IUPUI Helps Develop Argentina’s Legal and Health Care Systems

In 1999, Eleanor Kinney, Hall Render Professor of Law at Indiana University’s School of Law—Indianapolis, her husband Charles Clark, associate dean for Continuing Medical Education and professor of medicine and pharmacology at Indiana University’s School of Medicine, and their then 13-year-old daughter, Jenni, began a year-long sabbatical in La Plata, Argentina. Kinney had obtained a Fulbright Scholar Award to lecture at the Institute for Latin American Integration affiliated with the National University of La Plata (UNLP).

Kinney spent the year studying and lecturing on Argentina’s health care system and on comparative administrative law. She even made a presentation on U.S. administrative law, the set of laws that govern how governmental agencies and other bureaucratic bodies make policy, adjudicate disputes, and otherwise discharge their statutory responsibilities. Six justices of the Supreme Court of Buenos Aires Province attended.

Clark began a program at CENEXA, a diabetes research center affiliated with UNLP and supported by the Eli Lilly Foundation in cooperation with the Argentine Diabetes Society. He and his CENEXA associate Juan José Gagliardino worked with Isaac Sinay and associates from the Argentine Diabetes Society to develop educational programs for teams of diabetes educators from the professions of nursing, dietetics, podiatry, education, physical therapy, and social work. Sixty-seven teams were trained and placed in clinics throughout Argentina.

Five years later, in 2004, both Kinney and Clark received further Fulbright funding to continue and expand their work in La Plata. Kinney obtained a Fulbright Educational Partnership with the Faculty of Law at UNLP to develop and conduct a summer program for law students and lawyers at the Institute for Latin American Integration. The partnership also called for faculty exchanges between the two law faculties, which has enabled several younger UNLP law professors to visit with the faculty in Indianapolis and, in turn, for the School of Law—Indianapolis law faculty, specifically Rob Katz and Maria Pabón Lopez, to visit, lecture, and conduct research in Argentina.

Clark, in turn, received a Fulbright Senior Scholar grant to continue his work at CENEXA and the UNLP. He and Gagliardino initiated a master’s degree program in diabetes education jointly sponsored by the UNLP and the Division of Continuing Medical Education at IU’s School of Medicine. The two-year program is the first of its kind in Latin America. Clark and Gagliardino also initiated an educational study to improve the care of people with diabetes and cardiovascular risk factors in Corrientes, Argentina. This large, collaborative study is designed to examine the best way to educate primary care physicians in the care of such patients.

This year, in June 2005, Kinney led a group of law students to Argentina to study the Latin American legal systems and the law of economic integration in the western hemisphere. In addition to Argentina, her students spent time in Uruguay and Brazil. In June, the dissemination conference that is part of the Fulbright Educational Partnership convened experts from around Argentina and the Americas to explore legal developments and

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Hutton Honors College Named for Philanthropist

In January 2005, Indiana University renamed IU Bloomington’s Honors College the Hutton Honors College in recognition of Edward L. Hutton’s philanthropic spirit and commitment to the university. Hutton has been generous in funding student scholarships and endowed faculty professorships at IU through the IU Foundation. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from IU in 1992 and the IU Foundation’s Herman B Wells Visionary Award in 2002.

The Hutton Honors College recruits diverse, talented, and highly motivated students. It offers a range of small, challenging courses along with a variety of extracurricular and service programs. These opportunities, which include a close working relationship with some of IU’s top faculty, affirm IU’s commitment to providing students with both the intimacy of a small college and the breadth of a large research institution.

The Hutton International Experiences Program was started in 2000 as a pilot project of the then Honors College. The program assists with costs for travel and living expenses for IU Bloomington students, so they can study abroad or get involved in service projects and internships outside the United States. Since its inception, more than 1,000 students have benefited from the program. Eventually, the program aims to enable 600 students annually to incorporate international experiences into their academic programs.

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challenges in the economic integration of the western hemisphere and to examine how to harmonize the extant civil and common laws in the hemisphere to promote further economic integration.

Also this summer, Clark received a Fulbright Senior Specialist award to continue his work at CENEXA and the UNLP. Clark is spending 35 days in La Plata and traveling to Corrientes to assist in the further implementation of that program. He is lecturing on various topics in clinical diabetes including lectures at the joint master’s program. As a result of their collaboration over the years, Clark and Gagliardino are preparing a joint research grant to be submitted sometime this year to the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

—Charles Clark
IU School of Medicine

For information on Kinney’s summer 2005 law program in La Plata, see:
www.indylaw.indiana.edu/programs/latinamericanlaw/summer.htm