 8-11:** Spring 2019 International Student Orientation
- **January 18:** Coffee Hour
- **January 21:** Martin Luther King Day- Campus Closed
- **January 25:** Coffee Hour

**Coffee Hour and Family Game Night located at the CIE office**
I arrived at the United States since July 3 and I learned about the people who live at Southern Illinois. Before the cold, I knew the Shawnee National Forest. Also, my friend and I went to Cache River where we hiked 1.5 miles—to go and return 3 miles—at Heron Pond, we did cross the train tracks, we saw the Cache River and after that we went to meet the Big Cypress.

On cold weather, I walked around SIU lake. I could see deer in front of the Law School and I knew Murphysboro Lake. I went to a Halloween free concert near the train station in Carbondale and I could see and feel the snow closely.

On November 19, I went to see a basketball game of Saluki team at the Saluki Stadium with a friend and her husband. The game was so amazing!

At the Thanksgiving Day I went to O’Fallon and I stayed with my friend and her family, we had dinner and the next day I went with my friend to City Museum. After, we walked down St Louis streets and we ate a hot-dog.

Finally, I thank Southern Illinois University and the Interim Dean Cindy Buys of Law School who invited me, and to colleagues and the staff of the Law School Library. I enjoyed and learned both constitutional law and international law classes. Also, I enjoyed and learned on my lectures in the Anthropology Department and in the Law School. Thanks also to the Center International Education for the facilities and their indications.

PANCAKES

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 3 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 egg
- 3 tbsp butter, melted

**DIRECTIONS**

In a large bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Make a well in the center and pour in the milk, egg and melted butter; mix until smooth.

Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Pour or scoop the batter onto the griddle, using approximately 1/4 cup for each pancake. Brown on both sides and serve hot.
FAMILY GAME NIGHT

The ISS office enjoys hosting Family Game Night throughout the academic school year where students and scholars can bring their spouses and kids to enjoy a free night of fun. ISS staff pass out slices of pizza to get the evening started. After everyone has had their fill of pizza, the games are brought out and the fun continues.

There was a special addition on the December 7th Game Night. WSIU Public Television’s, Beth Spezia, joined the ISS staff to feature Let's Go Luna! HQ videos, write postcards, and play PBS KIDS reading bingo. Families from all over the world joined in on the fun and all the children took home a book to enjoy over winter break.

The night continued as regular bingo cards were passed out to adults. Everyone was on the edge of their seats as numbers were called out. People were excitedly calling out bingo and running up to claim their prize!

The night ran late with over 100 people joining us for the last game night of the semester. It was good to see everyone before winter break starts. We are looking forward to the spring semester game nights!

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IMMIGRATION REMINDER

Retrieve Your I-94

Don’t forget that every time you travel, you obtain a new arrival record at port-of-entry. You must retrieve this arrival record, known as the I-94. You may do so by visiting https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home 24 hours after your entry. Please enter the information from your passport and click submit. The I-94 should appear with your arrival number at the top. Please print, or save the I-94 as a pdf. It must then be submitted to the ISS either in-person or by email to jvisas@siu.edu.