

**CENTER FOR GLOBAL STUDIES**  
**PURDUE UNIVERSITY CALUMET**

Report (May 17, 2006)

**MISSION:**

Established in April 2006, the Center for Global Studies at Purdue University Calumet will bring together communication, history, political science, and other disciplines, and connect researchers nationally and internationally, in pursuit of fresh and rigorously evaluated information about the practices, strategies, and trends in global culture, media, politics, and economics. These activities will infuse and inspire the curriculum, faculty members, and students at Purdue University Calumet. The Center will also disseminate its discoveries and studies to the interested public as well as to specialist researchers, establishing Purdue University Calumet as a national resource with an international reputation for the study of globalization across disciplines.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Foster a core group of faculty, graduate and undergraduate students engaged in substantive research initiatives in global interdisciplinary studies.
- Establish national and international partnerships for research and creative exchange
- Provide an active visiting scholars program.
- Serve as an impetus for the development of new courses addressing global issues.
- Facilitate campus and local community discussions of global topics.
- Maintain a dialogue among researchers, citizens, and industry professionals on global issues of trade, development, communication, and culture.

**ACTIVITIES (SINCE APRIL 2006):**

Have submitted a grant proposal, *Promoting China's Freedom of the Information*, in cooperation with Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES (2006-2007):**

- Will complete at least one more grant proposal for possible funding by the end of 2006.
- Will Sponsor an interactive panel/roundtable discussion, *War and Peace in the Age of Globalization*, at the 6<sup>th</sup> Global Fusion Conference, Chicago, September 29-October 1, 2006.

- Will host a panel involving Purdue University Calumet faculty at the 6<sup>th</sup> Global Fusion Conference, Chicago, September 29-October 1, 2006.
- Will provide support to cover expenses for two students who will document the Venezuela trip, in conjunction with a course on “Media and Politics of Latin America,” team-taught by Lee Artz (Communications) and Kathleen Tobin (Latin American Studies), Maymester (May 15- June 11, 2006). The students will videotape and later on produce a documentary related to the topic of the course.
- Will design and develop a comprehensive web site. It will eventually contain information about the Center, its goals, projects, videos, seminars, conferences, and other related matters.
- Will sponsor public presentations/speeches at the University.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

At the time of writing this report, the Center has not incurred any expenses.

**PERSONNEL:**

Director

Yahya Kamalipour, Head, Department of Communications

Members

George Hong, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Professional Development

Lee Artz, Associate Professor of Communications

Kathleen Tobin, Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies

**LOCATION:**

The Center will be temporarily located in the Department of Communication and Creative Arts, Room 118, Porter Hall.

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