



## MINOT STATE STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

# SCHOLARSHIPS

are available for MSU students to study abroad!



MSU student Abbie Naze enjoys the view after a hike while studying abroad in Norway.

### **International Studies Abroad** **\$750 Scholarship Deadline Feb. 15**

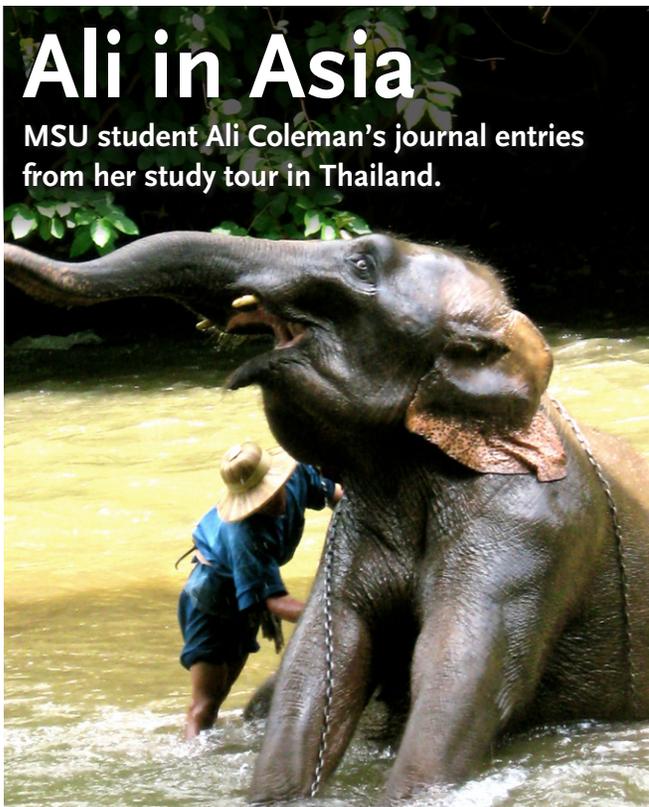
This scholarship is for one student studying on an ISA program during Fall 2015. The recipient will exhibit that exhibits excellent academic merit, personal motivation and commitment to contributing to the environment of internationalization at MSU. This scholarship is open to any student on an ISA program. ISA is an acclaimed study abroad program provider that offers semester long programs in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, The Middle East and the Pacific. Applicants must complete an MSU study abroad application, write a personal essay and include two letters of recommendation.

### **Telemark County Mayor** **\$5,000 Scholarship Deadline Feb. 15**

Have you ever wanted to see Scandinavia? Now is your chance with our Telemark County Mayor's Scholarship, you can have most of your study abroad program funded! Study at the Telemark University College in Norway for a semester in subjects such as: Scandinavian Studies, Business Administration, Sport and Outdoor Life, Alpine Ecology, Physical Education and Norwegian Folk Music. Applicants must complete an MSU study abroad application, write a personal essay and include two letters of recommendation.

Stories by MSU students who have **EVOLVED** through study abroad programs.

Featuring:  
Ali Coleman,  
Rachelle Brown,  
Kortney Arnold  
& Codi Thomas



# Ali in Asia

MSU student Ali Coleman's journal entries from her study tour in Thailand.

**Day 5:** Today we explored the Evocative Ruins of the Old Capital at Ayutthaya and the Watt Chasntaram Temple, Ayutthaya Ruins. Ayutthaya was Thailand's capital from 1350 to 1767. Here, as we toured the ruins, you could see decorated images of the Buddha draped in saffron robes, just like the living monks. We went on to Uthai Thani to visit the beautiful Wat Chantaram Temple. I really enjoyed the a rickshaw ride in the warm breeze and the Phitsanuloke market. The market had fresh food and it was cooked to your order. I took part in the "flying vegetable show" in which vegetables are fried in a wok then tossed high in the air. I stood on a stand about eight feet away from the cook, and he still had great aim, as even though he stood with his back to me, he didn't miss. I enjoyed my taste of the Pak Boong Loy Fah. There was also a variety of bugs to choose from for tasting or purchase, I did not indulge. There were many local handicrafts, souvenirs and clothing for sale. Of course, I had to partake in this venture. Markets are so fun and bargaining is a real treat.

## Fun Food Fact:

**Longkong (Long-kong)** is a seasonal fruit harvested from June to August. The arrival of the longkong is greatly anticipated by Thai people country wide. Underneath its crispy skin is a white flesh and is best eaten at room temperature.



**Day 6:** On our way to Chiang Rai today, we stopped to see the Sukhothai Historical Park, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This park includes classical Buddha statues and temple ruins. I purchased a family key to put in the Thai National Amthum tree. In our travels we saw many rice plantations and workers, planting and

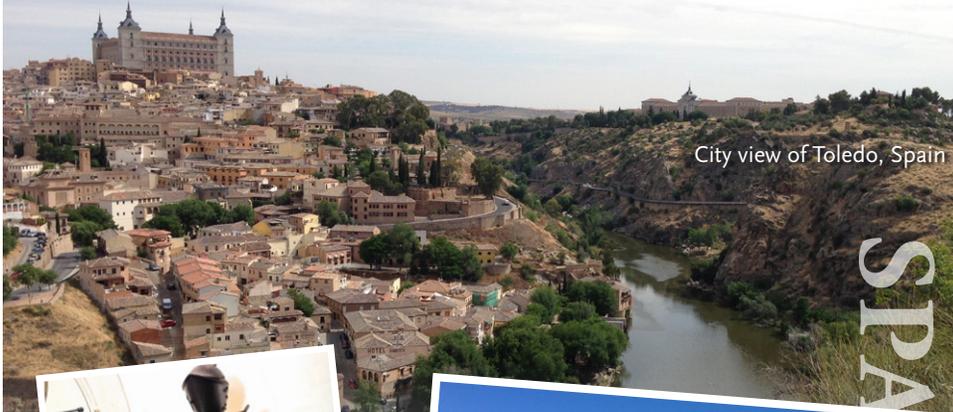
sowing the rice patty fields. A visit to a school with K-8 grades was the highlight of this trip for me. These children are grasping for any education they can possibly get. The school had been flooded so books were very limited. The teachers were doing the best they could with what they had.



*We are all brothers and sisters  
on an amazing journey.  
Sometimes we feel pain.  
Sometimes we are happy.  
By practicing compassion and loving kindness,  
We cause no harm to ourselves or the world.  
By paying attention, staying mindful,  
and examining ourselves,  
we grow in wisdom.  
This wisdom will clean our world.*  
– Ali Coleman

# En Espana

Codi Thomas' stunning photos reflect on her summer program in Salamanca, Spain and her additional travel around Ireland.



City view of Toledo, Spain

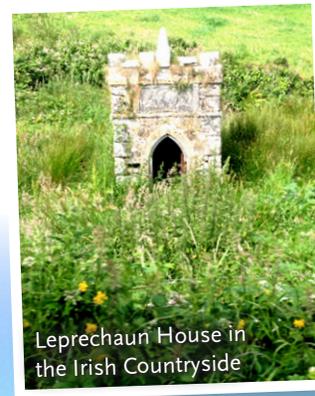


Knight's armor in the Castle of Segovia Spa

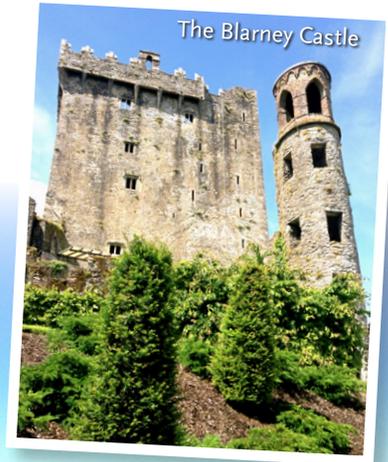


Beach at Santander, Spain

SPAIN



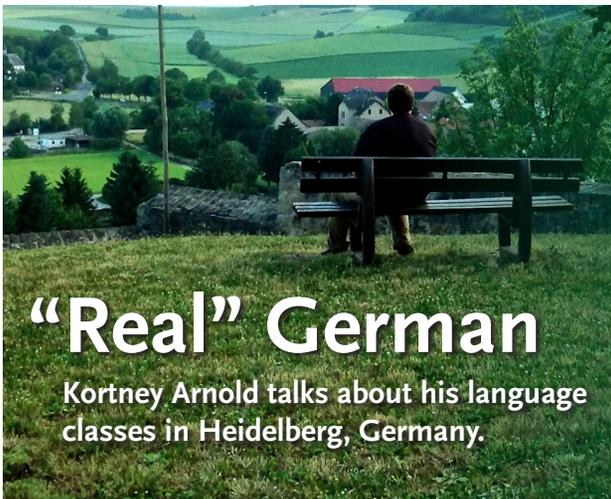
Leprechaun House in the Irish Countryside



The Blarney Castle



IRELAND



## “Real” German

Kortney Arnold talks about his language classes in Heidelberg, Germany.

I had this German language teacher at the University of Heidelberg. He really stood out, as he was an older, passionate, yet wildly eccentric gentleman. There were eight of us in his class and he was immediately loved by all of us. He really wanted to see us succeed and enjoy our time abroad. This man, Karlhienz (one word of course) taught

us not just vocabulary, but also colloquial things, such as German slang – “real” German. For example, *katze* means cat in direct translation, however, if you call someone a cat, it means they are being underhanded. Learning real German was beneficial to me because I learned how to speak like those around me, and not just like an American speaking German. Nobody speaks classroom German in real life. Think about how many things we have in English that we add to our language, that

foreigners do not learn in a classroom. For example the statement “that was a piece of cake.” I was truly able to understand the language and culture in Germany, which was amazing.

– KA

### German Slang to American Words

*Up the wood way.* On the wrong track.

*In deep salad.* You're in big trouble.

*Life is no sugar licking.* Life isn't easy.

# My Challenge: Australia

Rachelle Brown reflects on her unique summer program experience.



As I nervously searched the crowd at the Los Angeles airport for my study abroad group, I had no idea that I was about to meet sixteen amazing people and embark on one of the most incredible two weeks of my life.

Our trip began in Brisbane, where we got our first taste of Australian culture. This is where most of our “in-class” learning occurred, with interactive speakers who taught us leadership skills.

Next, we traveled to Tully Valley, where we lived at Echo Creek Adventure Center. Here we were able to utilize our leadership skills that we learned about prior to the trip. Each day one or two people were assigned to lead in the day’s events.

Activities included: learning about Aboriginal culture through painting, weaving, hut building, raft building, completing an obstacle course, rock climbing, rappelling, volunteering, orienteering, mountain biking and camping.



The day when I was a leader, which was naturally the best, was Wild River and Creek Safety while White Water Kayaking. My co-leader and I had the responsibility to collaborate with river experts to safely navigate down the river and ensure tasks back at Echo were completed. The entire group was very supportive, which allowed everyone to try out different leadership styles, without fear.

Next, we traveled north to Cairns. One of my favorite days there was spent snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef; it was an extraordinary experience. To finish our last few days we did a high ropes course, zip lined, and held a koala.



I am incredibly grateful for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I was able to better prepare myself for my future career, travel to a country I’ve always dreamed of visiting, immerse myself in a new culture and make remarkable friendships and lasting memories.

– RB



If you’re not sure that you want to go study abroad for a semester, or a year, an MSU faculty-led study tour may be a great way for you to see part of the world, and receive credit! Study tours are great options for students who have other commitments during the school year. *Participants in this program will receive 3 Humanities credits.*

MSU Assistant Professor of Art and Humanities, Dr. Andrea Donovan, will lead a tour of Vienna, Budapest and Prague, **June 7 – 18, 2015**. Donovan leads many study tours through MSU, including the Thailand trip in which Ali Coleman (featured in this newsletter) participated.

This study tour will excite students as they venture through the highlights of Eastern Europe. Vienna, on the banks of the Danube river, is the center of 19th and 20th century art and music. Walking through the streets will give any visitor an experience of Vienna’s culture through not only its art and music, but also from vibrant modern culture experiences through food and marketplaces.

Budapest is the next stop. In Budapest, students will experience fascinating architecture of the old city, which includes Matthias Church (home of the Hungarian crown jewels) and the Synagogue. This portion of the program not only provides interesting art and architecture, but some of the best chocolate cake in all of Europe!

The final destination will be Prague. Prague is an amazing city, which will be evident when visiting the Prague Castle, the St. Vitus Cathedral and the Charles Bridge. It is also the home of Kafka and Art Deco, and will make any visitor want to revisit this city. An additional bonus would be an optional extension of the trip to Salzburg. This extension would include touring Bohemia’s historic castles and old towns. Vienna, Budapest, Prague and Salzburg represent the beauty, art and history of Eastern Europe. This program will open up new experiences through the visual arts and architecture, delights of music, scents of various foods and markets and the wonderful adventures of historic cultures.

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## Where in the World?

Introducing eleven MSU students  
studying abroad this Spring!

**Brittna Gregory**

Semester At Sea,  
Pacific Voyage

**Christopher Hodgson**

Global Student Teaching,  
New Zealand

**Shelby Pederson**

ISA, Sevilla, Spain

**Megan Fitzpatrick**

ISA, Sevilla, Spain

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**Aundrey Livingston**

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**Jaileen Brodziak**

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**BriAnna Menge**

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