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Forging Unity Through History

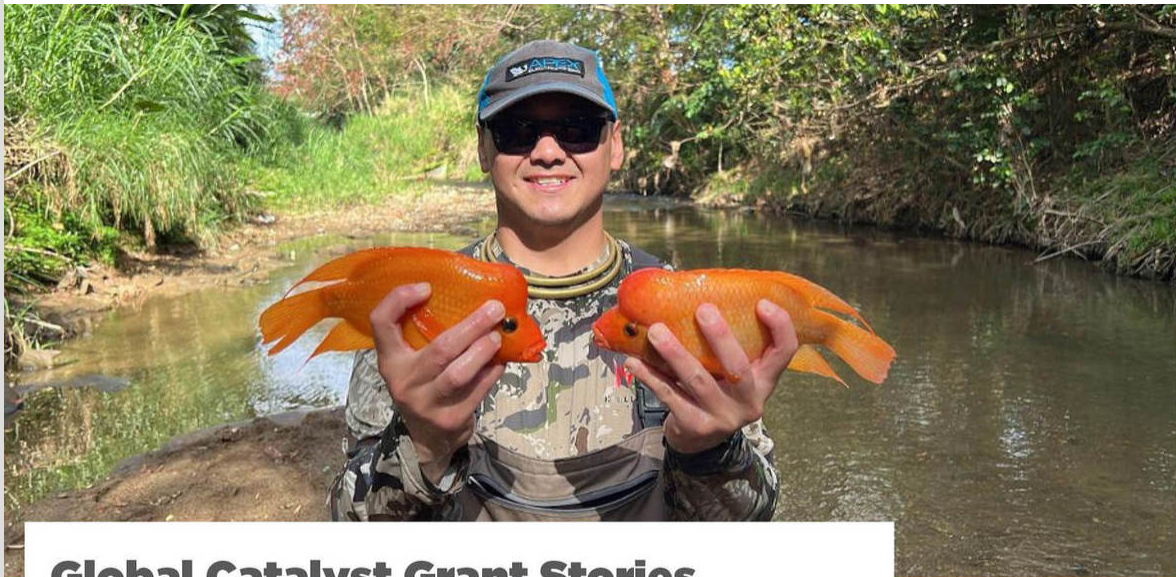
Lessons from South Africa's Constitutional Negotiators

Last month the Center for Global Engagement [hosted Roelf Meyer and Mohammed Bhabha](#), two South African constitutional negotiators instrumental in dismantling apartheid. From immersive sessions with student leaders to dynamic discussions on conflict resolution and constitutional building, their visit was a powerful demonstration of how global leaders can help UT students find solutions to challenges faced in the U.S. and abroad.

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Center for Global Engagement News...

- **Economic Impact:** According to NAFSA, [UT international students contributed](#) \$42.8 million and 462 jobs to Tennessee's second congressional district in academic year 2022–23. For every three international students, one U.S. job is created and supported by spending occurring in sectors such as higher education, retail and health insurance.
- **First-Generation Support:** Thanks to a matching gift from Kelly ('00) and Justin Arnold, CGE raised more than \$3,600 on Big Orange Give to support the [Academy for Global Scholars](#), a program that provides global engagement opportunities to first-year, first-generation students.
- **45 Years at ELI:** The English Language Institute is hosting a 45th anniversary celebration and ceremony on December 14 at the UT Conference Center. Stay tuned for more information and contact eli@utk.edu if interested in attending.
- **CGE Global Gallery:** Open now through December 8, the [global gallery showcases 20 photos](#) captured by our talented students, faculty and staff, bringing their experiences from around the world to UT.



Global Catalyst Grant Stories

CGE Helps Students Build Connections with International Colleagues

Global Catalyst Grant Stories...

Through funding known as Global Catalyst Grants, CGE offers opportunities for students, faculty and staff to build global connections with international colleagues and institutional partners. See how these grants have supported students this year.

- **Student International Travel:** From nursing in Belize to sea turtles, see how these grants [supported student travel abroad](#).
- **International Programming:** Sometimes the best way to engage globally is right here on campus. From African literature to broadening the scope of a Chinese karaoke night, these faculty and students used these grants [to bring the world to Rocky Top](#).

News from Campus...

- **Caffè Culturale:** Weaving cultural immersion with career exploration, [the Italian Program hosted Caffè Culturale](#), an immersive educational experience for students' academic and professional growth within the realm of Italian studies.
- **Military Service Students Study Abroad:** Haslam students in military service pursue study abroad for similar reasons as many of their peers, [but have additional incentives](#) for choosing an education abroad experience.

Global Events...

- **Nov 30:** [Study Abroad 101 Information Session](#)
- **Nov 30:** [Haitian Documentary Screening "Madan Sara"](#)
- **Dec 6:** [International Coffeehouse \(the Arab world\)](#)
- **Now–Dec 8:** [Global Gallery Exhibition](#)

[Find all UT global events here](#). Tag 'Center for Global Engagement' under 'Department' to have your event show up on this calendar.

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