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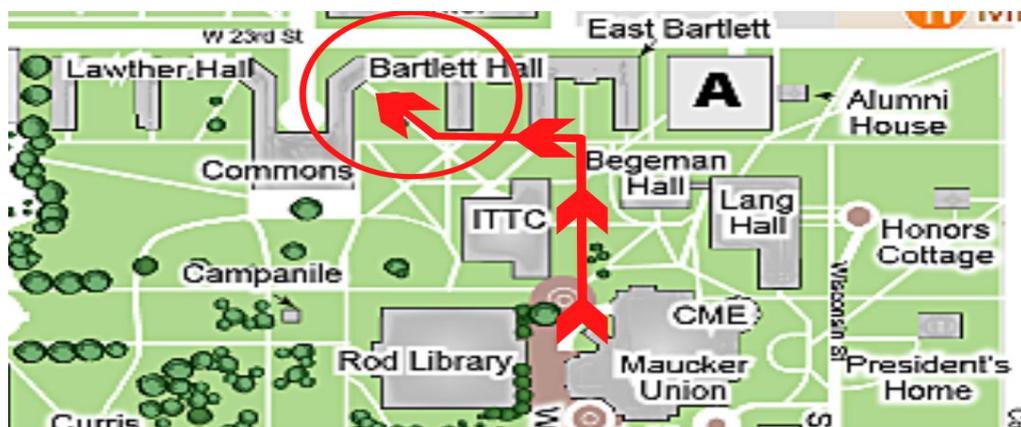
## Announcements

### The Office of International Engagement is temporarily moving!

For the past couple of months, OIE has been exploring the possibility of combining the Office of International Engagement and Culture and Intensive English Program operations in a single space. The goal is to have a central office to efficiently support and service students, faculty, and staff from engaging in global opportunities, and to provide better academic English advising.

**On March 9th, we will be temporarily moving to Bartlett Hall 3025.** Our weekly coffee hour events will continue to be on Fridays from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM; they will just be held in Bartlett 1017. Our office will keep you updated on where they will be held. Check our social media to stay updated on our move and all our activities. We hope to return to our renovated space by the end of summer. Please visit us and continue to reach out for collaborative opportunities. Our phone numbers will remain the same.

Please share this information as widely as possible, and if you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact OIE Director, Carolina Coronado-Park at [carol.coronado@uni.edu](mailto:carol.coronado@uni.edu).



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## The Office of International Engagement is Hiring!

OIE is looking for a new Student Services Coordinator. This person will be instrumental in helping our international students through orientation, planning programming events and working with our Global Panthers to make sure all International Students are successful. If you or someone you know may be interested in this opportunity please have them check at the full [position description here](#).

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## OPT Session Re-Scheduled

Due to current events in Ukraine, the OPT session previously scheduled for March 2nd has been moved to Monday, March 7th. If you are a graduating international student planning to do OPT, join us over Zoom at 12:00 PM Monday at noon. Use this link to join: <https://uni.zoom.us/j/2785214598>

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## Educational Forum on the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

The Political Science Society and the History Club are offering an educational forum on the Russian invasion of Ukraine on March 7 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Sabin 2. You can also join the session via Zoom: [https://uni.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-TdmvvQVQ7C\\_X2t-7Wp21w](https://uni.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-TdmvvQVQ7C_X2t-7Wp21w)

Faculty members who are experts in international relations and in the region's history and current situation will be providing some insights and then will be available to answer questions. For more information, please contact [Scott Peters](#), Head of the Political Science Department at UNI.



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## Upcoming OIE Events

### International Coffee Hour - Now in Bartlett!

Beginning next Friday, March 11, OIE will be hosting our coffee hour events in **Bartlett 1017!** They will be at the same time, *4:00 PM - 5:00 PM*. Next week will be spring break themed! Spring Break is almost here and it is time to have some fun in the sun, at least if it's not too chilly out. Come and transport yourself to the beach with OIE!

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### CETL - The Challenges of Non-Native English-Speaking Faculty

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, come to an interactive panel session in support of non-native English-speaking faculty. The panelists, including our own CIEP instructor, Jaime West, will share experiences, speak about challenges, and respond to questions from the faculty in attendance. If appropriate, this session could serve to launch an ongoing advocacy and professional development group.

Panelists:

- Juan Carlos Castillo (Spanish and Linguistics - Languages & Literatures)
  - Sohyun Meacham (Literacy Education - Curriculum & Instruction)
  - Jaime West (Academic Support Specialist, **Culture & Intensive English Program**)
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## Events Around Campus

### Wellness Bingo (CAB)

Are you ready to WIN BIG?! Test your wellness knowledge for a chance to win PRIZES! Student Wellness Services (SWS) will be hosting Wellness BINGO on *March 9th at 11:00 AM in the Maucker Union Coffeehouse*. Join us

for this Maucker Union Live event to learn how to BE WELL and BE CONNECTED at UNI! For more information, email [wellness@uni.edu](mailto:wellness@uni.edu).

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## Midterm De-Stress Fest

Come hang out and relax with your friends during midterm week in the Maucker Union Center for Multicultural Education (CME) *March 7th from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM*. Stop by to grab some snacks, learn some mindfulness techniques, color, use light therapy, or show some gratitude to yourself and others! For more information, email: [wellness@uni.edu](mailto:wellness@uni.edu).



*Event sponsored by Student Wellness Services, Counseling Center, Office of Student Involvement, and Office of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion.*

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## **This week at the WRC**

*Looking for a private space to workout?* Cardio equipment can be found on the pool balcony and dance studio catwalk (above the North Gym) - these spaces are open all day. [Studio 85](#) is also open throughout the entire day except for posted class times. [The Panther Performance Center \(PPC\)](#) is open all day except for during scheduled class time. The hours it is closed are 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Monday - Thursday, and 6:10 PM - 7:00 PM Monday - Wednesday!

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## **NIBS International Business Case Competition Finals Watch Party**

The Network of International Business Schools case competition finals and awards ceremony will be live-streamed from *9:00 AM - 12:30 PM on Friday March 11th*. Use this link to watch

along: <https://www.youtube.com/unimediaservices/live>

There will also be a watch party that day in [BCS 13](#). This is open to anyone who would like to network and watch the finals together. There will be treats from each country represented in the competition for you to enjoy. This could be a fun way for groups to socialize and learn prior to starting spring break. It also would be a method for groups to see what a case competition is like up close and to learn some ideas and techniques from other competitions. Since we will be hosting on campus this year, it could create interest in participating as a team member or ambassador next year.

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## UNI Staff Highlight: John Peterson



John is a UNI Admissions Counselor, but most notably is one of the co-advisors of the International Student Promoters (ISP) group on campus. He's originally from a small town in northwestern Minnesota, about two hours south of the Canadian border. John occasionally announces for UNI Athletics and is also a classically trained opera singer who occasionally sings the National Anthem. He enjoys biking, swimming, kayaking and many other outdoor activities and also loves to listen to music, play trivia and watch sports. John loves chatting with international students and would love to learn more about you! Reach him at [john.peterson@uni.edu](mailto:john.peterson@uni.edu)

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### From our CIEP Instructors

Academic English Coaching is moving locations. The Office of International Education wanted to update you on a location change for the Academic Coaching Hours. Starting March 9th, we will be advising from the CIEP section of Rod Library (3rd floor) (map of Rod Library: <https://library.uni.edu/about-us/our-building/floor-maps>).

You are welcome to come to talk to us about advanced language support in grammar, reading, pronunciation, citations and research skills, listening and lecture note-taking, intercultural communication, or any other questions during this free walk-in coaching. Our coaching times will remain the same. For more information about the coaching, please check out our website: [internationalengagement.uni.edu](http://internationalengagement.uni.edu)

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