

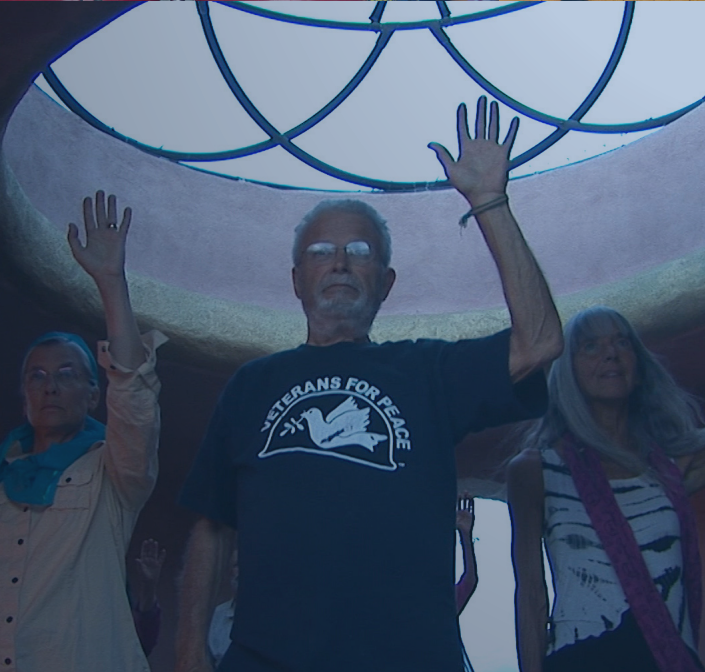
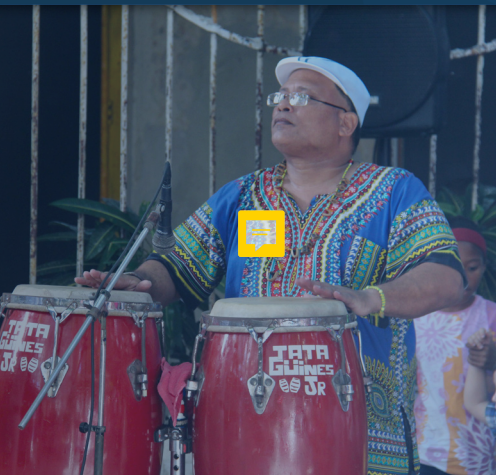


**Ozmen Institute for Global Studies**  
at the University of Nevada, Reno

# **IMPACT REPORT 2018-2021**

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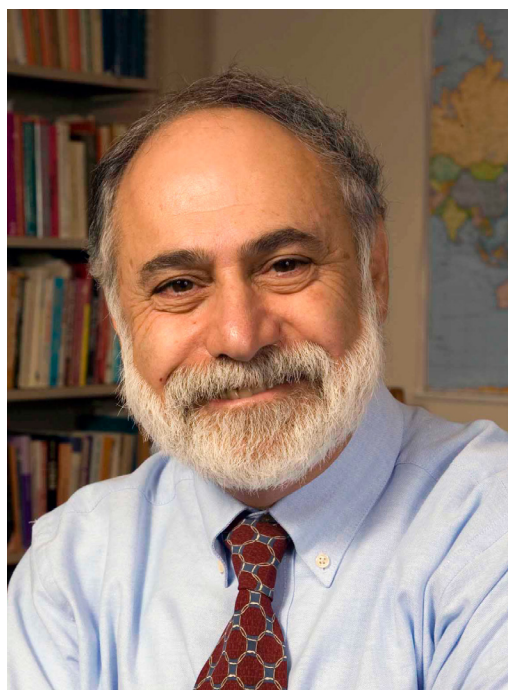


# MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDING AND INAUGURAL DIRECTOR

As the third and final year of my three-year term as Director of the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies ends this year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the founding of the Institute at this great university.

While the hard work and determination of all those involved in the establishment of the Institute has been essential for its success over the past several years, it would not have been possible to launch such an important and much needed unit without the generous financial support of Eren and Fatih Ozmen, our two former international students and alumni of the University of Nevada, Reno. However, the indispensable support and backing provided by the Ozmens to the Institute would not have led to the actual establishment of the Institute had it not been for the tireless efforts of Dean Debra Modellmog of the College of Liberal Arts and Julie Mathews, Director of Development at the College of Liberal Arts from start to finish, when we succeeded in securing the establishment of the Institute through the various steps in gaining approval from the administration, the Faculty Senate, and the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

The success achieved in the development of the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies to its prominence over the past three years is also owed to its Faculty Advisory Committee and its community-based International Advisory Board, as well as its several standing committees and their dedicated members whose relentless work on a voluntary basis made it possible for the Institute to carry forward its important work from the drafting of a strategic plan to a multi-year budget, to annual faculty and graduate student research grants,



and an annual global engagement award, as well as more than 125 Affiliated Faculty of the Institute, volunteering their time to engage in a variety of academic activities related to global studies, including an important webinar series through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The strong support and backing the Institute has received from every Dean of eleven colleges and schools across the university has further reinforced the importance of the Institute engaged in global research and outreach activities at this prominent Carnegie Research 1 university to assure its academic significance in contributing to an understanding of and addressing important global challenges in

the 21st century.

The Ozmen Institute for Global Studies is poised to take this important initiative to the next level by engaging in new programs, partnerships, and collaboration with other similar centers and institutes to expand its footprint in global and international studies. Together with other units on campus, statewide, nationally, and on a global level, the Ozmen Institute is poised to expand and accomplish many more things under its new leadership in the period ahead.

I wish all those involved with the Institute's work much success in taking it to higher levels of accomplishments so that we can all be proud of its global impact in the coming years.

## **Berch Berberoglu**

Founding and Inaugural Director  
Ozmen Institute for Global Studies and  
Foundation Professor of Sociology

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Berch Berberoglu".

# OVERVIEW

Established in July 2018, the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno supports collaborative research, public outreach and engaged scholarship that broadens the community's understanding of global issues at local, regional, national and international levels. The Institute will inspire the next generation of students by providing scholarly research support to help solve important global issues. The Institute is an important entity to campus in diversifying a global research mission and cultivating strong community collaborations around universal concerns.

## Highlights from 2018-2021



**Formed two highly active advisory boards to guide the Institute's operations**



**Increased international research funding by 69% from pre-Institute levels**



**Welcomed more than 120 faculty from 32 departments across campus as affiliates of the Institute**



**Engaged with more than 700 people through the successful delivery of virtual webinars and panel discussions on global topics**

# GLOBAL STUDIES RESEARCH

The Ozmen Institute strives to become a hub for globally and internationally-oriented research across disciplines and united with the expressed desire to provide research-based solutions to the important society problems we confront in the twenty-first century. In 2019, the Institute's second operating year, it formally took over the administration of the faculty and graduate student international research grants on campus. In this first year, the Institute awarded more than \$25,000 in funding across 12 grants, a 22% increase over the prior year when it had been administered centrally. In the subsequent year, the Institute awarded more than \$35,000 in funding across 17 grants, an additional 38% increase. Faculty and student recipients represent 18 different departments across eight academic units on campus, underscoring the campus-wide reach of the research program.



## Departments

- Anthropology
- Art
- Basque Studies
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Community Health Sciences
- Ecology, Evolution, & Conservation Biology
- English
- Equity, Diversity, & Language Education
- Geography
- Interdisciplinary Social Psychology
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Music
- Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- Nevada Agriculture Experiment Station
- Political Science
- Psychology

## Colleges and Units

- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Business
- College of Science
- College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources
- School of Community Health Sciences
- College of Education and Human Development
- Reynolds School of Journalism
- Center for Applied Research



# GLOBAL STUDIES RESEARCH

Over the last two years, the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies administered international research grants totaling more than \$60,000 to 29 faculty and graduate students. The research supported through these grants spans the globe, representing four continents and 18 countries. This map reflects this geographic diversity of the research funded through OIGS.



## FACULTY

### Latin America

- Paraguay
- Mexico
- Panama
- Cuba

### Europe

- Italy
- Germany
- Spain
- Basque Country

## GRADUATE STUDENT

### Asia

- Sri Lanka
- Japan
- Thailand
- Nepal
- Philippines

### Middle East

- Lebanon
- Saudi Arabia
- Turkey

### Africa

- Zambia
- Ghana
- Kenya



# GLOBAL STUDIES OUTREACH

## Public Events and Lectures

**MARCH 2019**

Collaboration across Boundaries:  
The OIGS Launch Event

**MAY 2020**

Global Health Challenges:  
The Coronavirus Pandemic

**NOVEMBER 2020**

International Education and  
Campus Internationalization

**FEBRUARY 2021**

Environmental Justice in a Global Context

**MARCH 2021**

International Women's Entrepreneurship  
Symposium Co-sponsor

**APRIL 2021**

LGBTQ+ Use of Digital Spaces in  
International Contexts

**Find more of our events by visiting:**  
[unr.edu/global-studies](http://unr.edu/global-studies)

Just as we were launching the outreach mission of the new Ozmen Institute for Global Studies, the COVID-19 pandemic closed down our world. This felt significantly ironic. After all, a main goal of the Institute is to reach out to the world about topics of global significance, but suddenly we were faced with having to shut our doors to the wider world we were excited to engage. Fortunately, irony quickly turned into opportunity as we realized that contemporary technologies (especially virtual webinars) would actually enable us to reach a much larger audience—over 600 people total—than we had initially imagined. What originally looked to be a fallow year of outreach actually turned into a rich year of public engagement around some major issues of our time: the coronavirus pandemic, environmental justice, and the use of digital spaces in international contexts by LGBTQ+ individuals. The Institute also co-sponsored the International Women's Entrepreneurship Symposium, an online conference, in March 2021 that drew over 500 attendees from around the world.

The stage has now been set for advancing the vision of the Institute to serve as a catalyst for public dialogue and outreach that broadens our understanding of global issues impacting local, regional, national, and international communities.

Protestors in masks walk along the highway towards Creech Air Force Base in Nevada. This is a scene from Kari Barber's upcoming documentary on drones, ethics and the future of war. Photo Credit: Nico Colombant



# GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AWARD

The Global Engagement Award, a university-wide award of the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies, recognizes full-time academic or administrative faculty for their outstanding contributions to international programs, international program development, academic and global research programs, or international research and outreach at the University of Nevada, Reno. In 2020 the Ozmen Institute increased the monetary value of this award to \$3,000 to underscore the value of international engagement to our campus and elevate the prominence of this award.

Support for the Global Engagement Award is provided by the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies, the Office of International Students & Scholars, University Studies Abroad Consortium, and the Office of the Provost.

## 2020 Award Winner

**Zeb Hogan, Research Assistant Professor of Biology**



As a National Geographic Society fellow, Zeb Hogan has been the face and voice behind the successful show "Monster Fish." Through his work, Hogan has been instrumental in confronting the environmental challenges facing the

Mekong River region. Hogan reaches a wide variety of audiences with his work, ranging from high-level panels and the United Nations to local K-12 students. As a global scholar, Hogan is an integral part of the University's efforts in global research and outreach as an R1 research university.



## 2021 Award Winner

**Chris Morgan, Frazier-Fowler Endowed Chair in Prehistoric Great Basin Archaeology; Associate Professor of Anthropology**



Chris Morgan has more than 15 years of research, education, and outreach in international settings. His research focuses on the evolution of increasingly intensive economies and sociocultural complexity among worldwide hunter-gatherers around the world including China, Mongolia, and Argentina. In addition to research, Morgan has trained international and U.S. students in archaeological field and laboratory analytical techniques and mentored student research projects.

*"It's really nice to be recognized by your colleagues but more importantly, I hope this award bodes well for building even better international scientific and collaborative infrastructure between UNR and colleagues and stakeholders from all types of backgrounds and nationalities."* -Chris Morgan

# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: EUGENE PARK

## **Eugene Park, Rick and Cathy Trachok Endowed Chair in International Studies**

The establishment of the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies had immediate domino effects on other investments in global engagement at the University of Nevada, Reno. Not long after the Ozmen Institute was launched, a second substantial financial commitment to establish the Rick and Cathy Trachok Endowed Chair in International Studies was received, which expects the Chair to have a formal role with the Institute. This gift led to the hiring of Dr. Eugene Park, a preeminent Korean Studies scholar who joined the Department of History in fall of 2020. Together, these generous investments provided a strong foundation on which the University of Nevada, Reno can continue to grow its international engagement and reputation. Below is a brief biography for Dr. Park.

Eugene Y. (Gene) Park is a historian of East Asia, especially Korean politics and society since the 14th century. After studying at UCLA and Harvard, Park completed postdoc with the Council on East Asian Studies at Yale (2000) and has held faculty appointments at the University of



California, Irvine (2000–09), the University of Pennsylvania (2009–20), where he served as director of the James Joo-Jin Kim Program in Korean Studies (2010–19) and the University of Nevada, Reno (since 2020). Park has also taught at Harvard, Korea University, McGill, Seoul National University and Yonsei University, as well as giving some 60 invited lectures, speeches, or presentations, including the 26th Annual Stanley Spector Memorial Lecture on East Asian History and Civilization at Washington University

in St. Louis (2019). Author of four books, he is currently pursuing several projects, including a translation, Kim Ingeol, *Politics of Public Opinion in Korea: Local Councils and People's Assemblies, 1567–1894*. Besides history, Park maintains interest in genealogy, haplogroup genetics, physical anthropology, portraiture and religious studies. He has served as a consultant to *Who Do You Think You Are?* (Wall-to-Wall Productions/George IV Productions), *Finding Your Roots* with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (PBS) and Ancestry.com. In 2016 Park co-chaired the organizing committee of the Eighth Biennial World Congress of Korean Studies.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*In July 2021 Dr. Sudeep Chandra was named Director of the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies. He will succeed founding Director Dr. Berch Berberoglu and will serve a three-year term.*

The Ozmen Institute for Global Studies is one of the key programmatic initiatives supporting the global focus of the University's mission, "to provide outstanding learning, discovery, and engagement programs that serve the economic, social, environmental and cultural needs of the citizens of Nevada, the nation, and the world." With this mission as our central focus, the University prepares students for "global citizenship" with the goal of developing them into "confident leaders for the state, national and global community" with a vision of serving "as a catalyst for the betterment of our society" (NSHE 2014). Our Institute's vision enhances an already strong scholarly enterprise at the University of Nevada, Reno. The University has a long history of engaging in globally relevant topics in areas such as health, the economy, the environment, politics, race relations, gender, social inequality, anthropology, and engineering innovations to name handfuls of disciplinary areas. As the University has increased its Carnegie Ranking and expands its footprint as a top-tier University, we are poised to bring a broad breath of knowledge and expertise from various fields to understand global topics, move towards solving issues, and create a knowledge base which can guide humanity. To accomplish these endeavors, we need to support our faculty, students, and staff that have the energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge that will make contributions to our larger society.

The faculty and students are the backbone of any University institution. Encouraging broad and directed participation in the Institute's mission by faculty and students ensures the longevity and development of creative activities by the Institute. Thanks to our founding Director, Dr. Berch Berberoglu, we have well over 100 faculty affiliated with the Institute. Through this direction and with healthy participation from our advisory



committees the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies has made significant movement towards supporting globally relevant activities and experiences for our students and faculty along with sponsoring informative and engaging events for our local citizenry.

My vision for the Institute is to build on our past achievements and enhance the learning, education, and problem solving conducted by our University personnel while creating scholarly opportunities

that could not be undertaken by a single expert. We are interlinked, and so we need to envision a world where knowledge is shared readily, experiences are gained by many, and cross disciplinary activities are supported to elevate society for the common good. To implement this vision, I will build on the efforts of our founding Director and our colleagues to a) bring a focused organizational structure to the Institute which provides an opportunity for faculty and students to participate, b) develop additional resources for scholarly activities which address the world's pressing challenges and knowledge gaps, c) coordinate with our University partners to develop a more informed local citizenry that can learn and benefit from our University knowledge bank, and d) celebrate the efforts of faculty and their students by sharing our collective story, connections, and possibilities that will make us a resilient society. Simply at the end of three years, I envision a stronger Institute with increased capacity to support the needs of faculty, students, and our society. I look forward to collaborating with you to achieve our common successes and movements towards a more peaceful and harmonious global society. We have many possibilities in front of us to do so.

**Sudeep Chandra**

Director of the Ozmen Institute for Global Studies and  
Associate Professor of Biology





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