

Cultural Connections Spring '17

A Day in Our High Schools	<i>Hieu Nguyen and Devanshu Prasad</i>	Feb. 3	Walk a day in our shoes as high school students in Nepal and Vietnam. See how our cultural differences lead to a completely different concept of high school from the U.S. Discover how this affects everything: from how teachers talk to students, to family expectations for student success, to the social scene for students!
Taking a Tractor to Kolkata	<i>Carl Svensson and Tirthadeep (Tito) Das</i>	Feb. 10	An international businessman from a small town in Sweden. A chemical engineer from a big city in India. Falköping and Kolkata, two vastly different places on two sides of the world. Life in these two places are simultaneously starkly different and surprisingly similar. Join us on this journey and discover how different Sweden and India are. Or are they?
They Haven't Whitened Their Hair with Flour: Growing Old in Iran	<i>Nadia Fereydooni</i>	Feb. 17	Iranians have sayings that show they hold older people in high esteem, like "Respect older people because they haven't whitened their hair with flour." Iranian attitudes and practices show how aging is not just a biological process, it's also very much a cultural one. Come to Cultural Connections and uncover this compelling topic. Special Iranian snacks will be served.
Seeing India through American Eyes	<i>Shrimika (Mika) Madhavan, Liana Tierney and Rachel Murphy</i>	Feb. 24	We've all seen the "Americans try Indian Food" videos on BuzzFeed, but see what happens when Americans try Indian life! Mika took two friends from UNH to her beautiful country of India over winter break to show them India first hand. They're coming back to UNH with completely new perspectives of life in India. Live at Cultural Connections (not available on BuzzFeed) and snacks will be provided!
Is Hong Kong a Country?	<i>Stefanie Cheung</i>	Mar. 3	What is Hong Kong and how is it separate from China? Find out why you need different visas when traveling to China, Hong Kong and Macao. Learn about the "one country, two systems" of China and how it gave rise to a unique culture as well as unique political and economic systems in Hong Kong.
Learn Nepalese Writing	<i>Ashnav Lal</i>	Mar. 24	Language helps us have a better understanding of the world and communicate with a broader network. How about learning to write and say a few words in Nepali? Nepali is the official language of Nepal is spoken nationwide and its writings date as far back as the 10 th century. Traditional Nepalese Food will be served.
A City Girl and a Small Town Boy	<i>Quynh Nguyen and Debarpan Bhowmick</i>	Mar. 31	See what a city girl from Vietnam and a small town boy from India have in common. We will have a chance to dig deeper, beyond stereotypes and first impressions. The dynamic duo from Vietnam and India won't let you down!
When in Iran, Do as the Iranians Do	<i>Kimia Fereydooni</i>	Apr. 7	Attention Cultural Connections passengers: please proceed to the gate in the MUB Entertainment Center for your flight to Iran! But wait a second... have you first given thought about how to behave in this country so that you will be welcomed with open arms? Come to my Cultural Connections presentation and hear about this fascinating topic. Delicious Iranian sweets will be provided.
Ideals that Define Us: Vietnam and Nepal	<i>Diep Tran and Ishan Katwal</i>	Apr. 14	Culture is the root of humanity and culture defines its people. The differences among cultures come from the values which define each individual and the way each person is brought up. Discover through our two experiences, how ideals of child rearing in Nepal are different from those in Vietnam, and how they both are different from those in the U.S.
Symmetry and Beauty: Ancient Chinese Architecture	<i>Ziwei Liu and Yu Zhou</i>	Apr. 21	The perfect symmetry in ancient Chinese architecture tells the story of the appreciation of beauty. It also has a great influence on Chinese culture. Come and explore our two cities: Beijing and Shenyang, by looking at symmetry and its influence on people's lives and city design today.
Creating a Better World for our Children	<i>Svetlana Kydykbaeva</i>	April 28	Svetlana is a Fulbright scholar at UNH committed to creating a less-violent, safer world for our children. Explore the diversity of her country, the Kyrgyz Republic, and how she sees cross-cultural experiments in space exploration, the World Nomad Games and even jazz at the Kennedy Center as essential to mutual understanding and a more peaceful planet.
In the Field, on Two Continents	<i>Riley Boss and Kimberly Lavoie</i>	May 5	Encounter ancient Maya sites in the jungles of Belize with Riley, a participant in the J-Term COLA archaeology program. Then witness the natural history and environmental impacts in New Zealand with Kimmie, who conducted field research there as part of EcoQuest in the fall. Whether you hope to follow in their footsteps and do one of these UNH programs, or just want to learn about Belize and New Zealand, you won't be disappointed!

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