

ISOLA Activities, USM/L-A, Partial List, 2004-2005

2004-2005.

We sponsored a variety of speakers throughout the year, including Julia Trujillo-Luengo on the Madrid Train Bombing and Dr. Thomas Whitney on Cuba.

2004-2005; Ismail Ahmed and Godfrey Banda, with Barry Rodrigue.
Memorandum of Understanding between the International Students Organization of Lewiston-Auburn (ISOLA) in the University of Southern Maine at Lewiston-Auburn College (USA) and the Department of Student Development and the International Office in the University of KwaZulu Natal, Westville Campus (South Africa).

2004-2005; Ismail Ahmed and Godfrey Banda, with Barry Rodrigue.
Shipment of school supplies to the Gakuto Primary School, Gakuto, Botswana. This led to a large Thanksgiving Ceremony, on 10 March 2005, in which the Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Botswana participated.

2004-2005; Julia Trujillo-Luengo, Christy Bomba, Irene Mailhot, Elfrieda Brandstatter, and Rabbi Hillel Katzer; with Barry Rodrigue.
Although USM-LA lacks a modern and ancient language program, ISOLA cosponsored a conversational language program for French, Spanish, Hebrew, and German.

2004-2005; Barry Rodrigue.
Shipment of books and literature to the Victor Serge Memorial Library, Moscow Library 10, Moscow Russia.

29 April 2005; Julia Trujillo Luengo, Christy Felt-Bomba, Khadra Jama, and Ali Jama; with Ismail Ahmed and Barry Rodrigue.
ISOLA organized a International Day celebration. We had speakers in different sessions and an evening of African stories, music and food.

7 March 2005; Barry Rodrigue and Ismail Ahmed.
ISOLA cosponsored a lecture and exhibition, "Elephant Dreams," by Art Professor Phil Paratore on his work on East Africa's Serengeti Region.

5 March 2005; Barry Rodrigue and Lilia Bright.
The Second Androscoggin Labor Folk Festival featured noted performers Andy Cohen, Dale Robin Lockman, and Lex Romane, along with the celebrated contra-dance caller John McIntire. Co-sponsored by the IBEW, Local 567 and Barry Rodrigue's students. Proceeds went towards the "Pennies for Peace" program, which works with the larger Seeds of Peace effort in Maine, and Franco-Haitian communities.

17 February 2005; Susan Teich and Barry Rodrigue.

ISOLA and the Religious Studies Concentration (Arts & Humanities) of the University of Southern Maine at Lewiston/Auburn sponsored Rabbi Hillel Katzir, Temple Shalom's spiritual leader in Auburn, who gave a series of presentations on "Kaballah: What it is, What it is not;" "The Concept of a Messiah;" "Israel and Palestine: A Personal View;" and "Beginning Hebrew."

25 January 2005; Ismail Ahmed.

ISOLA sponsored the World Affairs Council of Maine's first event in Lewiston, "Immigrant Experiences."

2 November 2004; Lilia Bright and Barry Rodrigue.

First L-A International Poetry Slam & Potluck. ISOLA, with students from Professor Barry Rodrigue's Western Civilization I class and French North American Studies class sponsored open mike poetry and special presentations by Otrude Moyo - poet from Zimbabwe and Assistant Professor at USM, Gary Lawless - bioregionalist poet from Brunswick and global poetry activist, and Godfrey Banda - poet from Zimbabwe and ISOLA member.

28-29 October 2004; Barry Rodrigue, with Ismail Ahmed.

Second University of Maine System Conference for Diversity. Organized events for 100 faculty members from the University of Maine System campuses, as well as Maine community activists. The first day focused on borderlands diversity in NW Maine, as a case study. The evening and second day focused on faculty efforts at incorporating diversity into their programs in Maine.