Foreign Languages and Literatures faculty members, Professors John Blair and Muriel Cormican, have been awarded a significant grant from the Halle Foundation for UWG’s Oldenburg Study Abroad Program. The grant, which amounts to $75,000 to be distributed over the next three years, will go directly to students in the form of Study Abroad scholarships. The Halle Foundation “supports new and innovative projects which further its mission of promoting knowledge and friendship between the people of Germany and those of the United States.” Dr. Blair and Dr. Cormican, with the help and support of Associate Director of Development, Bill Norris, wrote and submitted the grant to the Foundation in September. The trustees “were impressed by the strength of the University’s German program, and are pleased to have an opportunity to support [its] work.” The Oldenburg Study Abroad Program began in 2006 as an exchange agreement between UWG and
the University of Oldenburg. It is a ten week immersion program during which students take classes taught by both UWG and Oldenburg faculty in German (and sometimes Irish and American) language, literature, culture, and film. The Oldenburg program serves as an outstanding example of what our students and faculty can achieve and marks another way in which our university stands out among and beyond its peer institutions. Congratulations to the department.

Pictured are Professors John Blair, Muriel Cormican, and Felix Tweraser with students on the campus of Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg, Germany.