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Our Peer Advisors, Heather (hschier10) and Mike (mullinge09), would love to talk to you about opportunities for study abroad. You may e-mail them to set up an appointment or drop by during their office hours (Tuesdays, 12.00 pm—1.00 pm).



Charlie Hayes:
Photo Contest Winner,
Spring 2013

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State of the Union: Christie King Shrefler

Christie King Shrefler is the Director of the Explorations/Study Abroad office and the Co-Director of International Student Services.

Wow! 2013 has already been an incredible year for us in the Explorations/Study Abroad Office! There have been many exciting changes taking place and an increased campus-wide awareness of the benefits of studying abroad. BW's faculty continues to show a growing interest in leading exciting study abroad programs, and our office continues to grow through new software and the fresh insights of its new and returning staff. We are also happy to report that the new Experiential Learning Requirement and relevant programming has resulted in an increase in the number of students who desire to study abroad. We are also excited to announce a new study abroad opportunity to Northern Ireland and South Africa (Peace, Reconciliation, and the Arts) focusing on reconciliation and service learning. We are also excited to announce our upcoming faculty-led tours: Seminar in Ecuador (Fall 2014) and Seminar in Europe (Spring 214).

"Own what you can
always carry with you;
know languages,
know countries,
know people.
Let your memory
be your bag."
-A. Solzhenitsyn

I am proud of everything that the Explorations/Study Abroad Office does daily to help cultivate the "caring, compassionate citizens of an increasingly global society" that our mission champions. President Bob Helmer has identified global citizenship as a pillar of BW, and we are proud to be able support this important value through the resources and experiences that we offer BW students. The Explorations/Study Abroad Office and the Office of International Student Services offer a multitude of opportunities to experience other cultures both domestically and internationally. If you're inter-

ested in learning more, please come to our office on the second floor of the Student Union. My door is always open.