Our faculty also continues to stretch their desire to expand their international engagement and share their expertise through research and collaboration as we recently learned of three who have been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholar grant. Yuval Flicker, a professor in the Department of Mathematics, will give a series of lectures in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Christine Keating, an assistant professor in the Department of Women’s Studies, will lecture and conduct research in Sri Lanka; and Richard Gordon, an assistant professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, will conduct research in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

Just as we encourage our students to experience other cultures and become globally adept, we prepare ourselves to welcome another group of international students to Ohio State. Later this month, we will check in an additional 150 international students for Winter Quarter, provide them with an orientation to campus and help them get situated to their new environment. They will be joined by numerous international scholars who choose to immerse themselves in the research environment of Ohio State. We constantly strive to make the transition for our international members as smooth as possible and provide new international students with opportunities to meet new people and become involved.

Our most recent international student graduation reception, which we host along with the Ohio State Alumni Association, proved again that the concept of academic hospitality is appreciated and the system is working well. Not only are our international students gaining a first rate education at Ohio State, but they have become more culturally aware, and have taken full advantage of the many different social activities our campus has to offer. And maybe even more importantly, they have made friends for life.