



Intensive English Institute



Meet the Interns

What do these four UIUC undergraduate students do at the IEI? Their job is to connect you with the campus and community. They will organize events, trips and volunteer activities all semester long. They'll answer your questions, help you with problems, or just hang out with you. Chat with the interns in the IEI lounge every Friday from 3:30-4:30 PM.

My name is **Luke Lustfeldt**. I really like to just hang out and talk or play games (board, card, etc.). I love learning about other cultures and countries! I like to play basketball, football, and sand volleyball, but I will try any sport. I'm a junior and this is my first semester at the University of Illinois. I became an IEI intern because I love to meet people from other countries. I also love to work with others. I look for jobs that give me an opportunity to give a needed service to others and have fun at the same time. I think it will be a lot of fun to explore all of the fun activities at the university together!

Hey! I'm **Emily Litchfield**, and I'm from Urbana, IL. I'm majoring in Peace and Social Justice Studies and possibly minoring in Spanish. In my free time, I like to relax with friends, read, and be outside. This summer, I spent a month volunteering in the Dominican Republic and had a wonderful experience there. Last year, I volunteered as a Convopartner at the IEI. I became an intern this summer, and I love it. My favorite part about being involved with IEI is connecting with people from lots of different backgrounds. I am so excited to meet all of you this semester!

Hi everyone! My name is **Rebekah Zale** and I'm a double major in International Studies and Spanish, with a minor in EIL. A couple years ago I spent the summer in China; traveling and teaching English in Beijing. That trip really made me realize how much I love traveling and getting to know other cultures. My time in China led me to spend my junior year abroad in Barcelona, Spain and travel around the majority of Europe and into Northern Africa. I'm really looking forward to meeting all the IEI students and sharing our interests. I'd love for us to go to a concert or a play this semester.



Hi guys and gals! My name is **Justin Steffen** and I am from a little town 1 hour north of here called Cissna Park. In my free time I like to play sports, have deep talks, read, and eat. I will play basically any sport, talk about anything and try almost any food – so if you ever want to cook an authentic meal for me, I will eat it! I am majoring in Psychology so mostly I just analyze people. I became an IEI intern because my friend from Korea told me I should because I like meeting people from different cultures and countries. I'll graduate next May and then, God willing, I plan to move to Korea and teach English.

Upcoming IEI Events

Don't miss these great events coming up soon!

For more upcoming events, see <http://www.iei.uiuc.edu/calendar.htm>

- Convopartner Orientation Meeting**
 Tuesday, September 8th - 5:00 PM - 100 Noyes
 Meet your partner, exchange your schedules, and get to know one another at this first meeting.
- Volunteer Orientation Meeting**
 Tuesday, September 15th - 5:00 PM - 160 English Building
 Luke and the other IEI interns will explain the various volunteer opportunities available this semester
- Allerton Park Trip**
 Saturday, September 19th - 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM - *Meet at the IEI*
 Allerton is one of the "Seven Wonders of Illinois". We will go by van from the IEI to Allerton (a 45-minute drive) Allerton has beautiful gardens and extensive hiking trails. Sign up in the IEI lounge!
- Welcome Picnic**
 Friday, September 25th - 5:00 PM - Hessel Park, Champaign
 Bring your family and join your classmates for food, games and fun. Maybe you will win some prizes!
- Chicago Trip**
 Saturday, October 3rd - 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM - *Meet at the IEI*
 Do you want to visit the Field Museum? The Sears Tower's new Skydeck? The Magnificent Mile? Start making plans now with your friends and classmates to sign up for this trip. More information coming soon.



Do you have questions about your IEI classes or the U of I campus community?

Remember to refer to your student handbook, which can also be found online at www.iei.uiuc.edu. You can also visit IEI Room 101 to talk with Pam Fernandez, International Student Advisor, or Anna Kasten, Student Services Coordinator. Or visit your wonderful interns in the IEI Lounge on Fridays from 3:30-4:30!

Upcoming Campus Events

- **Krannert Center's Opening Night Party** (tickets can be purchased at the door-\$5)
Thursday, September 10th - 7:00 PM - Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
This is a huge party with four bands, lots of dancing space, and a wide variety of food vendors.



- **Fighting Illini Football vs. Illinois State University** (Student tickets \$25.00)
Sunday, September 12th - 6:00 PM - Memorial Stadium
Be sure to see a football game while you are here in Champaign! For more sports events, see the full calendar at www.fightingillini.com.



- **Illinites: Hollywood to Bollywood** (free)
Friday, September 18th - 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM - Illini Union
This event will feature comedian Paul Varghese, two popular Bollywood films, Hollywood Idol Singing Contest, make-your-own music videos, a caricature artist, and .50 cent Sbarro pizza slices!



Also this month: Many people in our community are celebrating the holy month of **Ramadan** right now. During this month, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. **Fasting** means not eating or drinking. By fasting, Muslims focus on their spiritual needs, rather than on their physical needs. Ramadan is also a month when families break their fast right after the sun goes down with a dinner called **Iftar**. At the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate the **Eid-ul Fitr**. On September 20th you can wish your Muslim classmates and friends, "**Happy Eid!**"

MORE AND MORE ENGLISH PRACTICE

The following events are all **FREE**, they all have **SNACKS**, and they are **OPEN** events, which means that anyone can come, and you can come whenever you like. It is okay if you have to arrive late or leave early, and you don't have to attend each week. You are welcome to come when you can! Some events are in church buildings, but none are religious events.

Every Monday – 4-5:30 PM – English Corner – Come to discuss American cultural topics at the Monday meeting, and maybe get involved in their other fun events, like an international potluck dinner or a trip to Curtis Orchard. Located in the Christian Campus House, 810 W. Oregon St, Urbana. Contact Mary Stewart, stewart8@illinois.edu

1ST Wednesday of the Month – 7-8:30 PM – IEI CONVOPARTNER Coffee Hour – Meet with IEI students and Convopartners at BASIC House, located at 1008 S. Lincoln Avenue (across from LAR and McKinley Health Center). You do not need to have a Convopartner to attend this event. Questions? Email Megan Ficek at mficek@illinois.edu.

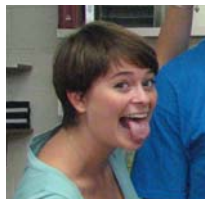
Every Thursday – 5-7:00 PM – REALITY ENGLISH – Watch an episode of "Survivor: Gabon", a reality TV show, and then discuss the show, new vocabulary, and hang out. Meets in FLB G-30. Questions? Email the host Amanda Huensch at huensch@illinois.edu.

Every Thursday – 7-9:00 PM – Cosmo Club Coffee Hours – Each week this event will be hosted by a different country, and you can sample foods and learn about the culture of that country. Cosmo Club is located at 307 E. John Street in Champaign. See their full schedule at www.cosmohouse.org

Every Friday – 4-6:00 PM – International Coffeehouse - Build friendships and network with people from many different fields of study and research. This group meets in the Etc. Coffeehouse, on the corner of Goodwin and Green in Urbana. The entrance to the Coffeehouse is on Goodwin Avenue.

Most Saturdays – 1:30 PM – English Conversation Connection – This group meets in Gregory Hall 113, and is led by native English speaking teachers and assistants to look at everyday conversation matters. To see the calendar of event dates, visit their website at www.ischome.org or contact Tiffany at tiffanyjon@hotmail.com

Rebekah's Most Embarrassing Language Mistake



I told my Spanish roommate that I really liked autumn, which in Spanish is "otoño." However, I added an 'n' and said "oNtoño" which sounds just like the boy's name Antonio. She had no idea why I was telling her I liked a boy named Antonio when we were talking about the seasons, and I had no idea I had even made a mistake. She told the story to my other roommates when we got home and they made fun of me the whole day.

Fun Stuff from the IEI interns!

Emily's Favorite Things:



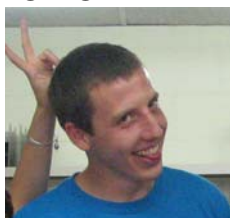
Favorite drink: coffee, for sure.
Favorite C-U restaurant: The Courier in downtown Urbana... so delicious.
Favorite season: autumn
Favorite Chicago tourist attraction: The Art Institute
Favorite color: turquoise!

Justin's Advice for How To Meet New People



1. Invite people over for dinner
 2. Invite people to go play a sport
 3. Join a group on campus
 4. Attend a church
 5. Stay at the IEI from 8am to 4:30pm.
- You will meet a lot of cool people!

A BIO-POEM



Luke

Friendly, Outgoing, Goofy, Tall
Lover of FOOD!!!
Fears large fish, jellyfish, and other weird sea creatures.
Needs to study hard for school.
Would like to see Turkey, China, and India.
Lives in PAR - Saunders Hall.
Lustfeldt