

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



▶ Dean Timothy S. Johnson

I am pleased to announce that the EastWest Institute (EWI) and the Bennett Family Foundation have committed to form the [John Edwin Mroz Global Leadership Institute](#) (Mroz Institute), in partnership with LCWA. This new institute will preserve the legacy of EWI's visionary founder and leader, John Edwin Mroz. EWI operated as an independent, global organization that promoted peace by facilitating candid discourse among leaders to offer sustainable solutions for major political, economic and security issues. Mroz served as president and CEO of the institute for 34 years until his death in 2014. Now LCWA will ensure that the spirit of Mroz and mission of EWI [endure for generations to come](#).

The Mroz Institute will provide students the opportunity to develop the high-level international skills necessary for lifelong careers of global impact. The institute will also promote the legacy and values of EWI and Mroz, educating new generations in the methods and benefits of Track II diplomacy. It will also sponsor research and scholarship on the history of Track II diplomacy with a special focus on EWI's history and will maintain EWI's global network of influence. The formation of the Mroz Institute will position LCWA and the College as a hub where students prepare for careers and leadership roles in our globally connected world.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Allie Astor '18

Working as the program coordinator for Charleston's [Green Heart Project](#) (a farm-to-school nonprofit organization), Allie has taken her passion for sustainability, and turned it into a full-time profession. It's no accident that she studied and researched sustainable development as an international studies major.

The Green Heart Project builds garden-based learning projects and school gardens to educate students, connect people and cultivate community through growing, eating and celebrating food. Founded in 2009, the organization now reaches over 2,200 students each year at 13 partner schools.

Allie oversees the organization's farm-to-school programs. She also teaches and manages Green Heart's social media and marketing outreach. Interested in learning more or getting involved? Don't hesitate to contact her (allie@greenheartsc.org).

▶ STUDENTS EXCEL AT MODEL U.N.

Congratulations to nine students who successfully completed the [Southern Regional Model U.N.](#) (SRMUN) conference in October. Participation was part of the experiential learning course POLI 261 Model United Nations, taught by Professor [Max Kovalov](#). Participating via Zoom, our students represented the Russian Federation and spent the first part of the semester learning about the UN, global issues, international diplomacy, the rules of the debate and Russia's foreign policy. CofC's delegation included [Gabrielle Carter](#), [Macie Hardin](#), [Hunter Harvey-Montano](#), [Jordan Mercer](#), [Gracie Pace](#), [Savannah Petrelli](#), [Sophia Stoios](#), [Kara Swider](#), and [Caroline Walker](#). Carter was recognized with the Best Delegate Award in the Economic and Social Council.

▶ NEW INTERNATIONAL LAB



The [International Lab](#) (JC Long 401B) has been a long time coming, but it was worth the wait. This is a great teaching space with high-end functionality. The investment and ingenuity in the lab are evident – cutting-edge acoustics with easy remote capability. Check out a video (at left) created by our very own [Michael Overholt](#).

IN CELEBRATION OF COFC DAY!

[CofC Day](#) is January 28th! It will be 24 hours of giving. For the second year in a row, the entire CofC community will celebrate all the things we cherish about the College. It's a chance to give to what you love. And if languages, cultures and world affairs are your passions, then select the button on that website and contribute to LCWA!



FACULTY IN THE NEWS

When not brightening the days and opening the minds of students with her enthusiasm and knowledge of the Spanish language and its cultures, professor [Betsy Hance](#) is making a difference elsewhere. She has volunteered as a certified medical interpreter at the Cross Cultural Healthcare Program, and the pediatric emergency room at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, both in Marietta, Georgia.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mroz Institute LCWA Colloquium – January 21
- CofC Day – January 28
- German-American Business Summit – February 4
- HISP Career Seminar Lecture – February 11
- LING Studies Lecture – March 15-22
- Commencement – May 8

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