

Welcome to San Juan Puerto Rico!!

Bienvenidos to our Bi-Regional 2012 Conference!

The Chair Stream for Regions III and VII couldn't be more excited to invite you to San Juan, Puerto Rico! This conference promises to be a unique experience in many wonderful ways. From our conference schedule, to exciting local opportunities, to an all-inclusive registration, the bi-regional 2012 conference promises to exceed your expectations. Below are some of the important features:

Cost Savings: The conference registration fee is all inclusive of conference activities and events. The fee will include two lunches, several coffee breaks, one dinner and an opening reception, thus providing more value for the cost. As you make your budget proposal, make sure to inform your administration of the advantage of registering at the early bird reduced rate of \$250.00. Both Region III and Region VII, as well as several state associations, are offering travel grants for conference participants.

Education Opportunities (Sessions/Workshops/Poster): Besides the traditional workshops and conference sessions, poster sessions will also be included in the schedule. We know that members of both regions are eager to present sessions on a variety of topics covering all the many areas of international education. The wider range of participants and presentation formats will make for an expanded and unique professional development opportunity for our regions.

Sheraton Hotel & Casino: Our Bi-Regional planning committee has negotiated a very competitive rate for the conference hotel, the Sheraton Hotel & Casino. The nightly rate will include free breakfast and wireless room access, among other amenities. The Sheraton Hotel has beautiful facilities and an ideal location just steps away from the Puerto Rico Convention Center (PRCC). It is the only hotel within walking distance to the PRCC, and is ideally suited for conference participants.

Cultural Exhibitions and University Visits: This conference will definitely have the flavor of an international visit without the need of a passport. The schedule will include opportunities to visit the most famous local tourist areas, and will feature a closing reception in the heart of Old San Juan. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting closing celebration! The conference also promises to offer you a chance to share with and learn from our NAFSA colleagues in Puerto Rico. Sponsorship opportunities are available for these and other unique conference events, so contact us if you would like your organization to be highlighted.

We'll see you in San Juan!

Claudia Graves (Chair, Region III) Heather Housley (Chair, Region VII)

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LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Be sure to check out the Local Arrangements section (pages 14-15) for great things to do while you are in San Juan, Puerto Rico!

Special Events

Puerto Rico 101: An Introduction to the Island

Many of us know that Puerto Rico is a vacation paradise with luxury resorts and spectacular

beaches. But, we may be unfamiliar with the history, politics and culture of this beautiful island. To better prepare us for the time we will spend in and around San Juan, a Puerto Rican colleague has offered to provide us with some background during "Puerto Rico 101: An Introduction to the Island." Please join us for this informative presentation, which will take place on Monday, October 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.



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Newcomers Orientation

This interactive orientation will provide new members an opportunity to network with colleagues and team members from Regions III and VII. Participants will be given conference tips, learn about NAFSA, and how to get involved on state, regional and national levels. Region III's Scholarship awards will be given out to first timers at this event. Region VII Travel Grant recipients who are newcomers should check with the regional Chair-Elect for information on the reimbursement process. The Orientation will be Monday, October 15th from 2:00p.m. to 3:15p.m.

Poster Fair

Region III has added a Poster Fair to the many professional development opportunities available to you during this year's bi-regional conference. Your colleagues from Regions III and VII will display posters dealing with many aspects of international education. Attend the fair and learn about your colleagues' innovative approaches to their work. The Poster Fair will take place on Tuesday, October 16th from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Exhibitor Spotlight

The Exhibitor Spotlight will take place during the Exhibit Hall Grand Opening on Tuesday, October 16th from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. This is a time set aside to ensure that you have an opportunity to see all of the products and services that the exhibitors offer. Please plan to visit the exhibit area and show your appreciation for the exhibitors' attendance and support.

All-Conference Dinner and Closing Celebration

This year's Closing Celebration will be held at the Antiguo Casino de Puerto Rico, a marvelous building in Old San Juan, distinguished by its Spanish and French design. The evening will begin on the main floor and in the beautiful gardens of the Antiguo Casino with appetizers, a cash bar and a presentation by the Rums of Puerto Rico. Then, dinner, featuring some Puerto Rican specialties, will be served both upstairs and downstairs. There will be music throughout the evening and dancing following dinner. Join your friends and colleagues at the Antiguo Casino on Wednesday, October 17th starting at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the closing of a fantastic conference.

Conference Workshops

J-1 Advising: Beginners Sunday, 10/14 1-6pm Monday, 10/15, 8:30-12:30pm

This workshop is designed for beginners with less than 18 months experience in the field. Through various activities, participants will learn about the parties involved in exchange visitor programs, making decisions about J-1 issues, use of SEVIS, J-1 categories, regulations governing program sponsors, pre-arrival processes, health insurance, orientation for exchange visitors, the two-year home residence requirement, bar to participation as a J-1 research scholar or professor, and ongoing processes for exchange visitors. This workshop does not cover requirements specific to trainee, high school, or graduate medical education categories, nor does it cover the procedures to obtain an exchange visitor program designation.

F-1 Student Advising: Beginners Sunday, 10/14, 1-6pm Monday, 10/15, 8:30-12:30pm

This introductory workshop provides participants with hands-on opportunities to learn how to handle the most common requests made of new Designated School Officials (DSO). Participants will develop skills to help them interpret the common requests F-1 students have during the course of their program, research the regulations and other resources that help inform and define the work of the DSO, and determine the best course of action in each case. The workshop will apply these skills to requests such as: issuing I-20s, maintaining status, employment, practical training, travel and reentry, and program extensions.

F-1 Student Advising: Intermediate Sunday, 10/14, 1-6pm Monday, 10/15, 8:30-12:30pm

This intermediate level workshop is designed for Designated School Officials who understand the processes of F-1 student advising and are ready to tackle some of the more complex, or "gray," situations. Participants will discuss a range of case studies on the topics of DSO Responsibilities, Maintenance of Status, Travel, Transfers, Employment, Change of Status, and Reinstatement. By addressing these case studies, participants will learn how to advise students when regulations and guidance do not give a clear answer to their situation. Participants should have been in the field for at least 15 months, have participated in the F-1 Student Advising for Beginners workshop, or have received training equivalent to the F-1 Student Advising for Beginners. If you are new to the field, in order to receive the maximum benefit from this training, it is recommended that you allow for some time to apply the skills introduced in the F-1 Student Advising for Beginners Workshop before you attend the Intermediate level workshop.

Foreign Educational Credential Analysis Sunday, 10/14, 9am-6pm (lunch included) Monday, 10/15, 8:30-12:30pm

This twelve hour workshop provides basic training in foreign credentials evaluation and placement for individuals from universities and colleges. Topics covered include: information needed to evaluate credentials, how to develop a resource library and support base, understanding the credit and grade conversion process. Note: Participants should bring a calculator.

Conference Workshops

Basics of Filing Academic H1B Petitions Sunday, 10/14, 1-6pm Monday, 10/15, 8:30-12:30pm

In this workshop, participants will learn the basics of the H-1B process. The workshop lays out the fundamental basic foundations of the H-1 program and takes participants through the step by step process for filing an academic H-1B petition. Participants will learn how to assess whether a position and the alien worker qualifies for the sponsorship of an H-1B; determination & processes of prevailing and actual wage; preparing and submission of the Labor Conditions Application; how to build inspection files; preparation and submission of form I-129; and H-4 dependent responsibilities. By the end of the workshop participants will have assembled a full H-1B petition.

Pathways to Permanent Residency Sunday, 10/14, 1-6pm Monday, 10/15, 8:30-12:30pm

This workshop will focus on the processing of employment-based permanent residency applications filed by colleges and universities for international faculty and research personnel. Participants will work in large- and small-group settings on overall permanent residency issues, forms and processes, university policies, and case studies. Participants will be assigned to groups by experience level. Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be familiar with the following steps:

- Permanent residence processing
- DOL and CIS procedures
- Advising challenges
- Will be better able to articulate policy decisions about permanent residence processing on their campuses, colleges, and universities

Note: The workshop is not designed for individuals filing on their own.

Fundamentals of Intercultural Communication Sunday, 10/14 1-6pm Monday, 10/15 8:30-11:30am

International educators engage in intercultural communication every working day and become skilled in dealing with differences that exist among their clients and colleagues. This workshop is designed to provide a conceptual framework for those interactions, to increase familiarity with the terms of intercultural communication, and to broaden the understanding of how culture influences behavior. In addition, how individuals grow in intercultural sensitivity and what kinds of response can turn critical interactions into



educational opportunities at various levels of sensitivities will be explored. Brief lectures, exercises, and other interactive techniques will be used.

Conference Workshops

Risk Management and Support Services for Overseas Programs Sunday, 10/14 1-6pm

Monday, 10/15 8:30-12:30pm

In the race to globalize, our campuses are more engaged overseas than ever. Study and work abroad programs are sending more and more students, faculty, and staff overseas and more frequently to less traveled areas. Academic programs are creating joint degree programs with overseas campuses or even developing branch campuses in foreign locations. Research and consulting contracts send faculty and staff to overseas sites for extended periods of time. These programs often lead us to tough legal questions. Do you buy or lease the building or vehicle? Do you employ local workers or send faculty or staff from home? Are you working with employee status individuals or independent contractors? Are you required to pay taxes in the host country... in the US? Do your activities create a "Permanent Establishment?" Have you provided necessary employee benefits and met all labor laws?

Fundamentals of Education Abroad Advising Sunday, 10/14 9am-1pm

This four-hour workshop is designed for entry- to mid-level professionals who: 1) may be in their first couple of years as an education abroad professional; 2) are graduate students interested in getting into the field; or 3) may have been involved in other aspects of international education, student services or teaching but are new to Education Abroad specifically. This foundational workshop will provide an in-depth discussion of the various aspects of advising for Education Abroad. This highly interactive session will review topics including: the skills and functions of an EA advisor; student development theory; advising unique populations; advising by program model; advising in critical situations (e.g. judicial, medical, mental health related); pre-departure advising/orientation; outcomes of the advising process; and ethics. Opportunities to apply this knowledge to real-life situations will also be incorporated.

Health and Safety in Education Abroad Sunday, 10/14 2pm-6pm

This four hour workshop is designed for entry-level and mid-level education abroad professionals. The workshop will provide an overview of the recognized standards of good practice in health and safety for US education abroad offices. Topics to be covered include: risk assessment and preventative screening measures for education abroad destinations; predeparture preparation for students and their families; international health and travel insurance information; and emergency response and crisis management protocols. Real-life situations will be shared to illuminate these points.

More detailed information about the workshops can be found on the Conference website at www.nafsa.org/pr2012.

For Registration information, go to pages 19-23.

Deadline for registering is September 1st!

Sunday October 14

7:30 AM—6:00 PM Registration Desk Open

9:00 AM—6:00 PM Foreign Educational Credential Analysis Workshop

9:00 AM—1:00 PM Fundamentals in Education Abroad Advising Workshop

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Two-Part Workshops—Part I

J-1 Advising

F-1 Student Advising: Beginners

F-1 Student Advising: Intermediate

Basics of Filing Academic H-1B Petitions

Pathways to Permanent Residency

Risk Management and Support Services for Overseas Programs

Fundamentals of Intercultural Communication

2:00 PM—6:00 PM Health and Safety in Education Abroad

4:00 PM—8:00 PM Regions III and VII Team Meeting and Dinner

Monday October 15

9:00 AM—5:00 PM Registration Desk Open

8:00 AM -1:30 PM Optional Local Tours—Participants Arrange on Their Own

8:30 AM—11:30 AM Fundamentals of Intercultural Communication—Part 2

8:30AM—12:30 PM Workshops—Continued from the Previous Day

Foreign Educational Credential Analysis

J-1 Advising

F-1 Student Advising: Beginners

F-1 Student Advising: Intermediate

Basics of Filing Academic H-1B Petitions

Pathways to Permanent Residency

Risk Management and Support Services for Overseas Programs

9:00 AM—Noon Regional Team Meeting

2:00 PM-5:00 Exhibitors Set-Up in PRCC

2:00PM—3:15PM Newcomers' Orientation at the Sheraton Hotel

2:00PM—3:15PM Pre-Conference Session: "Puerto Rico 101: An Introduction to the Island"

3:15PM-3:30PM Break

3:30PM -4:45PM Session Block #1

Immigration Topics and Regulations: A Dialogue on Immigration in Puerto Rico

OPT in All Its Glory—The Ins and Outs

Semester-Long J-1 Exchange Student Orientation

Going "All In" to Market Faculty-Led Programs

Recruit, Retain, Refer—Simple Surefire Steps to Mastering the Three R's of Successful Student Recruitment

Evaluating the Evaluator

A Recipe for Strategic Partnerships: How to Maximize Impact on Your Campus

Introduction to Pinterest and its International Education Applications

Challenges, Benefits & Suggestions of Hosting SACM Sponsored F-1 Students

5:00PM—7:00 PM Opening Reception on the PRCC Terrace

7:00 PM — Dinner and Exploration of San Juan on Your Own

Tuesday October 16

7:15 AM—8:15 AM MIG Breakfast Meetings at the Hotel

Christian SIG

Black/Multicultural Professionals in International Education SIG (B/McPIE)

8:00 AM—12:30 PM Registration Desk Open

8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 AM—9:45 AM Session Block #2

Consular Affairs Update

Out of the World Aliens! Case Processing Updates and Tactical Strategies for Outstanding Researchers, Professors and Scholars

Programming Ideas to Celebrate International Education Week

Show Me the Money: Best Practices in Study Abroad Scholarship Advising Designing Effective Pre/Post International Experience Assessment Tools

Online Marketing and Lead Generation—Is It Right for You?

Website Usability: How User-Friendly Is Your Website?

The Role of Community and Technical Colleges in Promoting International Education

Exploring Global Leadership in International Education

9:45 AM—11:15 AM Exhibit Hall Grand Opening, Poster Fair & Coffee Break

11:15 AM—12:30 PM Session Block #3

CTCEU and You

To Complete or Not Complete: Graduation & End-of-Program Reporting

Incoming Exchange Student Management—Tips & Tricks

Warnings, Waivers, Wanderlust: Balancing Risk Management with Students' Expectations

International Activities of AACRAO: Collaborating with Colleagues in Registrars' and

Admissions Offices

Re-Defining the Enrollment Funnel

Creating an Intentional, Interdepartmental International Living Learning Community

Finding Your Place in NAFSA Leadership

Study Abroad's Impact on Female Identity Development

12:30 PM—2:30 PM Plenary Luncheon

3:00PM—7:00 PM Exploration of Old San on Your Own

7:00 PM — Dinner on Your Own

Interior Courtyard in El Morro and La Fortaleza—Old San Juan



Wednesday October 17

7:15 AM—8:45 AM ISEP Network Breakfast Meeting at the Hotel

7:45 AM—8:45 AM Region III Past Chairs' Breakfast at the Hotel

7:45 AM—8:45 AM MIG/SIG Breakfast Meetings at the Hotel

Rainbow SIG

8:00 AM—10:45 AM Registration Desk Open

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Exhibit Hall Open

9:00 AM-10:15 AM Session Block #4

Recertification: Highlights and Issues

PERM for College Teachers: Special Handling or Special Problems?

Fostering Relationships between US and International Students to Develop Globally Competent Leaders

Engaging Students in Orientation: Tools to Satisfy a Variety of Learning Styles

US IEP Accreditation and the December 2010 Law: Consequences, Means, and Gentle Suggestions

Credentials from Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, and Puerto Rico: Characteristics and Updates

Student Immigration 101 for Professionals Outside of International Advising

Diversity Training for Office Volunteers

Making Meaning of the American Student—Spanish Host Family Experience

International Teaching Assistants: Institutional Support at Top Research Universities

10:15 AM-10:45 AM Coffee Break

10:45 AM-Noon Session Block #5

Joint Government Panel

(Venezuelan) CADIVI Letters: Complications and Resolutions

They Have Arrived! Now What? Best Practices for Coordinating a Successful Orientation Season

They Speak English, Too! So How Different Can It Be? Advising on Differences in Academic Cultures

First Do No Harm—Exploring Impact of Experiential Learning on Host Communities

IELTS in the US and Beyond: A Truly Global Experience

Views from Two Sides of the Fulbright International Education Administrator (IEA) Program: The Host Institution and the Fulbright Grantee

Partnering for Success: Working with Sponsored Students from Marginalized Communities Risk Management and Support Services for Overseas Programs

They'll Never Know What Hit Them! How to Covertly Internationalize Your Campus

12:15 PM—1:45 PM Regional Business Lunches

1:45 PM—2:15 PM Break-Outs for State Meetings

2:30 PM—3:45 PM Session Block #6

Citizenship and Immigration Services Update International Tax Issues for F-1 Students and J-1 Exchange Visitors

Being an "OPO" or One Person Office Isn't Always a Walk on the Beach

Lighthouse in El Morro—Old San Juan

Education Abroad Hot Topic: Visa Updates

Understanding Three-Year Foreign Degrees

Preparing International Students for Their New Life: An Innovative Virtual Pre-Arrival Orientation

Study Abroad: There's an App for That!

COOPS are not for Chickens: Preparing Continuity of Operations Plan for Emergencies Affecting Your Own Office

Prohibir o Apoyar? Rethinking the Legal and Academic Boundaries of Hosting Scholars in a Globalized Era

Let Them Experience Your Island: Promoting Educational Field Trips for International Students

3:45 PM-4:15 PM Coffee Break

4:15 PM-5:30 PM Session Block #7

Exchange Visitor Program Updates

Beyond Immigration Advising: Encouraging Financial Cents

ACIREMA: A Cross-Cultural Simulation

Engaging First-Generation College Students in Study Abroad

eaHarmony: Evaluating Education Abroad Partners for Long-Term Success

Partnering with EducationUSA to Reach International Students

Comprehensive Internationalization: An Action Agenda

I-9s and E-Verify: "Constantly Improving to Better Serve You"

Voices of International Graduate Students: An Assessment of Needs and Services

Got a Puerto? Bringing Together International and Domestic Students

6:00 PM—10:30 PM All Conference Dinner & Closing Celebration

Thursday October 18

9:00 AM-10:15 AM Session Block #8

SEVP Open Forum/ Q & A Session

Ouch! My Immigration Status Hurts: Navigating Illness and Reduced Courseload Requests
Out with the Old and In with the New: Communicating and Connecting with Your Students in
the Age of Social Media

Connecting Study Abroad and Careers

Back from Abroad—Now What? Best Practices in Alumni Relations and Recruitment in Education Abroad

International Recruitment—Strategies That Work

Improving Intercultural Communication for International and Study Abroad Students

Empowering Advisors to Workplace Satisfaction

A Qualitative Study: Transitioning from ESL to a

University—Results & Recommendations

10:30AM—Noon Regional Team Meeting

Optional Educational Visits





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Become a part of the NAFSA community to:

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- Stay current with www.nafsa.org, International Educator magazine, and e-delivery of NAFSA.news each Tuesday
- Build your expertise with quality professional development training and NAFSA publications
- Connect with international educators at NAFSA's 2013 Annual Conference & Expo in St. Louis, Missouri, May 26-31
- Receive exclusive members-only savings on NAFSA programs, publications, and services
- Propel your career search with the enhanced online Career Center
- Advocate for public support for international education

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Now is the best time to join and receive all NAFSA benefits at a special introductory rate of only \$190-a savings of 50 percent off your annual dues. This offer is available to NAFSA regional conference attendees.

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Regional Award Nominations

As international educators, you have the opportunity to submit nominations for two different types of awards to be presented at the 2012 Bi Regional Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico for Region III members. Anyone in the field of international education may nominate qualified award recipients. Each nomination must be supported by a minimum of two letters of reference, and at least one of the nominators must be a member of NAFSA Region III. The awards committee will make award selections in October. Previous award recipients can be viewed at http://www.nafsa.org/regioniii.

CERTIFICATE FOR SPECIAL SERVICE TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

This certificate is awarded to those individuals who have contributed to the field of international educational exchange through long and outstanding years of service in the local, academic and/or professional community or through innovative projects. In either case, their activities have stimulated, strengthened and/or supported international education in the region. The recipients need not be NAFSA members.

PLAQUE FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

This plaque recognizes those members of NAFSA in Region III who have demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of international education of a *sustained and serious* nature. The recipients have made an extraordinary contribution to the field. The projects and/or services sited in their nomination must be of *national impact*, reflecting credit on and raising the visibility of Region III outside the region.

Anyone in the field of international education may nominate qualified award recipients. Each nomination must be supported by a minimum of two letters of reference and at least one of the nominators must be a member of NAFSA Region III.

SUBMISSIONS

The awards committee will make the award selections in October. Please send nominations with supporting documentation no later than <u>August 31st</u> to:

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Fax: 940-565-4822 Email: Olga@unt.edu



Metro San Juan

Local Arrangements

Explore Puerto Rico!

The Puerto Rico offers endless possibilities for sightseeing and adventure. Arrive for the conference a few days early and/or stay after the sessions are over to experience the history, culture and nature of this beautiful island. Listed below are just a few of the options available to you before the conference begins, on Tuesday afternoon during your time to explore, and on Thursday after the conference ends. During the conference, staff at the Hospitality Table in the Convention Center will be available to help guide your exploration of Puerto Rico. Enjoy your stay!

The San Felipe del Morro Fort

El Morro, officially known as Fuerte San Felipe del Morro, sits atop a high promontory overlooking the entrance to San Juan Bay. It is one of the largest forts built by the Spaniards in

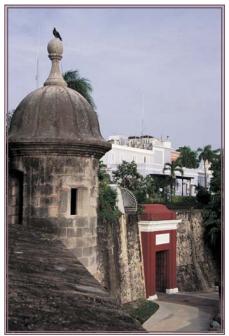
the Caribbean. Although the foundations were laid in 1539, the six-level fort was not considered completed until 1787. During World War II, the U.S. government added an annex of its own design on top of the fort. This massive structure suffered countless attacks from the likes of Sir Francis Drake in 1595 and the Dutch fleet in 1625. In 1898 American ships fired on it during the Spanish-American War, destroying its lighthouse, which was later restored. Visit hidden passages, aim your camera on the cannons that still guard the harbor, and gaze over the 60-foot tall walls at the ocean. Stroll on the lawns where soldiers once marched and watch the children flying their kites in the afternoon sea breezes.

The fort can be explored everyday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. El Morro is both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Historic Site in the U. S. National Park Service.



Fort San Cristóbal stands guard at what was once the eastern gate to the walled city of Old San Juan. Construction on the fort was begun in 1634 and finished in 1790, although modifications were made well into the 18th Century. While El Morro was designed to protect San Juan from attacks by sea, San Cristóbal guarded the city from approaches by land. If you are interested in history, enjoy a walk on the ramparts, where half a millennium ago Spanish soldiers held their watch. If you love to photograph spectacular views, this fort is a goldmine for you, with its panoramic view of the coast from Old San Juan to the Condado resort area and beyond. Covering 27 acres, this is the largest fort built by the Spanish in the New World. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes when you visit.

San Cristóbal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Historic Site under the U.S. National Park Service. It is open to the public daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Local Arrangements (Cont.)

Bioluminescent Bays

Imagine the blackness of the sea on a moonless night. Now watch it sparkle with the darting lights of a million fireflies. Nature lovers will not want to miss the phenomenal experience of visiting a tropical phosphorescent bay! The phosphorescence is actually bioluminescence generated by microscopic organisms in the water. It is believed to be part of a natural defense system triggered by the movement of predators. Many scientists believe the tiny organisms light up so their predators can see more desirable prey - and thus leave them alone.

The phenomenon occurs sporadically in warm seas around the world, but Puerto Rico is one of the only places on the planet where you can depend on it every evening at two different protected bays and a lagoon. The best

known is at La Parguera, between Mayagez and Ponce in the southwest of the island.

El Yunque

The Caribbean National Forest, often called El Yunque Rainforest, has the highest visitation of any natural site in Puerto Rico. Named after the benevolent Indian spirit Yuquiyu, El Yunque is the only rainforest in the U.S. National Forest System. Comprised of some 240 different species of trees, it is actually a series of forests, each one determined by its altitude. El Toro, the



highest peak in the forest at 3,532 feet, has only odd dwarf vegetation clinging to its sides.

More than 100 billion gallons of precipitation fall each year, creating the jungle-like ambience of lush foliage, sparkling leaves, shining wet rocks, and shadowy paths occasionally pierced by sunlight. Spectacular waterfalls rush alongside its well-maintained (but slippery) trails. There are many favorite spots for visitors to take photos or a refreshing dip in the pristine pools.

The Bacardi Rum Distillery

The world's largest rum distillery is only a 15-minute drive from San Juan and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Puerto Rico. Visitors enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the facilities at the "Cathedral of Rum." Everything from the vast fermentation vats to the high-speed bottling machinery is at work and on display. A trolley takes you to the Bacardi family museum, where visitors can see a history of the product and landmarks in its development. The tour ends at the lofty, bat-like pavilion, where you can sample the world-famous rum.

Luquillo Beach

For generations, families have made the trek from San Juan and all over the eastern region of Puerto Rico for a day at Luquillo Beach. A vacation in Puerto Rico is considered incomplete without a visit to this well-loved place on the coast. The view from the beach is spectacular: a long gold crescent of sand lined by countless coconut palms, with the misty mountains of the rainforest towering in the distance.

Source: www.gotopuertorico.com

Travel and Arrival Information

Airport

San Juan's international airport is the Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport. AirTran, American, Delta, United and US Airways all have daily flights to San Juan from the mainland. American flies direct from Dallas and from Miami; AirTran and Delta from Atlanta; United/Continental from Houston and US Airways from Charlotte.

Region III has negotiated special fares with various airlines for your travel to San Juan. American Airlines is offering 5% off the lowest published fare. This discount is valid for travel between October 11 and October 21. Delta Airlines is offering 2% off discounted fares from hub cities (ATL and MEM in our regions) or 5% off discounted fares from non-hub cities and 5% off full fares from hub cities or 10% off full fares from non-hub cities. This discount is valid for travel between October 5 and October 26.

Discount flights with American Airlines can be arranged by calling 1-800-433-1790 or by booking on-line at www.aa.com. Be sure to use the **Promotion Code 54H2BU**. There is a charge of \$25 per ticket for reservations made by telephone. Baggage fees for checked baggage also apply.



Discount flights with Delta Airlines can be arranged by calling 1-800-328-1111 or by booking on-line at www.delta.com. The group meeting code is NM8QW. There is a charge of \$25 per ticket for reservations made by telephone and baggage fees for checked baggage also apply.

Arrival Information

There is a taxi kiosk outside of the airport terminal building, on the lower level near the baggage claim area. The attendant at the kiosk will quote you the exact price of the trip to your hotel and write down that

amount for the taxi driver. The cost from the airport to the Sheraton hotel is about \$20 plus the customary 10 to 15% gratuity. The trip takes about 15 to 20 minutes depending on traffic.

In addition to taxis, there is also shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. The cost is \$18 for a shared ride that takes about 20 minutes. It is possible to make a reservation on line at http://www.puertoricoshuttle.com, though no reservation is required for travel from the airport.

Travel Documents

Remember that **no passport is required for travel to Puerto Rico from the U.S. mainland.** Some form of government-issued identification will suffice for boarding flights to and from the island.

Hotel Information

Hotel Name and Location

This year's conference hotel is the **Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino**, San Juan's newest hotel.

The Sheraton is ten minutes by taxi from the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport, five minutes by taxi from Old San Juan and just steps away from the Puerto Rico Convention Center, where all conference activities will take place.



Accommodations

Conference participants will live luxuriously in one of the Sheraton's 503 elegant rooms, complete with state of the art amenities. With 40' flat panel televisions, WiFi access, a spacious,

well-lit desk, and the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper(SM) bed, you will rest in style. All rooms include an iron with ironing board, a coffee maker, an in-room electronic safe, an IPod docking station and a hairdryer. Rooms have either a bay or city view and all are 100% smoke free.

Dining Options

The Sheraton offers a variety of ways for you to satisfy your cravings. You can relax poolside and munch on some sandwiches from the **Pool Bar & Grille** while enjoying the exquisite view of the bay. For a fun and casual atmosphere, stop by the **District Bar Lounge & Terrace.** Dine at **Choices**,



open for three meals a day, and enjoy a little international fare. If you would prefer dining in the privacy of your own room, choose from the extensive **room service** menu that features dishes from the Sheraton's restaurants. The hotel offers its guests 24-hour room service. Another option is the Chinese restaurant, the **China Club**, recently opened in the lobby of the hotel though not part of the hotel itself.

Hotel Information

Relaxation

After a day of workshops or conference sessions, you can relax at the Sheraton's outdoor infinity pool or at the Zen Spa Retreat. The spa is a perfect haven for your body, mind and soul with pampering beyond expectation. It is a peaceful and absolute retreat with a fusion of Eastern and Western cultures in the midst of a tropical island. What more can anyone ask!!! Use of the pool is complimentary to all hotel guests. Conference participants staying at the Sheraton will receive a 20% discount on all spa services.



Room Rates

Conference rates, which include a buffet breakfast and complimentary Wi-Fi access, are \$189 for a single, \$209 for a double, \$229 for a triple and \$249 for a quad. The \$20 charge for each additional guest in the room covers the cost of the buffet breakfast. Like all of the resort hotels in San Juan, the Sheraton adds an 11% government tax and a 14% Hotel Service Fee to the room rate.

Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

Reservations

To reserve a room, conference attendees should go to the following website:

NAFSA Bi-Regional Conference 2012 < https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NAFSA2012

Conference rates are offered through September 19, 2012, based on availability. After that date, reservations will be subject to prevailing rates and continued availability. A credit card is required to reserve the room. Guests may cancel their reservation up to 24 hours prior to arrival. A non-refundable deposit of one-night's fee will be charged 24 hours prior to arrival and applied to the guest's bill. There is a \$75 early departure fee.



Photos on pages 17-18 are from the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino Photo Gallery.

Conference Registration

REGISTRATION METHODS

- On the Internet: Go to www.nafsa.org/pr2012. Only those registering in Member or Non-Member categories will be able to register online using a credit card. All discounted registrants should use fax or mail to register. Please note that you are welcome to register through the interactive form or by using the fillable PDF (also available online)—you do not need to do both. Online registration ends September 19th.
- **By Mail:** Submit completed registration form with payment to: NAFSA Region III and VII Registration, 411 Lafayette St, Suite 201, New York, NY 10003. Make checks payable to NAFSA Region III and VII Registration.
- By Fax: Fax completed registration form with credit card information to: 212.460.5460.

Your registration form must be accompanied by payment in order for you to be registered for the conference and/or a workshop. **Purchase orders will NOT be accepted**.

REGISTRATION FEES

- · Conference Rates See the conference registration form for registration categories and fees.
- · Day Rates There are two single day options (Tuesday and Wednesday) for those who do not wish to attend the entire conference. Please indicate on the registration form the day(s) you wish to attend.
- · Exhibitors You receive one free registration and meals for the individual as part of the exhibit fee. Additional meals may be purchased separately.
- · Region III NAFSA Lifetime Members You receive a full waiver of the registration fee. Meals may be purchased separately.

NATIONAL NAFSA MEMBERSHIP

A discounted NAFSA National membership is available for first-time membership ONLY. Join NAFSA National now at a special half price of \$190.00 (plus a one-time processing charge of \$20). NAFSA National will send you membership information.

MEAL REGISTRATION

Lunches are included in the cost of your registration. However, to help us better estimate the number of meals we should order, we ask that you select the meals you wish to attend. If you have special dietary needs, please let us know in the space provided on the registration form how we can accommodate you. Guest tickets are available at cost.

WORKSHOPS

You must pre-register for a workshop. On-site registration for a workshop is not permitted. State your second workshop preference on the registration form in case your first preference is full. The workshops occur concurrently, so please register for only one workshop. The workshop registration deadline is September 1st, 2012. Please register early as seating in each workshop is limited. In order for you to be registered for the workshop, your registration form must be accompanied by a payment. Notification will be given if the workshop is full. If your selected workshop is full and you will not attend another workshop, a refund will be sent four to six weeks after the conference.

Conference Registration (Cont.)

REFUND POLICY

- · 100% through September 19, 2012
- · 50% September 20, 2012 October 1, 2012
- · No refunds after October 2, 2012
- · All refunds or cancellation requests must be submitted by email to elle.shroyer@ou.edu or marci.angevine@vanderbilt.edu.

REMINDERS

- · Be sure to review all the registration forms and procedures.
- · Please write your name as you wish it to appear on your name badge.
- · Provide your NAFSA membership number.
- · Please be sure to calculate the total amount due on the registration form.





Conference Registration Form

These forms can be found online at www.nafsa.org/pr2012

NAFSA REGIONS III & VII

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino 200 Convention Boulevard San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907 www.nafsa.org/pr2012

October 14-18, 2012

Pre-registration deadline: Form and payment must be submitted by September 19, 2012 to receive the Early Bird rate. On-line and faxed registrations require a credit card number. The form can also be printed and mailed in with a check. Forms and payments postmarked after September 19th, 2012 will be processed at the higher Late/On-site rate. If your payment cannot be postmarked by September 19th, please submit the Late/On-site registration fee. Please print or type (one form per person).

PLEASE CHECK ONE:	Region III	Region VII Other		
Last Name	First Name	Name for name badge		
Title		Institution/Organization		
Mailing Address				
Phone	Fax	E-mail		
□ Please check this box if you would NOT like your information given to Conference Exhibitors!!				

Part I. Conference Registration

Registration includes:

Membership Subtotal:

- Access to all conference sessions and the Exhibit Hall
- Refreshment breaks
- 1 (one) All-Conference Opening Event ticket
- 1 (one) All-Plenary luncheon ticket
- 1 (one) Regional Business Lunch ticket
- 1 (one) All Conference Closing celebration ticket
- If you are new to NAFSA, International Education, or Region III or VII, you are invited to attend the Newcomers' Orientation as well (see Special Events section).

When making travel reservations, keep in mind that the conference begins at 2:00pm on Monday, October 15th and ends at 10:15am on Thursday, October 18th, Most of the pre-conference workshops begin at 1 pm on Sunday, October 14 and end at 12:30pm on Monday, October 15th. The pre-conference Credential Analysis workshop begins on Sunday, October 14th at 9am and ends by noon on Monday, October 15th, The pre-conference Education Abroad workshops are on Sunday, October 14th only,

Early Bird Late/On-Site (Postmarked by Sept. 19th) (Postmarked after Sept. 19) Amount Paid: Member* \$325 Non-Member \$330 \$450 Student \$95 (Submit by fax or mail) \$95 (Submit by fax or mail) Community Volunteer/Retiree \$95 (Submit by fax or mail) \$95 (Submit by fax or mail) One Day (Member or Non-Member) \$200 Includes meals If One Day, Choose One: Tuesday the 16th Wednesday the 17th *NAFSA Membership Number: (You can confirm your membership status or find out your membership number by going to www.nafsa.org or by calling (202)737-3699.) IF FAXING YOUR REGISTRATION FORM, PLEASE FAX IT TO 212-460-5460. Registration Subtotal: I am not a NAFSA member, but I want to register at the member rate and join NAFSA now for the Conference at a special half-price rate of \$190 + \$20.00 one-time processing fee for first-time members only, for a total cost of \$210. Please send payment for membership with this conference registration by using the box in this block and adding \$210 to your total.

Conference Registration Form

Part II. Newcomers' Orientation/All-Conference Events	
NEWCOMERS Orientation (Included with registration fee)	
**For Newcomers who are new to NAPSA, the profession of International Education, or Regions III or VII Monday, October 15th, 2:00pm to 3:15pm	
Are you a Newcomer? Will you attend the Newcomers' orientation? Yes No	
ALL-CONFERENCE OPENING EVENT: Monday, October 15, 2012 (One (1) event ticket is included with your registration; extra tickets may be purchased @ \$25 each.)	
ALL-CONFERENCE Closing Celebration: Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 6:30-10:30pm (One (1) event ticket is included with your registration; extra tickets may be purchased @ \$50 each.)	
Extra tickets for All-Conference Opening Event: (# of tickets) @ \$25 each Extra tickets for All-Conference Closing Celebration: (# of tickets) @ \$50 each Extra tickets for the Plenary and/or Business Lunch: (# of tickets) \$40 each	<u>s</u> s
Subtotal	\$

Part III. Pre-Conference Workshops: While it is highly encouraged, you do not have to attend the conference in order to participate in pre-conference workshops. The pre-conference workshops begin on Sunday, October 14th, and end on Monday, the 15th, with the exception of the Education Abroad workshops (Sunday only). Regions III and VII reserve the right to cancel a workshop if sufficient enrollment is not reached by September 1st. 2012. If a workshop is filled to capacity or cancelled, notification will be sent and a refund will be mailed following the conference. For more information on the pre-conference workshops, contact jhutcheson@els.edu.

	Member	Non-member	Student/K-12	Amount Paid
Workshop fees include materials and refreshment breaks. Workshop Registration Deadline is September 1st, 2012.				
Dates & times are as follow unless otherwise indicated: Sunday, October 14th: 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm (No meals served, but refreshment break provided) Monday, October 15th: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm (Refreshment break provided)				
1) J-1 Advising: Beginners	\$315	\$420	\$200	\$
2) F-1 Student Advising: Beginners	\$315	\$420	\$200	\$
3) F-1 Student Advising: Intermediate	\$315	\$420	\$200	\$
 Foreign Educational Credential Analysis Sunday, October 14th 9:00am to 6:00pm (lunch Monday, October 15th 8:30am to 12:30pm 	\$355 included)	\$465	\$225	\$
5) Basics of Filing Academic H1B Petitions	\$315	\$420	\$200	\$
6) Pathways to Permanent Residency	\$315	\$420	\$200	\$
 Fundamentals of Intercultural Communication Sunday, October 14th 1:00pm to 6:00pm Monday, October 15th 8:30am to 11:30am 	\$300	\$375	\$200	\$
8) Risk Management and Support Services	****	40.00		
For Overseas Programs	\$280	\$385	\$175	\$
 Fundamentals of Education Abroad Advising Sunday, October 14th 9:00am to 1:00pm 	\$190	\$250	\$130	\$
 Health and Safety in Education Abroad Sunday, October 14th 2:00 to 6:00pm 	\$190	\$250	\$130	\$
If workshop #is not available, please substitute w If workshop #is not available, please substitute w		-		

Conference Registration Form

Workshop Subtotal \$ Add Registration, Membership, Guest Tickets, and Workshops Subtotals: \$			
Grand Total (Please pay this amount.)	\$		
**Please note that there is <u>no on-site registration for workshops.</u> **All workshop attendees MUST register in advance. Thank you.			
Important Dates and REFUND POLICY 100% refund provided written notification is received by email or postmarked by September 19th, 2012. 50% refund provided written notification is received by email or postmarked between September 20th, 2012 and October 1, 2012. No refunds after October 2, 2012 except for emergency/special situations (examples: sickness and natural disasters).			
Part IV. Special Services Required Persons with disabilities, please indicate special services needed and return by September 19th, 2012, so that we can best accommodate your needs:			
Dietary restrictions:			
Part V. NAFSA Database Collection Information Interest Section & Additional Information (check all t	hat apply)		
Admissions & Credential Evaluation English Language Training & Administration Government Regulations Campus & Community Programming Education Abroad Exhibitor Presenter Global Partner NAFSA Academy	☐ Technology Issues ☐ Int'l Student & Scholar Advising ☐ Two-Year Schools ☐ Historically Black Colleges and Universities ☐ NAFSA Newcomer ☐ NAFSA Region III Team Member ☐ Trainer Corps ☐ Past Chair ☐ NAFSA Region VII Team Member		
PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION Registration must include full payment. List all names of all registrants on your enclosed check. Make checks payable to "NAFSA Regions III & VII" (Tax ID# 13-1878953) and send all pages of this form with your payment.			
PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD. FAX YOUR REGISTRA Card (check one): Visa MC AMEX Card #: Expiration Date: Name on card: (mm/yyyy)			
Signature:			
MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS WITH CHECKS TO:			
NAFSA Regions III & VII Registration 411 Lafayette Street, Ste 201 New York, NY 10003			
To confirm your registration, call 1-800-350-0111 or 2	12-460-9700.		
FOR ALL OTHER REGISTRATION QUESTIONS:			
Elle Shroyer, Registrar Region III Email: <u>elle.shroyer@ou.edu</u>	Marci Angevine, Registrar Region VII Email: marci.angevine@vanderbilt.edu		