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- 8th Annual ESL Ministry Conference will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009, with featured speaker Dr. Cheri Pierson of Wheaton College

Welcome from Dr. Michael Pasquale

Welcome to our fall edition of the Cornerstone University TESOL newsletter! We are excited to join with the Professional & Graduate Studies Division at Cornerstone to promote programs that allows students to study locally and globally. Our unique blended program has allowed students from all over the globe to take part in the master of arts in TESOL program at the university. We currently have students from 10 states with one serving in Seoul, South Korea, working toward their degree. We also are engaged in global learning through our exciting Oxford TESOL program. We invite you to explore the ways that Cornerstone TESOL students are studying locally and globally!



Dr. Michael Pasquale
Director of the M.A. in TESOL Program

DR. BILL ACTON TEACHES DURING TESOL LECTURE SERIES

Cornerstone University was pleased to welcome Dr. Bill Acton to campus on Oct. 16 as part of the Fall TESOL Lecture series. Dr. Acton interacted with students and faculty during an afternoon workshop aimed at helping ESL and foreign language teachers. He taught about discourse instruction in speech and pronunciation classes.

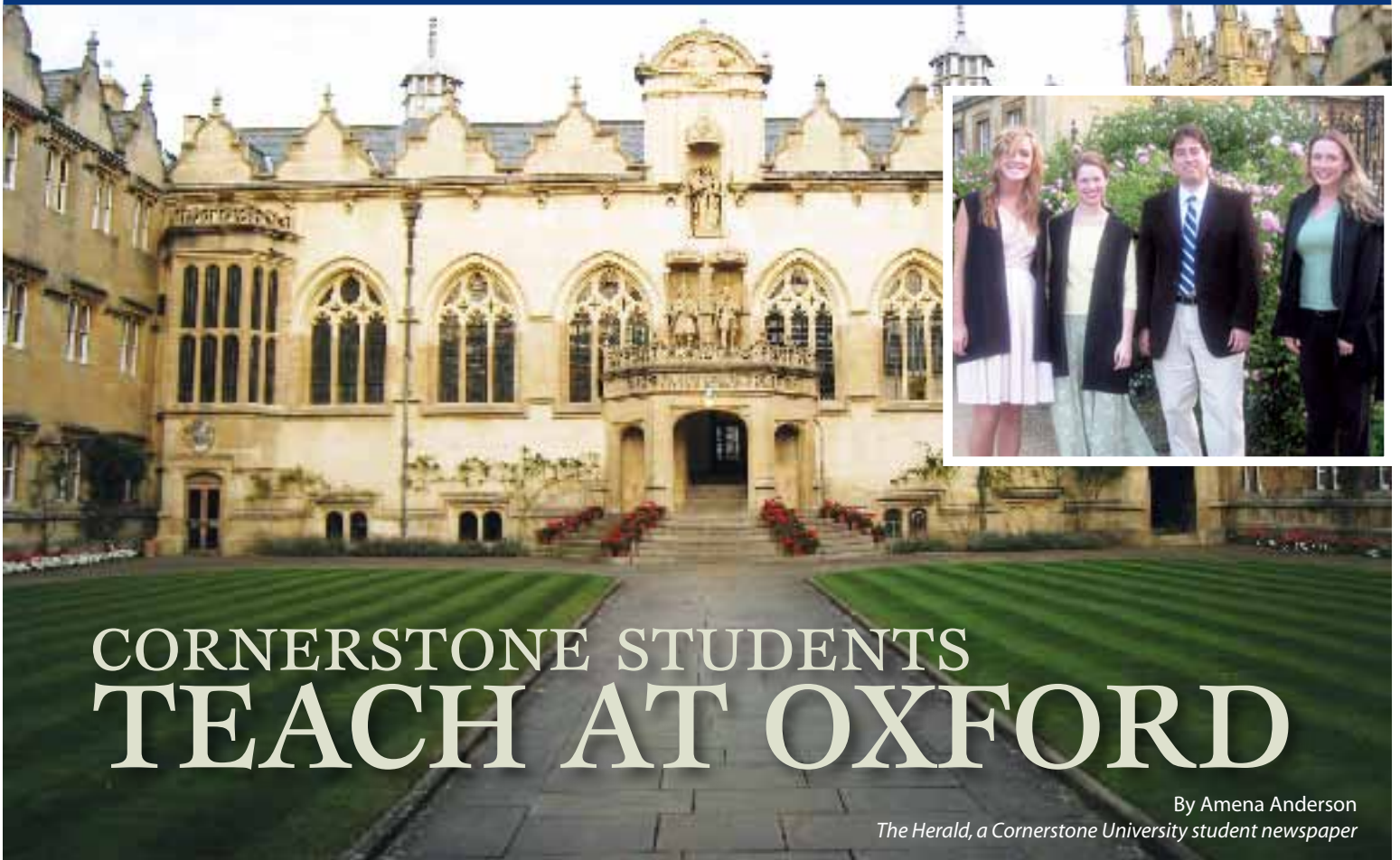


Dr. Bill Acton
spoke to ESL
teachers during
the Fall TESOL
Lecture series.

"We are honored to have Dr. Acton join us on our campus," said Dr. Michael Pasquale, director of the TESOL program. "It is a special privilege for Cornerstone University to be able to host world-class scholars that are able to enrich our current students and faculty, but also our community as well."

Cornerstone has hosted a Fall TESOL Lecture for the past few years. Dr. Dennis Preston, now at Oklahoma State University, was the first lecturer. Last year Dr. Tom Scovel of San Francisco State University gave the lecture and was also the first recipient of the Henry Osborn Award in Applied Linguistics and TESOL.

The Osborn Award is the TESOL program's highest award given to a scholar who has made an impact both on the field of applied linguistics and TESOL, but also through serving the local church.



CORNERSTONE STUDENTS TEACH AT OXFORD

By Amena Anderson

The Herald, a Cornerstone University student newspaper

Michael Pasquale, associate professor of linguistics, created the Cornerstone University Oxford English Program in June giving students an opportunity to study at the prestigious school located in Oxfordshire, Southeast England.

Three Cornerstone University students studying English as a second language (ESL) participated in the inaugural program last summer that included four weeks of teaching English pronunciation to 22 Asian students studying toward graduate degrees in various fields.

The Cornerstone students were simultaneously enrolled in a second language acquisition class, taught by Pasquale, where they earned three course credits.

Cornerstone competitive fellowship scholarships were awarded to each student that taught helping cover a large part of the \$4,000 cost to participate in the program.

The program was created to "include more students at Cornerstone," said Pasquale, and the dream of the Humanities Division is "to bring more students each summer to this type of program," that will not only include ESL students.

"Students can go to take a course and minister and serve in the church in some way," he said. "Go for learning, but go for serving."

Pasquale said another purpose of the program was to connect Asian students with churches, so that when he and the Cornerstone students leave, the Asian students "would continue to be connected," within the local community.

To build relationships with their students, the Cornerstone students went on field trips with the Asian students to build relationships.

Natalie Miller, 23, who holds a master's degree in TESOL from the Professional & Graduate Studies (PGS) program with a master's degree in TESOL had one student who was curious about the God she served.



LEFT: Danika Sweazey, Danielle DeLuca, Dr. Michael Pasquale and Natalie Miller in New College, Oxford Garden

ABOVE: Dr. Michael Pasquale with students Danika Sweazey and Danielle DeLuca at the Eagle & Child Pub made famous as the gathering place of such "Inklings" as J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis.

She said that after class, there was a program called English Corner that was created for students to practice conversational English while enjoying snacks and drinks. After she began talking with a group of guys, they noticed that she was wearing a cross and began to question her.

Miller said that one guy in the group had studied the Bible and "he knew about Jesus, but not what his sacrifice meant to us," she said.

Miller began answering their queries.

Eventually, she said, they all had to be kicked out of the room because class had ended, and they were still asking questions. Danielle DeLuca, 28, a PGS student on the trip, said that "it was amazing" to be able to teach outside of the U.S.

"These students were visiting scholars, extremely intelligent and well-versed," she said. "It was amazing to be around these innovators and leaders in their field. It was learning and teaching at the same time."

Although it was "amazing," the beginning of the trip began a little rocky for DeLuca after being sick for almost a week and having her wallet stolen.

She said that she had left her wallet, which contained insurance cards, credit cards and all the cash she had brought, in her bag and intended to have the cash converted to Euros when she noticed that it was gone.

"The students took up a collection for me," she said, and the total amount was enough to get her through the four-week stay. Every time we were in need of something, it was provided."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- The eighth annual ESL Ministry Conference will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2009, with featured speaker Dr. Cheri Pierson of Wheaton College. For more details, visit: www.cornerstone.edu/academics/tesl/esl_conf
- We are pleased to announce Dr. Suresh Canagarajah of Penn State University will be the featured speaker at the 2009 Fall TESOL lecture. Dr. Canagarajah holds the Kirby Professorship in Language Learning at Penn State University and is currently the editor of TESOL Quarterly. More details to come!
- Cornerstone University will start another cohort of students in the master of arts in TESOL program in July 2009. For more information, visit: www.pgs.cornerstone.edu/tesol



NEWS & NOTES

Gillian Ferwerda (CU '09) and **Amber Pearson** (CU '08) along with Dr. Michael Pasquale, director of the TESOL program, published an article titled "Voicing Identity in Chicano English" in the *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, a peer-reviewed academic journal.

Steve DenHartog (MA '08) is serving in Mexico with the organization Ripe for Harvest with his family.

Danielle DeLuca (MA '09) was awarded a graduate student grant by the Illinois TESOL & Bilingual Education (ITBE) Association to attend the 2008 TESOL convention in New York City.

Dr. Pasquale presented "A Symposium of Folk Beliefs in Second Language Acquisition" at The 15th World Congress of Applied Linguistics. The presentation discussed the importance of knowing about folk belief in teacher behaviors, teacher preparation and materials and curriculum design. The event, organized by the Association Internationale de Linguistique Appliquee, took place in Essen, Germany.

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