

Beloit College INTERNATIONAL HISTORY 1846-2010



Beloit College chartered. Classes begin 1847.

George R. Hunt, England, enrolls for one year. From 1853 to 1898 at least one foreign-born student is enrolled in the college every year.



Jerome D. Davis (1866) a missionary to Japan; helps Joseph Neesima found the Doshisha Academy in 1875. The academy later becomes Doshisha University. In 1873, K. Nakahara becomes the first student from Japan to enroll in Beloit College.

Thomas Davidson Christie (1871) becomes the president of St. Paul's Institute in Tarsus, Turkey, today known as Tarsus American College.

Arthur H. Smith (1867) publishes *Chinese Characteristics*, a best-selling, highly influential book reprinted more than 30 times. In 1901, he publishes *China in Convulsion* about the Boxer Rebellion. It, too, becomes a best-seller.

Caleb Frank Gates (1877) named president of Robert College in Constantinople, Turkey. Keeps college open through WWI when most foreigners leave the country. Bogazaci University arises from Robert College; both remain among Turkey's most prominent educational institutions. Today, Beloit College students study at Yeditepe University in Istanbul.



Mary Ripley Goodwin donates a large collection of Asian artifacts to the college, including dragon robes.

Dean George L. Collie (1881) son of Joseph Collie (1851) introduces The Collie Plan to recruit small groups of students from countries around the world to help settle the world's "racial" problems. Article published in the *N.Y. Times*.

OUTLINE COLLEGE PLAN FOR FUSING OF ALL RACES

Beloit Professor Believes Courses For Foreign Students Here, With Co-operative and Scientific Study of Racial Problems, Would Aid World Peace.

"In our colleges there is a great need to know the viewpoint of other races, of other peoples at first hand. One of the best sources of such knowledge would be the youths of each nationality. . . . The whole idea of the plan is . . . that they may appreciate each other and come to know each other in non-prejudiced ways."

International Relations club established to "stimulate interest in affairs of world wide interest and to provide opportunities for discussion of current problems."



1937 International Relations Club



Katharine E. Gurley donates an extensive Asian collection to the Wright Museum of Art in memory of her husband William.



Russian Studies Program announced, the first of the college's new area studies programs. In the same year, a concentration in international relations is proposed. The first study abroad in Russia takes place in 1970 with an exchange program established in 1996 with the Russian State University for the Humanities in Moscow.

World Affairs Center established for the study of "interrelationships and interdependence of the aims and aspirations of the nations of the world." Professor Ivan Stone appointed director, also overseeing the World Outlook Study Abroad Program.



The "Brussels Sprouts," first faculty-led seminar abroad.

Professor John Kemler directs the first faculty-led seminar abroad, focused on the Common Market and based in Brussels. Study abroad enrollments will steadily increase and expand "over the globe."

Beloit Plan established, involving three terms a year and a mandatory semester off campus before graduation for all students. Many use this semester to study abroad.

Taiwan Seminar created and led by Prof. Hendrick Serrie, Anthropology, enrolling 18 students.

"You will be astonished by the vast amount of simple acceptance your [Chinese] friends have of everything: themselves, you, their country, yours, daily life, their careers, and so forth. Perhaps you will get to be a little more that way yourself."

-Prof. Serrie writing to seminar students



CLS students

Center for Language Studies established to provide intensive, 10-day instruction to incoming first-year students in ten languages. Today CLS offers intensive language instruction at four levels in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian.

First full-time administrator appointed to direct the World Affairs Center. Exchange program established with Eötvös Collégium in Budapest. By 2010, Beloit College is affiliated directly with universities in 11 countries and indirectly with many more through its membership in the International Student Exchange Program. Students in every major have opportunities to study abroad.



Weissberg Chair in International Studies established with the support of Marvin Weissberg, (P'84) bringing international leaders to Beloit College for annual 10-day residencies. Weissberg International Human Rights Program begins in 2008.

Nina Weissberg '84 and Marvin Weissberg

Cross-Cultural Psychology established, taking students to Estonia and Morocco every second year.



World Affairs Center becomes Office of International Education and moves to International House.

Freeman Foundation selects Beloit College for a four year grant to strengthen the teaching of Asian Studies. An additional grant in 2008 extends this activity. Also in 2002, a tenure track faculty position is created with help from the Henry Luce Foundation.



Cities in Transition Program established, introducing site-based, experiential learning courses in selected study abroad sites and in Beloit.

Three-year grant received from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to further the integration of study abroad into the curriculum by focusing on partnership development and faculty development.

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Joseph Collie

Beloit's first class graduates, with one, Joseph Collie, born in Scotland. His son will later become Dean.

Modern languages introduced. French or German required.



Gregory Michaelian

Gregory Michaelian (1873) first student from the Turkish empire in the student newspaper.

Frank G. Logan gives Beloit College the Horatio Nelson Rust Collection of over 3,000 archaeological and ethnological objects from six countries. Collection used to establish the Logan Museum of Anthropology, which by 2010 holds material from 123 countries.



German club established. Chinese club established in 1919, French Club in 1921.

T.C. Chamberlin (1866) travels to China with his son Rollin as part of the Oriental Educational Investigation Commission. A prominent educator and geologist, T.C. records his observations of China in a diary, while his son records the visit with both text and photos.

First student from China, Ching Ye Tang enrolls. Speaking little English when he arrives, he wins the Wisconsin State Oratorical Contest in 1917, speaking on The Cycle of Civilization. His son and grandson also graduate from Beloit College.



Ching Ye Tang

Alonzo Pond '18 leads archaeological and ethnographic expeditions in North Africa and France. Beloit faculty conduct 43 anthropological expeditions abroad between 1925 and 2010.



Alonzo Pond

Roy Chapman Andrews (1906), already nationally famous for his expeditions in Asia, joins with Logan Museum curator Alonzo Pond '18 for an expedition into the Gobi Desert. Their work helps bring international attention to Beloit College.

Beloit College board of trustees allocates funding for an annual scholarship to support credit-bearing study abroad for a member of the junior class.

Lucius Porter (1901) lectures on "100 Years of the Western Influence on Chinese Life." A missionary, teacher, athlete, and lecturer, Porter spends much of his career at Yenching University, returning periodically to Beloit College to lecture.



Lucius Porter

Sixty students and faculty members from eight Midwest colleges and universities meet in Beloit in November for a weekend conference on international affairs.

Students now come from 13 countries. By 2002, international students come from over 45 countries, and at 137, represent over 10 percent of the student body.

Logan Museum traveling exhibit "North American Indians" developed for the U.S. Information Agency by Beloit faculty Andrew W. Whiteford '37 and O. V. Shaffer '50 and installed by professor Frank Boggs; it is seen by tens of thousands in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Spain.

A three year Federal Office of Education grant to the Associated Colleges of the Midwest helps Beloit College establish a language laboratory.



Prof. Jack Street in the language lab in 1962.

Trustees approve plans for the college's Carnegie Library to become the Pettibone World Affairs Center.

Spanish Seminar established. Since then, Beloit College students have studied at universities in 14 different Spanish-speaking countries, including the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, the college's partner university in Ecuador.

Foreign Students in Homes program established by the First Presbyterian Church, under which international students spend one month in Beloit homes before beginning their education at the college. Today's Host Family Program is established in 1991.

First French Seminar to Rennes, led by Prof. Jack Street. Today students study in Rennes, elsewhere in France, Morocco, and Senegal. A German Seminar begins in 1967. Today the college's German partner university is in Erfurt.



Senegal

Agreement concluded with Fudan University (Shanghai) for the exchange of students and faculty. Today, Beloit College students study in China at Henan University in Kaifeng and Shandong University in Jinan.

Ivan and Janice S. Stone Trust established with a bequest from their estate to support an annual lecture on international affairs and scholarships for study abroad for students with financial need.

Prof. Dan Shea, Anthropology, establishes a summer Archaeology Field School in Chile's Atacama Desert. In this same year, an exchange agreement is concluded with Kansai Gaidai University in Japan, with Akita International University becoming an additional Japanese partner institution in 2010.



Peru

Prof. Ruth Meena, Tanzania, comes to the college as a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence to help internationalize the curriculum. Other Fulbright SIRs will include Wanjiku Chiuri, Kenya, (2003-04), and Darren Kelly, Ireland, (2007-08). Increasingly, both Beloit College faculty and students also receive Fulbright Awards to conduct work abroad.

Beloit College holds its first annual International Symposium in which students share their international learning.

Beloit College hosts a national conference on New Directions in International Education. It 2009, it holds a second national conference that focuses on integrating study abroad into the undergraduate curriculum.

ASIANetwork (Luce Foundation) assessment of visual art resources concludes that the Logan and Wright Museums hold "extremely significant" collections of Asian art. "Both the scope and quality of these collections are impressive."

Beloit College and Kalamazoo College publish *Integrating Study Abroad into the Curriculum: Theory and Practice Across the Disciplines*.

