Professor Oros *lives* International Studies... and encourages his students to!

He has traveled in 39 countries on four continents – 22 since starting at WAC in 2002.

Below are some photos from his journeys while at WAC: December 2002 – August 2016.

127 cities and counting (*not* including cities in the United States)

**Africa: (1 country)**
- Tanzania: Arusha, Dar es Salem, Zanzibar

**Asia-Pacific: (9 countries)**
- China: Beijing, Guangzhou, Guilin, Hong Kong, Nanjing, Shanghai, Tianjin, Xian
- Kiribati
- Mongolia: Ulan Bator
- North Korea: Panmunjom
- South Korea: Busan, Panmunjom, Seoul
- Taiwan: Taipei
- Thailand: Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Patong
- United Arab Emirates: Abu Dhabi, Dubai

**Caribbean: (5 countries, plus territories of the US, France, the Netherlands, and the UK)**
- Barbados / Bermuda / Dominican Republic / Haiti / St. Lucia

**Europe: (21 countries)**
- Austria: Salzburg, Vienna
- Croatia: Dubrovnik, Hvar, Komiza, Split, Stari Grad, Vis
- Denmark: Copenhagen
- Estonia: Parnu, Tallinn
- Finland: Helsinki, Tampere, Turku
- France: Aix En Provence, Bordeaux, Paris, St. Barts, Martinique, Saint-Emilion, Versailles
- Germany: Berlin, Bonn, Duisburg, Frankfurt, Potsdam, Tubingen
- Greece: Athens, Delos, Fira, Mykonos, Piraeus, Santorini, Zakynthos
- Holy See: Vatican City
- Hungary: Budapest
- Ireland: Cavan, Dublin
- Italy: Amalfi Coast, Calabria, Casteluciano, Florence, Perugia, Pompei, Rome, Sienna, Stromboli, Venice
- Latvia: Riga
- Lithuania: Vilnius
- Russia: Irkutsk, Moscow, St. Petersburg
- Spain: Barcelona, Ibiza, Pamplona
- Sweden: Stockholm
- The Netherlands: Amsterdam, St. Martin
- Turkey: Istanbul

**North America: (3 countries)**
- Canada: Banff, Montreal, Vancouver, Whistler
- Mexico: Acapulco, Ensenada, Guadalajara, Rosarito, Tijuana
- United States: cities not entered; 37 states visited, all except: Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Wyoming
- Puerto Rico (not yet Guam or other U.S. territories)
Photo Index (selected destinations from the year’s travels – 16 countries included below):

2016: Croatia (Dubrovnik and Vis) [Tokyo conference travel not pictured]
2015: Canada (Ottawa) [Beijing & Nanjing, China & Tokyo conference travel not pictured]
2014: France (Martinique) [Toronto and Tokyo research travel not pictured]
2013: Japan (Okinawa)
2012: Japan (Tokyo and Miyagi prefecture)
2011: Mexico (Guadalajara), China (Beijing), South Korea (Seoul), United Arab Emirates (Dubai), Italy, France
2010: United Kingdom (Sussex), Japan (Kyoto and Hiroshima)
2009: Japan (Tokyo and Osaka)
2008: China (Beijing, Hong Kong, Xian), Tanzania (Arusha, Zanzibar)
2007: Taiwan (Taipei), Germany (Berlin, Potsdam), Japan (Tokyo)
2006: Italy (Pisa) + Alaska (Hubbard Bay)
2005: The Holy See (Vatican City), Spain (Pamplona, Barcelona), Turkey (Istanbul)
2004: United Kingdom (London)
2003: Canada (Montreal)
2002: Kiribati (Fanning Island) + Hawaii (Pearl Harbor Memorial)

After completing the copy edits on my next book, *Japan’s Security Renaissance*, I took some time off to explore a new country, Croatia, in **June 2016**. The old city of Dubrovnik (left, repaired after bombing during its war of independence in the early 1990s) and a former hidden submarine port on the formerly “closed” island of Vis (right).

I spent my birthday (**May 2015**) in Ottawa as a guest of Canada’s Ministry of Defense to talk about trends in Asia-Pacific security, but was able to take a late afternoon walk past the Houses of Parliament – and enjoyed a local beer.
I enjoyed the great privilege of scholarly life in Spring 2014 – sabbatical leave. Relaxing on the beach in Martinique, France (a Caribbean island), March 2014...never far from a McDonald’s! (on the more serious side, my next book-in-progress also benefitted from research trips to Toronto and Tokyo.)

Futuristic Shanghai, China, June 2013 – a land of luxury that is a stark departure from the policies of Chairman Mao

Post-World War II Peace Memorial in Okinawa, Japan – June 2013
The colorful *origami* folded cranes symbolize a hope for peace, while the hundreds of granite slabs list the names of those who lost their lives in the Battle of Okinawa, *from both sides of the conflict.*
In March 2012 I took students from my Japanese Politics and Foreign Policy course to Japan to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the “3/11 triple disasters” – the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear incident – with the support of a Washington College Curricular Innovation grant and a grant from the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership, and the help of my colleague Professor Noriko Narita.

I am very proud of my students’ spirit of volunteerism evident in our day of relief work in the village of Murohama in Miyagi prefecture (pictured above). Behind me (left photo) was once a verdant rice paddy. Students worked a full day to clear muck from the drainage ditch of a road leading to a port (right photo). In addition, students – led by Prof. Narita – collected books and funds to help the city library in Higashi Matsushima.

Among the national, prefectural, and local politicians we met on the trip was National Diet member Shinjiro Koizumi, the son of former Prime Minister Jun’ichiro Kozumi (pictured with students and Prof. Narita above).
2011 was a busy travel year: to conferences in Paris, Beijing, Seoul, Tokyo, Duisburg (Germany), and Guadalajara, plus personal travel to Italy, France, and the United Arab Emirates (plus various US destinations from FL to WA).

Guadalajara, Mexico – December 2011: Workshop on Latin America’s response to the rise of China, and after-party!

Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) – November 2011 (Khalifa Tower – the tallest in the world)

Beijing, China – August 2011: Chinese Foreign Ministry sponsored workshop on US-China relations
2011 (continued): Italy, France, and South Korea

Outside Casteluciano, Northern Italy – July 2011….and the opera house in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Seoul, South Korea – June 2011: traditional costumes …..and the 126th anniversary of Yonsei University, Washington College’s exchange partner and one of Korea’s oldest universities.
2010: United Kingdom and Japan

Wiston House at Wilton Park conference retreat of the British Foreign Office – **November 2010**
Workshop on Japan’s international role, Sussex, United Kingdom

Kyoto, Japan – **November 2010**: report launch on US-Japan relations, and a side-trip to see Mt. Fuji.

The Atomic Dome of Hiroshima in Peace Park – **August 2010**: and a meeting with the mayor of Hiroshima.
Japan – **Summer 2009**: accepting a plaque from the director of the National Institute of Defense Studies.

Speaking at the US consulate in Osaka as part of the US State Department visiting speakers program.

Outside Tiananmen Square in Beijing, **June 2008**
(Chairman Mao still stands watch, despite capitalism)

Visiting with WAC’s exchange partner, Lingnan University, in Hong Kong, **July 2008**

Inside the Terra Cotta Warrior Museum Shop, Xian, China, **July 2008**
2008 (continued): My first trip to Africa...thanks to WAC

On safari in the Serengeti desert, together with 13 WAC students and Prof. Shad, June 2008

Looking into Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania ........ and on the beaches of Zanzibar, June 2008

Visiting with primary school students in Arusha, Tanzania, together with WAC students, June 2008
2007: Taiwan

NGO visit as part of a “young scholars” group sponsored by the Republic of China/Chinese Taipei, **August 2007**

Chiang Kai Shek Memorial Hall/Democracy Hall, Taipei

Outside Taipei, traditional Chinese temple, **August 2007**
2007 (continued): Germany

Berlin Wall preserved segment, Potsdampatz, Berlin, **July 2007**

The new dome of the Reichstag, symbolizing the transparency of democracy, **July 2007**

Site of the famous Potsdam conference (setting the stage for the post-World War II world), outside Berlin, **July 2007**
Inside the Japanese Prime Minister’s Residence, as member of an “Emerging Leader” delegation sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Japan Foundation, April 2007

Photo-op from the Prime Minister’s podium, inside the PM’s residence, Tokyo, April 2007

Speaking at a reception inside a former government palace, Tokyo, April 2007
2006: *Italy and Alaska (aka, former Russia)*

The Leaning Tower of Pisa (the Bell Tower of the Cathedral), Italy, *June 2006*

Hubbard Glacier, Alaska, *June 2006* – is it global warming that’s causing this glacier to melt?
2005: Turkey and the Holy See

The Blue Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey, **August 2005** (with Steve Clemons)

Vatican City (The Holy See), an independent state within Rome, Italy, **July 2005**
2005 (continued): Spain

The festival of San Fermin (after running with/from the bulls), Pamplona, Spain, July 2005

Political Protest of Bull Fighting, Barcelona, Spain, July 2005
2004: United Kingdom


2003: Canada

My first of seven “road trips” to Montreal (Canada) as the chaperone for WAC’s Model United Nations team, January 2003. For a native Californian used to road trips on the PCH, this was a big change!
Kiribati and Hawaii (aka, the former Kingdom of Hawaii)

Fanning Island (Tabuaeran), Republic of Kiribati, December 2002
Kiribati became an independent country in 1979 when it ceased being a British protectorate then known as the Gilbert Islands. With a population of about 9,000 spread across three main islands, it became the 188th member of the United Nations in 1999.

U.S.S. Missouri (where Japan signed its unconditional surrender to the U.S. in Tokyo Bay to end the Second World War), now a museum at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, December 2002