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UO professor receives Fulbright scholarship

Professor Greg Ringer will teach eco-tourism this November in Africa

By Nicole Kristal
Higher Education Reporter

A University professor of tourism was recently honored with a 1997-98 Fulbright grant, which will enable him to return to Africa and continue his work in eco-tourism.

Professor Greg Ringer, who teaches international studies courses through the University's Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, will leave for Uganda in November.

"It's quite an honor to receive a Fulbright," Ringer said. "It's a fantastic opportunity."

Ringer said he is pleased to receive the grant because it allows him to engage in work that he believes to be the most needed and meaningful. He said he also likes the attention the scholarship brings to international studies courses.

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> **Greg Ringer**
> International studies professor

Ringer spent time in Uganda in 1996 working to develop eco-tourism programs, which benefit the natural environment and local culture.

Ringer said he believes the relevance of his eco-tourism work in Africa helped him to win the scholarship, which is administered by the U.S. Information Agency.

"They're looking for people who truly make a difference and who have enough professional experience to really benefit cross-cultural communication," he said.

For the next seven months, Ringer will lecture on eco-tourism and bio-diversity in the forestry and geography departments at Makerere University in eastern Africa.

Bio-diversity is the holistic perspective of both the physical and human environment, Ringer said.

He will also work with Uganda wildlife facilities, promoting nature-based tourism in the natural parks, and will collaborate with tourism officials in Kenya to develop a regional tourism plan.

Ringer will receive a $25,000 stipend, along with free housing and a monthly stipend for miscellaneous expenses and travel.

"Yeah, it's pretty sweet," Ringer said. "There aren't many like it." He added that he is one of 1,600 recipients of the scholarship nationwide.

Ringer, who has also helped establish eco-tourism programs in Latin American countries and Southeast Asia, said he has helped develop educational centers and cultural interchanges abroad, which provide an environment where tourists can interact with indigenous people.

"The programs are not so much for recreation, but for learning," Ringer said.

Previously, 136 University professors have received the award, and only 19 professors have won the scholarship since 1992-93.

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There will be a **neighborhood beautification meeting** at 7 p.m. in Friendly 206 to raise awareness and brainstorm ideas. For more information, call Corrine Nesting at 554-5443.

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