



2017 Immigration Sessions Notebook

Use the pages in this handy notebook to keep track of the immigration-related sessions and open meetings you attend at the conference. The note blocks in this PDF form are fillable.

Please note: The Room Numbers and Session Times in this notebook were current as of the March 23, 2017 date that this notebook was prepared. Please check your conference planner in your registration material on-site at the conference to confirm, before arriving at your session or open meeting.

4/27/17 Update: *New session added:*

Thursday, June 1, 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM

Safety, Security, and Service: The U.S. Department of State's Role in International Travel

Edward Ramotowski, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, will discuss the Department of State's role in providing consular services to Americans studying and living abroad and to international travelers (including visas), while protecting U.S. national security.

List of Sessions and Open Meetings

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Indispensable resources for ISSS/IEM practitioners

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM | Room - Expo Hall NAFSA Pavilion

Drop by the NAFSA Pavilion for a brief overview of the most up-to-date NAFSA regulatory resources to address the challenging immigration issues facing the field. This talk will also give a brief overview of immigration-related sessions and open meetings at the conference. - *Chair:* David Fosnocht.

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International Student and Scholar Services Knowledge Community Update

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVD84T>

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM | Room **502B**

Learn about the Knowledge Community for International Student and Scholar Services (KCISSS) activities, new initiatives, resources, and online networks that support ISSS professionals. - *Chair: KC-ISSS.*

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Advanced PERM Hot Topics: Trends, New Regulations, and U.S. Department of Labor Policies

Link: <http://bit.ly/2lVAonZ>

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Room **150**

Gain insights into advanced issues on how the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) processes permanent employment certification (PERM) applications. Presenters share practical guidance on how to adapt institutional policies based on current processing trends, newly proposed regulations, and recent government policy documents. - *Chair*: Jonathan Moore.

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SEVIS Current Issues

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVHNE3>

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Room **151**

This session will focus on SEVIS updates and issues related to SEVIS functionality. The presentation will include a review of technical and/or regulatory updates relating to SEVIS that occurred over the last year, a presentation from SEVP technical experts, and a question and answer period covering presubmitted questions. - *Chair*: Adam Julian.

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Hot Topics in Advanced Employment-Based Immigration

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVCOTV>

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Room **410**

Key updates regarding employment-based immigration will be presented, including the latest issues in the H-1B category, PERM, and compliance. Presenters will share practical guidance around topics such as: AC21 regulations, PERM modernization, prevailing wage issues, the new FLSA salary threshold, site visits, and RFE trends. - *Chair*: Elise Fialkowski.

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Journeys to Undergraduate Dual Degree Programs

Link: <http://bit.ly/2lVo2fl>

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Room **408B**

Presenters will focus on different models for undergraduate dual degree programs (3+1, 2+2, and others) and discuss the benefits and challenges of managing undergraduate dual degrees for outgoing and incoming students. Gain tips on successful program implementation and how to troubleshoot issues with your administration. - *Chair*: Jennifer Hilton Montero.

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Open Meeting: Identifying and Prioritizing Issues in Preparation for Discussion With SEVP Director

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVKWUj>

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Room 304AB

Join peers and NAFSA regulatory practice staff to develop feedback and recommendations for SEVP that will be discussed with the Director of SEVP, during an open meeting that will take place on Wednesday, May 31 at 2:45 p.m. - *Chair: Steve Springer.*

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Results from NAFSA's Research on Pathway Programs in the United States

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVnuqa>

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Room **518**

This session will share the results of NAFSA's commissioned research on pathway programs in the United States, including the characteristics of institutions that partner with private providers and the perceptions of international educators regarding rationales and considerations for third-party pathway partnerships. - *Chair*: Joann Ng Hartmann.

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS): Current Issues

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVtTBS>

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 | 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Room **151**

Learn more about current U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) practices, policies, and outreach initiatives and how NAFSA's International Student and Scholar Regulatory Practice Committee (ISS-RP) engages with USCIS. Representatives from USCIS have been invited to participate. - *Chair*: Bob White.

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Advising F-1 Students with Temporary Protected Status

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVADPW>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM | Room **150**

While temporary protected status (TPS) is certainly an important humanitarian benefit, understanding what it means for eligible foreign students involves navigating a difficult path between unclear laws and confusing interpretations. An immigration attorney will answer the most common questions advisers face on the intersection between TPS and F-1. - *Chair*: David Gluckman.

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U.S. Department of Labor: Current Issues

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVCQLc>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM | Room **151**

Hear from the U.S. Department of Labor on new developments, including any new proposed regulations to be issued as part of the Modernization Project, as well as updates on trending issues and current practices. Department of Labor representatives have been invited. - *Chair*: Dena Neese.

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Access to Higher Education for Syrian Refugee Students and Scholars

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVipOy>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:15:00 AM | Room **410**

The Syrian conflict has resulted in 4.8 million refugees dispersed globally, with over 100,000 eligible for higher education and many who remain without access. Presenters analyze the plight of Syrian students and scholars, explore macro- and micro-level initiatives at work, and identify strategies through which international education communities can promote access. - *Chair*: Jessica Magaziner.

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Emerging Issues for Academic Health Care Institutions

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVNGkA>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:15:00 AM | Room **501**

Presenters will cover topics that have emerged over the past year at academic medical institutions and discuss those that continue to be an ongoing challenge to practitioners. This session will include a question and answer session and provide an opportunity for attendees to share best practices and strategies. - *Chair*: Janice Bianco.

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Export Control Issues for Colleges and Universities

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVFkcA>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:15:00 AM | Room **402A**

The U.S. government has stepped up efforts to investigate institutions for failing to establish, implement, and enforce export compliance programs. With current regulations, institutions must balance the need for international collaboration with the requirements to comply with all applicable federal export control regulations. - *Chair*: Stephen Ferst.

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Life After F-1: Programming to Help Students Navigate OPT, H-1B, and Lawful Permanent Residence

Link: <http://bit.ly/2kRjYaN>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:15:00 AM | Room **502B**

In this session, presenters will share experiences on collaborating to create programs that focus on ways to effectively disseminate information and explain life after F-1 status to international student communities. This session was selected as the Region V conference highlight. - *Chair*: Lisa Scott.

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SEVP Current Issues: Regulations, Policies, and Processes

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVNyBC>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:15:00 AM | Room **151**

Learn about current regulatory, policy, and practice issues that affect the advising of students in F and M immigration status from the perspective of SEVP representatives and NAFSA leaders. Tips, tools, and resources will be included. SEVP officials have been invited. - *Chair*: Machel Allman.

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Open Meeting: Leadership, Communication and Advocacy for Senior International Officers

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVICwD>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM | Room **303AB**

Senior international officers share and compare perspectives on the communication and advocacy skills needed to exert leadership on campus to overcome roadblocks and achieve comprehensive internationalization - *Chair*: Deborah Pierce.

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Open Meeting: Peer-to-Peer Discussions: International Student and Scholar Employment

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVGDIt>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM | Room **304AB**

Join a discussion on strategies for the most effective and appropriate use of various visa categories (F-1, J-1, H-1B, TN, E-3, O-1, and LPR) and the benefits, issues, and challenges associated with each category.

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U.S. Department of State and Exchange Visitors: Current Issues

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVDHf2>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM | Room **151**

Presenters and officials from the U.S. Department of State (DOS) Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs discuss current issues, trends, and best practices related to hosting J-1 students and scholars at academic institutions. Officials from DOS have been invited to participate. - *Chair*: Richard Porter.

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Using Wage Surveys for Prevailing Wage Determinations - **CANCELLED**

Link: <http://bit.ly/2lVnsi2>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 |

This session will cover how third-party wage surveys can be used to successfully determine prevailing wages, rather than relying on OES wage data that may not accurately represent wages in the occupation. Presenters will discuss U.S. Department of Labor survey standards, wage survey complications, common surveys in higher education, and practical prevailing wage determination strategies. - *Chair: Deborah Maertens.*

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Communicating Regulations Across English Proficiency Levels

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVIVaT>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 1:15:00 PM - 2:15:00 PM | Room **409**

In a busy immigration office, it can be challenging to communicate regulations to speakers with weak English language skills. This hands-on presentation will provide strategies to assess language proficiency on the spot, allowing advisers to modify their sentence-level structure and word choice in response, thus resulting in more productive interactions. - *Chair*: Mackenzie Bristow.

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Forging Connections: Student, Employer, Designated School Official (DSO), and the STEM Training Plan

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVAdcj>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 1:15:00 PM - 2:15:00 PM | Room **150**

This session will address challenges inherent in developing and monitoring the STEM OPT I-983 Training Plan. Discuss sharing of information and advice between academic institutions, students, and employers; required reporting and SEVIS updates;; and respective liabilities. Presenters will focus on two perspectives through a legal lens; the perspective of the academic institution recommending STEM OPT, and the perspective of the hiring employer. - *Chair*: David Ware.

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Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) Ombudsman Update

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVSd6r>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 1:15:00 PM - 2:15:00 PM | Room **151**

Many advisers may be unaware of the Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) Ombudsman. Hear the latest updates on this office's work from agency representatives and learn what the Office of the CIS Ombudsman can and cannot do to help you with your tough USCIS service center cases. - *Chair*: Ian Leuschner.

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Open Meeting: Regulatory Roundtables: Fair Labor Standards Act and International Scholar Employment

Link: <http://bit.ly/2kRGYLo>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 1:15:00 PM - 2:15:00 PM | Room **304AB**

Join peers to discuss the overtime provisions in FLSA and model practices for HR collaboration in advising international scholars and employees.

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Policymaking in International Education: The View from Washington

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVCmVK>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 1:15:00 PM - 2:15:00 PM | Room **404**

This session deconstructs the federal policy climate for international education and exchange and the impact of recent political activity on programs of concern to international education professionals. Join four policy experts as they discuss funding on a tight budget, immigration reform, the new administration and Congress, and more. - *Chair*: Lisa Heyn.

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Open Meeting: A Discussion of Trends and Issues with the SEVP Director

Link: <http://bit.ly/2kRrU00>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM | Room **151**

The Director of SEVP and participants discuss the feedback and recommendations for SEVP developed in the open meeting immediately preceding this discussion. - *Chair*: Steve Springer

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Updates on Unpaid Internships for International Students: Addressing New Court Decisions

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVCy74>

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 | 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM | Room **150**

Engaging in an unpaid internship without using CPT or OPT can have important ramifications for a student's immigration status. New court decisions have adopted new guidelines for evaluating lawful unpaid internships. This session will summarize these developments and their impact on the rules governing lawful versus unlawful unpaid internships. - *Chair*: Ian Leuschner.

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Addressing Marijuana and Alcohol Use and Implications for International Students and Scholars

Link: <http://bit.ly/2m3vV1R>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Room 151

This session will explore the issues facing students and scholars who consume alcohol and/or marijuana and face related criminal offenses. Presenters will discuss current issues such as legalization of recreational and medicinal marijuana, visa revocation, and consular procedures. This session was selected as the Region III conference highlight. - *Chair*: Elaine Kimbrell.

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Open Meeting: A Discussion of Internal Revenue Service Free Income Tax Assistance Program

Link: <http://bit.ly/2kRNeD5>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Room 304AB

Learn about IRS programs of interest to international student and scholar advisers, including a free income tax assistance program and training available.

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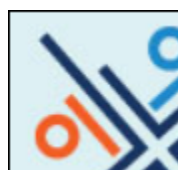
SEVP Guidance on Bridge or Pathway Programs and its Impact on Programs

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVCGUs>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Room 403

Bridge and pathway programs have become integral tools of recruitment and academic preparation for students. This past year, SEVP published final policy guidance to address several important components of these programs, including ESL pathway programs, conditional admission, and use of the English proficiency fields on Form I-20. This session explores this guidance and opens a discussion on how it affects bridge and pathway programs at institutions. - *Chair:* Amber Tetreau-Segura.

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Strategies for Exchange Visitors Subject to 212(e)

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVNsde>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Room **150**

This session focuses on the INA 212(e) J-1 two-year home residence requirement. Topics include: who is and is not subject to the requirement; compliance and waiver; restrictions on and eligibility for future immigration benefits; long-term strategies for continued activity in the United States; and strategies for advising and assisting exchange visitors. - *Chair*: Lisa Felix.

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Open Meeting: Intensive English Programs Dialogue of Current Trends

Link: <http://bit.ly/2leRH3u>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Room 502A

Network and discuss current topics of interest to intensive English programs.

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Practical Considerations in Admitting and Enrolling Displaced and Refugee Students

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVD855>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Room 403

This session will present research and practice in the admission and enrollment of refugees into higher education. Panelists will share their perspectives and experiences working with displaced and refugee students in the United States and Canada, as well as support services that refugees may need following matriculation. - *Chair:* Bryce Loo.

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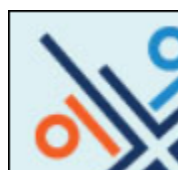
U. S. Internal Revenue Service and Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITINs): Current Issues

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVlcY2>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Room 511

With the implementation of the PATH Act in 2016 international students who need an ITIN are required to submit original identification documents or certified copies of the documents from the issuing agency. To avoid the associated risks, some institutions have applied to become ITIN Certified Acceptance Agents. This session will address the new ITIN procedures, the acceptance agent application process, and other topics related to ITINs. Officials from the I.R.S. have been invited. - *Chair:* Ann Kuhlman.

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U.S. Department of State: Current Visa Issues

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVsZoR>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM | Room 151

Participants will develop an understanding of visa processing and outcomes. Come prepared to learn how a consular officer makes decisions regarding an applicant's visa eligibility. Gain knowledge that can help inform office policy, strategy, and advising, and learn about tools for addressing visa processing and issues. Officials from the Department of State Visa Office have been invited to participate. - *Chair:* Elizabeth Goss.

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F-1 Advising: Secondary Students

Link: <http://bit.ly/2j7y2DS>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM |

This workshop contains specific content that secondary school Designated School Officials (DSOs) need to best assist F-1 students. Learn the rules that affect your F-1 students and your role in serving them. Gain key compliance information for the DSO's role, learn how to respond to common requests of F-1 secondary school students, and receive up-to-date written materials for future reference. - *Chair*: Ali Soltanshahi.

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Safety, Security, and Service: The U.S. Department of State's Role in International Travel

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM | Room 151

Edward Ramotowski, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, will discuss the Department of State's role in providing consular services to Americans studying and living abroad and to international travelers (including visas), while protecting U.S. national security. – *Chair*: Steve Springer

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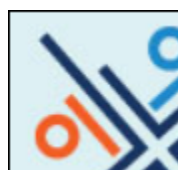
Advising Caseloads: Finding the Right Fit

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVCRz8>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:15:00 PM | Room 515B

This session will present traditional and experimental models of advising caseloads and explore some of the pros and cons of each at different types of institutions. This session is geared toward practitioners and managers seeking new ideas for their office structures. - *Chair*: Charmagne Herlien.

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Open Meeting: Regulatory Roundtables: Lawful Employment and Nonimmigrant Status

Link: <http://bit.ly/2kRyVym>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Room 515B

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Government Agencies in the International Student Process

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVAQTd>

Thursday, June 01, 2017 | 2:00 PM - 3:15:00 PM | Room 151

Learn how different government agencies involved in the F and M international student process work together to facilitate international education in the United States. Representatives from SEVP, the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection have been invited. - *Chair*: Steve Springer.

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Current Issues: Primary and Secondary Schools from the SEVP Perspective

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVu6oE>

Friday, June 02, 2017 | 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM | Room **151**

Primary and secondary schools are the fastest growing user group in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System. Hear directly from U.S. government representatives about the unique policies affecting these schools. Discussions will also provide reminders and best practices for the management of international student programs. - *Chair*: Marissa Tinsley.

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Managing the International Student and Scholar Income Tax Compliance Process

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVudR6>

Friday, June 02, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:15:00 AM | Room **150**

Bring your questions, examples, issues, concerns, problems, and solutions for managing the income tax compliance process. Learn tips on how to help international students and scholars successfully and painlessly comply with U.S. federal and state income tax filing requirements. - *Chair:* Gary Engler.

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP): Current Issues

Link: <http://bit.ly/2IVCV1s>

Friday, June 02, 2017 | 10:00 AM - 11:15:00 AM | Room **151**

This session focuses on the policies and procedures employed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection in admitting international students and scholars into the United States, including current trends and anticipated developments for the year ahead. Officials from U.S. Customs and Border Protection have been invited to participate. - *Chair*: Elizabeth James.

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Build a Robust Digital Tracking System to Support Student Compliance and Retention

Link: <http://bit.ly/2m3JtdT>

Friday, June 02, 2017 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Room **502B**

Data is increasingly important in the tracking of student compliance and retention, but how can a small international office track their students without a database? Follow one office's journey into building a robust customized tracking system using conventional spreadsheet software and additional tools in unconventional ways. This session was selected as the Region I conference highlight. - *Chair*: Paco Hadley.

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Navigating and Troubleshooting the 24-Month STEM OPT Extension

Link: <http://bit.ly/2m3s2u2>

Friday, June 02, 2017 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Room 151

Navigating the 24-month STEM OPT extension can be a complex endeavor. Address the tough questions such as eligibility; which employment qualifies; required documentation; E-Verify numbers; Form I-983; six-month reports and self-evaluations; Requests for Evidence from USCIS; H-1B cap-gap extensions; and when to recommend that students consult an immigration attorney. This session was selected as the Region X conference highlight. - *Chair*: Rebecca Greenstrom.

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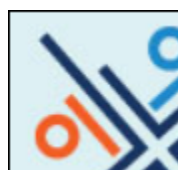
Wrap Up: Secondary School Assembly

Link: <http://bit.ly/2m3lOJp>

Friday, June 02, 2017 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Room **304AB**

This forum allows those participating in Secondary School Assembly or otherwise interested in secondary schools and international education to discuss issues, exchange ideas and model practices on topics including orientation, immigration advising, recruitment, ESL, cultural adjustment, study abroad and programming activities. Also, learn more about the Secondary School International Educators Member Interest Group at this open meeting.

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