



The five Area Studies Centers and the Office of International Affairs at The Ohio State University have collaborated with other educators around the state to present the [2009 Global Institute](#), a three-day workshop for teachers in grades K-12, that will be held August 3-6 on the campus of Kent State University. The workshop will provide educators with a broader view of how they can connect their students with classrooms and experts around the world. The Global Institute is a partnership among The Ohio State University, Kent State University, the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Geographic Alliance.

Approximately 100 teachers were selected from more than 200 applicants to attend the Institute, which has been primarily funded through a grant from the Longview Foundation and the partner institutions. From the central Ohio area, teachers from Pickerington, Columbus, and Hilliard City Schools will be in attendance as well as a teacher from the Southwestern Diocese of Columbus.

This event will train a cadre of teachers from content areas across the curriculum to:

- Understand the importance of international education
- Identify opportunities for integrating international context into teaching and learning
- Create models that can be shared with other teachers
- Use technology for making international connections

Ohio State House Representative Dr. **Vernon Sykes** as well as representatives from Ohio State, Kent State and area businesses and educational organizations will present during the three-day event. Themes covered during the Institute will be "Exploring Global Issues"; "Internationalization Instruction"; and "Integrating Technology" into classroom learning.

Some of the highlights include:

- Professor **Kelechi Kalu**, from the Department of African American and African Studies and director of the [Center for African Studies](#) at Ohio State, will discuss the demographics of today's world populations, and the disparities among them.
- Discussions of world regions led by representatives of Ohio State's [East Asian Studies Center](#), the [Middle East Studies Center](#), the [Center for Slavic and East European Studies](#), the

Center for African Studies and the [Center for Latin American Studies](#).

- Video-Conferencing 101: Ohio State visiting artist, **Jingfei Li**, will describe and demonstrate the art of Chinese kite making to Institute attendees through video conferencing.

Global Institute program and materials

- [2009 Global Institute Program](#)
- [Ohio Teachers Going Global Curriculum Tool](#)
- [Connecting Ohio Classrooms to the World](#)