The official name of the International College, University of Bridgeport has changed to 'The College of Public and International Affairs' after the Board of Trustees approved a resolution to that effect on Friday, February 1, 2013.

"We are delighted that the University’s Board of Trustees approved our request," said Dr. Thomas J. Ward, the Dean of the College of Public and International Affairs. "We believe the new designation of the college ‘Public and International Affairs’ reflects the identity and the vision of the college more clearly. The name encompasses its breadth of academic offerings to prepare students for careers in public service and international relations."

The College of Public and International Relations that celebrated its 10th Anniversary two years ago has been committed to preparing graduates for careers requiring international awareness and effective intercultural communication through the study of world politics, communications, religion, culture, and the social sciences. "The key underpinnings of the International College learning experience include cultural literacy, research and writing skills, foreign language study, internship opportunities, and solid academic preparation for careers in international public service," Dean Ward said. "The College’s pertinent academic offerings, its small classes, its diverse faculty, its tradition of close student-faculty relations and its co-curricular activities all contribute to the quality of the College of Public and International Affairs learning experience," Dean Ward added.

After completion of their study Graduates of the College have been employed by the United States government (FBI, Defense Department, and Department of State); the United Nations, the Council of Europe; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia; the Ministry of the Interior and Justice, Colombia; Ministry of Education and Ministry Trade in the Republic of Mongolia; the Moroccans Parliament and other tenures demanding high professional competency in the field of international affairs.

Upon its 10th Anniversary celebration the College of Public and International Affairs was honored with certificates of recognition for its high achievements from Sen. Joseph Lieberman who at that time U.S. Senator from Connecticut; Congressman Jim Himes U.S. Representative for Connecticut’s 4th congressional district; Thomas McCarthy Bridgeport City Council President; Sen. Richard Blumenthal U. S. Senator from Connecticut and Congressman Benjamin Gilman (Chairman Emeritus of the U.S. House of Representatives International Relations Committee).
UB Professor Visits the Middle Eastern Countries

DR. Robert Riggs, Assistant Professor of World Religions who also teaches in the Global Development and Peace Program, conducted a working visit to the Middle East from December 31, 2012 - January 20, 2013.

During his visit DR. Riggs met with academicians, Leaders of Community and Non Governmental Organizations in Lebanon and Jordan. He discussed with the leaders on strengthening contacts to promote partnership at various levels including internship and job employment possibilities for UB students and graduates interested in the Middle East. He also met with students from these countries to explore new research opportunities that benefit both UB and higher Education Institutions in the region. "With a strategic partnership students in the College of Public and International Affairs can have further access to research and learning opportunities across disciplines and across borders," DR. Riggs said.

In Lebanon, DR. Riggs helped the UB student Camilla Gonzalez from the International Political Economy and Diplomacy (IPED) program to settle. Camilla is currently attending spring semester courses in Beirut, American University.

Upon his return DR. Riggs who is currently working on a research project about Reform and Leadership among the Shi’ite Community brought eighty books for the College of Public and International Affairs to be used as references for research concerning the Middle East region.

Dr. Robert Riggs is a specialist in Shi’ite history in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq. His research has been supported by the De Karman Foundation, The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARI), the Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, The British Academy, and the British Society for Middle East Studies.

UB Students to Participate at the 2013 Annual Conference of the New England Political Science Association

Four students from the University of Bridgeport, Global development and Peace Program received confirmation to present papers at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association which will be held in Portland, Maine on Friday, May 3 and Saturday May 4, 2013.

The UB Panel which is going to be chaired by Dr. Dave Benjamin, Professor in GLDP and adviser to the chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, will be represented at the conference by Michael McCarthy, Rebecca Watherington, Manja Wurschke and Kristine LeBlanc all graduate students in the Global Development and Peace Program.

The students received acceptances based on research paper proposals that were accepted by the NEPSA committee following its call for papers made in early October 2012. The New England Political Science Association meeting 2013 is expected to deal with American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Public Law, Public Policy, Politics and History, International Relations, Canadian Politics and more. NEPSA functions within the New England region to facilitate the exchange of knowledge among persons interested in political science; to encourage research on political matters; to improve the teaching of political science; and to advance generally the practices and art of politics and governance.
Mass Communication Prof. Susan Katz was named 2013 Reed Award Finalist by Campaigns & Elections (C&E) magazine, a preeminent news source for politics and public affairs in the United States.

This year, C&E honored political media professionals in more than 90 categories for television, newspaper and radio ads, direct mail, collateral materials, online advertising and technology, representing some of the industry’s top campaign experts.

“This was a significant achievement,” said Prof. Katz, recognized in the Political Technology category for Best Website for a state legislative candidate. Her client, Carolanne Curry, running for state senate, faced an uphill battle against a two-term incumbent in the 26th district.

Prof. Katz, designed, wrote and shot all principal photography for the candidate’s virtual campaign hub. See it live: http://www.curryforstatesenate.com/.

The Reed Awards, launched in 2009, recognize “outstanding achievement in campaign excellence” and are named after C&E founder Stanley Foster Reed, who embodied excellence in political campaigning, campaign management, political consulting and political design. Prof. Katz was celebrated at the Reed conference and awards in Washington D.C. at the Washington Marriott in February.

Joining the University of Bridgeport in 2003, Prof. Katz teaches traditional and digital media with a hands-on approach. "Our students need portfolios and online content that speaks volumes to their skills," she said. "That's what we do. Everything is based on learning, practicality, staying current and getting work."

Prof. Katz is also Creative Director of Katzing Creative Ways, a media production company servicing commercial, corporate and political clients. www.katzing.com

Working in the media industry her entire career, spanning over 25 years, Prof. Katz is a Creative Director, writer, producer, and director who brings real-world experience to every course she teaches.

In 2012, she was winner of three Pollie Awards sponsored by the American Association of Political Consultants and her katzing.com website won the PageLines Battleground Web Design Contest in which users’ favorite sites are polled; Katzing Creative Ways took 55 percent of the vote.

She is also the winner of the Telly Awards, New York Festivals, Worldfest Charleston Film Festival, Association of Visual Communicators Awards, the Echo Awards sponsored by the Direct Mail and Marketing Association and the International Television Association Awards.

Prof. Katz served on the faculty of the Women’s Campaign School at Yale University for 14 years, teaching presentation techniques. She served on the International Television Association Board of Governors for three years and was an Executive Council member of the Connecticut Association of Production Professionals for three years. She is listed in Marquis’ Who’s Who of American Women and Who’s Who in Entertainment.

"Teaching at UB is such a joy for me," said Prof. Katz. "I love my students and I love the media business; it's the perfect fit."

University of Bridgeport, College of Public and International Affairs recently named as a Global Classrooms Model of the United Nations.

Model UN is an academic simulation of the UN that promotes leadership skills and understanding of international affairs and world cultures with...
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the support of its sponsors and local project partners.

UN Classrooms status holders use Model UN to cultivate a generation of inspired global citizens in nations around the world and symbolizes excellence in international education.

Model UN has partnered with students who represent over 170 colleges and universities worldwide, including University of Bridgeport.

UB Students to Participate at the 2013 Annual Conference of Eastern Sociological Society

A group of students from the University of Bridgeport, College of Public and International Affairs will present their research papers at the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society which will be held in Boston, Massachusetts from March 21-24, 2013.

UB students delegation that will include Abeer Afshi and Yasmin John both from the Global Development and Peace Program; Nicholas Smith from the Global Media and Communication Studies and several other from the College of the Public and International Affairs are expected to bring to light several interesting findings particularly related to ‘Sustainable Communities/ Sustainable Lives’ during the four-day annual conference of ESS.

The Eastern Sociological Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1930, dedicated to promoting excellence in sociological scholarship and instruction.

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