

CENTER STAFF IN SPOTLIGHT AT D.C. CONFERENCE



(From left to right) Barich, Naiken and Baier at the State Department overlooking the National Mall in D.C.



Naiken (left) and Barich (right) presenting at the 2016 Global Ties U.S. National Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Last week, three International Center staff members traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual Global Ties U.S. National Meeting. This event is a premier gathering of organizations, U.S. governmental agencies, and leaders in the international exchange field. Held each year in D.C., the National Meeting brings together nearly 1,000 participants over 4 days to build networks and strengthen international exchange with 45+ exhibiting organizations.

As part of the conference, The Center's Beth Barich and Ansuayah Naiken were selected to facilitate a session titled "Cultural Intelligence 101".

In addition to presenting, Barich, Naiken and V.P. of Programs and Services, Martin Baier, attended a special

reception hosted by the Department of State in the historic Benjamin Franklin room at the White House. For more photos and coverage from the conference, visit the [Global Ties website](#).

CENTER HOSTS FESTIVAL FUND OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, January 27, The International Center hosted its second annual Open House for all potential Festival Fund grant applicants.

Attendees received tips for planning and promoting a festival as well as guidelines for applying for a Festival Fund grant.

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Lorraine Vavul presents information on event marketing and public relations at the Open House.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE CENTER

February 18 is the launch date for a brand new International Center program, [Civic Engagement for Expatriates](#), which will provide civic engagement leadership training for expatriate leaders over the course of one year.



Special thank you to Eli Lilly and Company Foundation for their support of this program, and the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy for their partnership.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Karneval

February 5
The Athenaeum

2016 Indianapolis Chinese New Year Celebration

February 7
Carmel High School

IUPUI's 12th Annual International Festival

February 18
IUPUI Campus Center

Guest speakers Erin Kelley of Spirit & Place Festival and Lorraine Vavul of Butler University provided insight on planning, marketing and collaborating for community events.

The International Center accepts requests for the Festival Fund on a rolling basis but not less than 60 days prior to the event date. If you were not able to attend the Open House, and would like to receive the information that was disseminated at the event, please contact [Kaitlyn Neel](#) or visit The International Center's [website](#) to learn more about



Attendees from over 25 organizations gathered at The International Center to learn about the Festival Fund.

A Different View Film Series

February 18
Butler University

Submit your own event to The International Center's [website calendar](#).

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ACSI

The International Center and [The America China Society of Indiana](#) (ACSI) are pleased to announce a new strategic alliance. As part of this alliance, The ACSI office will be hosted by The International Center at its offices at One Indiana Square, Suite 2000 in downtown Indianapolis. The International Center will also become a Charter Member of ACSI. Additionally, ACSI will continue to partner with The International Center's [China Projects](#) initiative to present a regional China Business Seminar Series. Both organizations look forward to expanding collaborations to promote a China-friendly business climate in Indiana.

2016 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

At The International Center, we believe affective intercultural relationships are essential to succeed in a global world. Take advantage of any or all of the workshops scheduled throughout 2016.

Several times each year, The International Center hosts cross-cultural communication workshops in our downtown office. These workshops provide an overview of a featured country's culture or discussion of a specific topic. The workshops also include information on business etiquette and protocol. They strive to impart knowledge, understanding, and practical skills to those who work and live in diverse communities. Registration is now open for all four!



Workshop Topic: [Germany](#)
Date: Friday, March 18

Workshop Topic: [Myanmar](#)
Date: Friday, June 3

Workshop Topic: [The Middle East](#)
Date: Friday, September 16

Workshop Topic: [Unconscious Bias](#)
Date: Friday, November 4

All workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 12:30 p.m. with a cost of \$95 per person, including materials and a continental breakfast. For further information, please contact [Peter Kirkwood](#) or visit The International Center's [website](#).

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