Global Action: A Letter from Clara Yu, Monterey Institute President

Dear Middlebury Friends and Colleagues,

As a post script to President Ron Liebowitz’s September 3 update on the Monterey Institute of International Studies, I want to offer you further insight into the west-coast institution that has been an affiliate of Middlebury since Dec. 2005. For those of you who are not familiar with the Institute, the best introduction to our mission is through the visions of our students.

“I want to leave the world a better place than I found it, through my efforts,” said Ben, a U.S. student of International Policy Studies. “That’s why I’m here.”

Yin, a Chinese student of Translation and Interpretation, said, “I know that many MIIS students talk about changing the world, but I just want to be able to make two people who speak different languages understand each other.”

Esther, the eldest of 32 children, is the first woman from her Nigerian village to attend college. “My main goal,” she said, “is humanitarian services for women and children, the victims of conflict.”

Bishnu found a way to mitigate poverty in Nepalese villages by pioneering a biogas plant that would bring electrical power to homes. “If I can teach people anything,” he said, “it is to find a way, not to find excuses to give up.”

Nadia, pictured above, received commendation from her country as the first Afghan woman after the Taliban regime to receive a master’s degree in the United States. She now works for the World Bank and is an advocate for women’s education in Afghanistan.

These are students and alumni of the Monterey Institute. It is through them that we exert a strong and positive impact on the world. “Global Action” is the finest asset we can bring to the Middlebury-Monterey affiliation.

International students comprise 35 percent of the Institute’s student body, and nearly every U.S.-born student has studied, lived, or worked abroad. “International” is not just the Institute’s middle name; it defines our curriculum, outlook, and mission. The Institute campus is a mini UN, with many languages

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On Monday the College introduced a car-sharing service to faculty, staff and students as an environmentally friendly alternative to bringing personal cars to campus. Zipcar, the world’s largest car sharing service, has successfully helped dozens of colleges and universities reduce traffic and noise and parking demands.

“The college has long been a leader in identifying and applying environmentally sound solutions on campus,” said Dean of Environmental Affairs Nan Jenks-Jay. “The Zipcar service is a wonderful opportunity to further that commitment.”

While this affiliation with Middlebury is its first program in Vermont, Zipcar currently has similar programs at MIT, Columbia, Georgetown, Rutgers, American University, Harvard University, University of Minnesota, University of Toronto, University of North Carolina and The University of Chicago.

Those who wish to use a Zipcar will have access to two self-service Toyota Hybrid Prius Zipcars 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Faculty, staff and students can join Zipcar for an annual fee of $35 and will have access to the Zipcars for $8 per hour or $60 per day. Membership includes low hourly and daily rates, gas, maintenance, insurance and parking. Zipcar membership also allows drivers over age 21 access to the company’s network of more than 3,500 vehicles throughout North America and the United Kingdom.

According to Jenks-Jay, the college requested hybrid vehicles to help contribute to its overall carbon reduction. The cars are located in the parking lot behind Hillcrest Environmental Center and available to all faculty, staff and student members over age 18.

“For students, faculty and staff who cannot or do not want to bring privately-owned cars to campus, Zipcar provides a convenient and cost-effective way to run errands or even take a weekend trip,” said Assistant Treasurer and Director of Business Services Tom Corbin.

~Blair Kloman

For more information on becoming a Zipcar member, visit www.zipcar.com/middlebury

North Carolina and The University of Chicago.

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Front row, from left: Andrea Murray, History of Art & Architecture; Lynn Owens, Sociology/Anthropology; Folashadé Alao, Philosophy; Nick Muller, Economics. Second row: Michael Verno, Psychology; James Fitzsimmons, Sociology/Anthropology; Young Hie Kim, Chemistry and Biochemistry; Brian Robison, Music. Third row: Dongming Zhang, Chinese; Rachael Joo, American Studies; Florence Feiereisen, German; Cathryn Pridal, Psychology, on Fellowship from Westminster College, MO; Sam Liebhaber, International Studies/Arabic. Back row: Karine Wältner, History; Rachael Neal, Sociology/Anthropology; Jeff Buettner, Music; Leif Sorensen, English & American Literatures; Cameron Wärner, Religion; Brad Cokelet, Philosophy; Steve Viner, Philosophy.

Front row, from left: Sandra Beverly, Cook; Rebecca Guillet, Ross; Elissa Denton, Brainerd. Back row: Charles Wirenc, Wonnacott; Elizabeth Torkelson, Atwater.
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HOMELAND Grant Program: In June, MiddPoints reported on the Middlebury South Village neighborhood under construction on Rte. 7 South. The HOMELAND Program can help qualified first-time homebuyers, or buyers who have not owned a home within the last three years, purchase one of these new homes by providing monetary grants to subsidize downpayments. The program, run through the Addison County Community Trust (ACCT), helps to keep housing in Addison County affordable so the people who work here can live here too. Interested in finding out more? Call Terry or Elise at ACCT at 388-9080, or pick up a pamphlet in Human Resources.

Celebrate the Middlebury Initiative

On Saturday, October 6, the College will celebrate the announcement of the Middlebury Initiative with an all-campus dance in Nelson Arena. All faculty and staff and their families, as well as students, are invited to join President Ron Liebowitz and his wife Jessica at the event, which begins at 9 p.m.

Known for great vocals and driving rhythm and horn sections, the Boston band Freestyle will entertain from 9 p.m. until midnight. The '80s tribute band Orange Crush will perform from midnight until 2 a.m. The evening will also feature international foods prepared by dining events manager Darby Crum and his staff.

The Middlebury Initiative grew out of the recently completed strategic plan. It will build on the College’s established strengths, extend its reach and influence, and expand the range of opportunities available to students. To implement the Initiative, the College will launch a fund-raising campaign on Oct. 6.

But perhaps Kristin Rock best embodies the Middlebury-Monterey affiliation as she pursues simultaneous master’s degrees from the two schools: a Spanish degree at Middlebury and a TESOL degree from the Monterey Institute.

“Once I had begun the summer program at Middlebury,” said Rock, “I also learned about the master’s programs at the Monterey Institute. I thought about applying to MIIS because I could see the connection between what I was studying at Middlebury and what I could learn at MIIS for a career in teaching language.”

This winter, two J-Term Monterey Institute courses will be offered on the Middlebury campus, one on Translation and Interpretation and one on Nonproliferation. Institute faculty members have visited and lectured at Middlebury, and Middlebury staff members have been assisting the Monterey Institute with business services, institutional research, information technology, and human resources.

These are but a few examples of our ongoing interaction. Through the Middlebury-Monterey Task Force on Integration (M² Task Force), as laid out in President Liebowitz’s message, we are further strengthening inter-institutional connections. To this mutual goal, I welcome your ideas and your participation.

With best wishes,
Clara Yu
Auto


For Sale: Damon Challenger 35’ 5th wheel camper; excel. condit.; high quality unit! 3 slides; 2 TVs w/DVD players; heat/AC; microwave; ceiling fan; ready to enjoy fall camping or great place to stay in on your lot while building a house. 759-2221 or burnhamfive@gmavt.net.

For Sale: Nokia Hakkapeliitta Snow Tires. 215/70 R16. Were used on 2001 Honda Odyssey. 2 tires purchased Mar. ’07 w/’ lest than 500 mi. of wear. 2 tires purchased Nov. ’05 still have good tread. Paid $518, asking $100. Great Deal! E-mail: wpeterso@middlebury.edu, or call 388-1649.

Other
For Sale: Appliances. White GE 4-burner self-clean. elect. stove, as new $175; good for camp – apt-sized elec. dryer, $15, & older profess. Kitchen Aid dishwasher, $15; wall oven, $40; glass-top drop-in range, $40. 462-2460.

For Sale: New and used golf clubs. Call Bob at 877-3953 or 802-349-5556 (leave message).


Yard Sale: Saturday, 9/22, Multi-Family Yard Sale at 959 Happy Valley Rd., Middlebury. 9am-2pm. Household items, toys, and more. No early birds, please.

Real Estate
For Sale: Three BR, one BA, well maintained raised ranch w/ sunny open floor plan on 1 acre only 4 mi. from the heart of Midd. 2115 Case St. Brand new kitch. w/tile floor, maple cabinets, jennaire range, all new applian. Patio doors open to deck overlooking open fields, beautiful sunsets. Wood stove in LR. Full basement. $199,000. 802-453-4011.

For Rent: Well-maintained 3 BR cape. 4 mi. north of the College. Large yard and deck, beautiful westerly views. Over 2,200 sq ft of living space. Call Will at x3240 or 453-4902.

For Rent: Spend a fall weekend lakeside! 2 BR, 1 BA classic pine cottage on Lake Champlain; sleeps 6; screened porch; deck w/firepit at water’s edge. 759-2221 or burnhamfive@gmavt.net. Photos and more info. avail. online.

For Rent: Sabbatical rental for ’07-08 Acad. Year. 2 story house on Chipman Hill (High St.). 2 BR, 2 BA recently remod. kitch./brkfst. room and downsrs. BA, large LR and master BR upstairs, 2 studies. Adk. views and Midd. schools. $895/mo. + util. For more info. contact Kevin Moss at mossa@middlebury.edu or call Judy Olinick at x5532.

Wanted
Wanted: Used ice hockey equipment including pads, gloves, shorts, etc. for a 5-ft.-tall woman. Call x2095 or e-mail keren@middlebury.edu.

Wanted: Housemate in Bristol. Profess. woman looking for housemate to share expenses and look after a small dog and cat when I am traveling. House is new, furnished, energy effic., w/ 2 BR, 2 BA, radiant heat, gas fireplace. Stores and rest. w/in walking dist. Outdoor activ. all close. 20 min. from Middlebury and 40 min. from Burlington. Call 802-453-3692.

Wanted: J-Term Housing. ’99 Middlebury Grad. in town to teach J-term course in need of housing for the month: house/cat sitting, apartment, room - anything will do, provided it’s w/in walking distance of campus. Please contact Jason Price at jasonprice@yahoo.com.

Faculty Grant
Jeff Munroe (Geology) has received funding from the Ashley National Forest (USDA Forest Service) to support data preparation for a glacial geologic map of the Uinta Mountains in Utah. This project is an extension of a field mapping campaign undertaken by Jeff and a colleague in 2006. The work will be done at Middlebury this fall by Lee Corbett, a geology major who graduated in 2007.