of 22 IU students enrolled in the initial four-week course across the three campuses, ten continued on for the Oldenburg seminar. Student reaction to the program was overwhelmingly positive; they emphasized the greater benefit for them to be able to study and go on field trips with fellow German students instead of being a predominantly American group. In spite of the brevity of the seminar, they were able to take excursions to a few sites related to their studies (Bremerhaven, Potsdam, and the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial), as well as spend time in Berlin (where they saw Christo try wrapping the Reichstag in a high wind!).

As an experimental design, we believe this program has worked well in its first offering. We were able to recruit interested faculty at three campuses, as well as at Oldenburg. The intercampus delivery mode enabled us to attract a critical mass of students to make Oldenburg’s participation worthwhile. The program was subjected to the same scrutiny by the Office of Overseas Study and its faculty review committees.

Commuter students are the fastest growing population in American higher education, and bringing them into the global arena takes special planning, flexibility, and cooperation. We believe our model is a viable one for the financial and time constraints on commuter students. While it is no substitute for the in-depth learning that takes place in regular study abroad programs, it does afford these students a feasible change of perspective that will affect their entire lives.

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Jewish Studies
Spring Lectures

The Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program, in cosponsorship with the Horizons of Knowledge and other area studies centers and departments, will welcome Israel Bartal of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on Thursday, February 29, 1996. His lecture, “Warriors or Cowards? Images of the Jewish Soldier in Eastern Europe, 1772-1914,” is scheduled at 4:00 p.m. in Woodburn Hall 004. Bartal, professor of Jewish History, is co-author of Poles and Jews: a Failed Brotherhood.

Professor Shulamit Volkov of Tel Aviv University, a distinguished authority on German-Jewish history, will deliver the 1996 Edward A. Block Lecture in Jewish Studies, “Nationalism and Antisemitism: the Forgotten Connection,” on Tuesday March 19, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. in Lindley Hall 102. Professor Volkov’s most recent book is Die Juden in Deutschland 1780-1914.