1994 Summer Fulbright Orientation

In late July, IU’s Office of International Services (OIS) welcomed this year’s 1994-95 Fulbright grantees to Indiana University for three weeks of academic and cultural orientation. This was the third consecutive summer that IU has served as one of seven USIA-funded preacademic orientation sites preparing international Fulbright scholars for their graduate studies in the U.S. Welcoming this year’s Fulbright grantees at the July 20 opening ceremony were International Programs Dean Patrick O’Meara, Associate Dean and International Services Director Kenneth Rogers, Bloomington Deputy Mayor Mike Davis, Dowling International Center Coordinator Susan Snider-Salmon, and Daniel Soto, Co-President of Bloomington Worldwide Friendship.

The OIS-designed summer Fulbright orientation program, sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency and administered by the Institute for International Education, introduces incoming Fulbright scholars to the particular academic and communication skills required for successful academic study in the United States. The 1994 Fulbright Orientation Program Director was Assistant Director of International Services David J. Lyman, with Nathaniel Samba serving as Program Coordinator, Paul Russell as Academic Coordinator, and Shelly Ridder as Financial Coordinator. In addition to instruction in academic and communication skills required for U.S. study, the orientation program provided basic computer training, an American Studies seminar in U.S. culture, and such social and cultural events as a welcoming picnic at Bryan Park, a cultural exchange dinner, a MAC performance of Fiddler on the Roof, and a fieldtrip to Spring Mill State Park.

1994 Fulbright Orientation participants with (front, standing) Director David J. Lyman (2nd, l.) and Coordinators Nathaniel Samba (l.), Shelly Ridder (3rd, r.), and Paul Russell (r.).

IU Welcomes 1994-95 “La Caixa” Fellows

Richard Stryker, OIP Executive Associate Dean and Director of Overseas Study, hosted the welcoming dinner, presenting each Fellow with an IU memento.

During August, the 1994-95 convocatoria of 36 “la Caixa” Fellows from Spain came to IU Bloomington for a week-long International Programs’ preacademic orientation designed to familiarize them with an American university setting. The “la Caixa” Graduate Fellowship Program, established by Spain’s largest savings institution to support two years of graduate study by that country’s most promising young scholars, has been administered by IU’s Office of International Programs since 1985. Each September, IU’s Dean for International Programs and IU professors participate in the final selection of the coming year’s “la Caixa” Fellows. This year, School of Law Dean Alfred Aman and Carol Greenhouse (Anthropology, IUB) accompanied OIP Dean Patrick O’Meara to Madrid and Barcelona to interview the finalists in the 1995-96 Fellowship competition.

Each year, upon completion of the selection process, IU “la Caixa” Program Coordinator Louise Siffin assists the Fellows in selecting and applying to U.S. universities. Prior to beginning their U.S. studies, the “la Caixa” Fellows come to Bloomington for OIP’s orientation program. Highlights of this year’s activities included an August 16 reception and dinner at Woodburn House which featured a Dixieland jazz band. The group experienced the sophistication and cultural diversity of a midwestern city in an August 18-20 trip to Chicago which included a tour of such attractions as the Sears Tower and a Frank Lloyd Wright home, and an evening of Chicago blues.

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