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Registration for Region I Conference in Anchorage, Alaska: Registration Now Open!

Registration for the 2016 Region I Conference in Anchorage, Alaska is NOW OPEN!



The conference theme is "Navigating the Future", and we have many sessions being presented that tie into our theme, and go beyond the fundamentals of international education and bring conversation about relevant and evolving trends in our field, with the goal of developing skills and knowledge that will help us all be ready for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

[To register now, CLICK HERE!](#)

Hotel Room Reservations

The conference will be held at the Hilton Anchorage. The Hilton is conveniently located in the heart of downtown and near a variety of popular attractions, restaurants, and activities. Room rates will be very reasonable at **\$129/night plus taxes** (\$144 with taxes).

[The conference hotel block is now open for reservations.](#)

[To make a hotel reservation, CLICK HERE.](#)

Key Dates:

Registration Opens: August 1, 2016
Early Bird Registration Closes: September 18, 2016
Exhibitor Application Closes: October 3, 2016
Conference Dates: October 10-14, 2016

Reminders from our Local Arrangements Chair

Planning on coming to the Regional conference in October? Remember to use the Alaska Airlines discount code and [information on the conference website](#). The discount is valid for Alaska Air flights beginning October 7 through October 18. Check out the pre-conference workshops and many sessions being offered as well as the activities available before, during and/or after the conference. Make this a "choose your own adventure" while you're in Alaska. Opportunities for "eating local" will be available and 2 feathered visitors from the Alaska Bird TLC will be making an appearance in the exhibit hall during one of the session breaks. Come for the content and spend a few extra days experiencing Alaska!

Core Education Program (CEP) Workshops in Anchorage

Region 1 is pleased to offer four CEP pre-conference workshops in a range of KC areas! Be sure to register for:

- [Intercultural Communication in Practice](#)
- [F-1 Student Advising for Beginners](#)
- [F-1 Student Advising: Intermediate](#)
- [Health, Safety, and Risk Management in Education Abroad](#)

We know that cost is always a concern, so please apply for a travel grant! Funded by our annual Gala Auction, the region has money available! With a travel grant of \$200, you could cover the cost of the additional hotel night and the daily per diem for Anchorage! For more information on grants and the application form, [visit the travel grants page on our website](#).

Please email [Machelle Allman](#) with any questions.

Volunteer for the Region I Conference

Looking to get more involved in the Region I Conference in

Anchorage? We are looking for volunteers for a number of different areas. If you're interested in volunteering, [please fill out this request form](#). Contact [Sarah Reed](#) with any questions!

CBP Port of Entry Tour at the Anchorage International Airport

Plans are being made for a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) conference session and a Port of Entry (POE) tour at the Anchorage Airport on Friday of the regional conference. The CBP presentation will be scheduled in the last session block of the conference on Friday morning followed by the POE tour at the airport in the afternoon. If you wish to attend the POE tour, we recommend that you book your flight home for later in the day Friday or the next day. Transportation from the conference hotel to the airport will be provided and luggage will be held if you want to fly out after the tour. Please note that these plans are subject to change. More detailed information and a tour sign-up will be made available as soon as we have final confirmation from CBP.

Team Member Spotlight: Education Abroad KC Representative, Michelle Walters

Tell us about yourself and the work you do.

My name is Michelle Walters and I am a Regional Director for AIFS Study Abroad. As a Regional Director, I promote our study abroad programs to students, faculty and advisors at universities around the Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountains and Great Plain States. This July marks my 8th year with AIFS, though I've been in the Field for almost 10 years. I grew up in the Seattle area and graduated from Washington State University (Go Cougs!) before heading to Japan to teach English. Since then, I've completed my MA at the University of San Francisco, where I spent two summers working with an indigenous community in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Can you tell us about your participation on the NAFSA Region I team?

As the Education Abroad Representative, I work to keep our region connected to the national NAFSA Education Abroad team. If there are any issues or regional needs, we make sure that the team in D.C. knows about them and is working to help in any way that they can. I also meet regularly with the other Education Abroad representatives to discuss hot topics around the country.

What are some ways we can encourage more people to get involved in NAFSA Region I activities?

There are quite a few ways to get more involved in the region, many won't take up a lot of time either! From giving input regarding your campus or helping plan meet-ups or events to connect colleagues. You can always participate with our local organizations, like PDX Abroad or serve as a mentor for a new colleague. We always needs people to present at NAFSA conferences or attend an Advocacy Day in DC. You can also serve on the regional team! The Education Abroad Position will be open up at the end of the year!



How did you end up in the field of international education?

Like many of us, I ended up in the Education Abroad field after having participated in my own study abroad experience. I spent a semester in Limerick, Ireland and upon my return to campus learned that you could actually make a living encouraging and advising students to go abroad. I spent a year working in the WSU Education Abroad office while I was still a student and knew that this was where my heart wanted to be. I've had great mentors throughout the years to help me get to where I'm at and have worked hard to find my place in the field.

What do you most look forward to every day when you are heading to work?

As my job takes me all over, I have to say that the change in scenery is my favorite part of the work commute. I love that every day is different. I usually find myself on a different campus and sometimes in a different state, every day. I love getting to see how different offices operate and getting to know each of them is pretty interesting.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

Right now, I'm in the midst of training for the New York Marathon, so it seems like running and preparing for that is the only thing I have time to do these days. Thankfully I enjoy it (on most days!)

What country is next on your bucket list and why would you like to visit it?

I've been lucky to travel to many of my bucket list destinations, but for now I have two countries high on the list: South Africa and Cambodia.

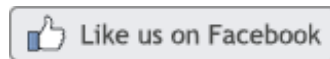
Connect with us on Social Media!

NAFSA Region I is on social media and we are looking for photographs and articles to post!

Did you snap some group shots at a recent international student function? Did you capture a beautiful afternoon on campus one day with you phone? Send the photos along with a description so that we can hashtag, tweet and share these moments with the rest of NAFSA Region I and beyond!

[Send your photos to EJ Brin](#) and we'll get them posted on social media.

Want to stay connected with Region I? Connect with us on social media for timely updates, NAFSA news, job announcements, interesting article, conference details, and more! Get your mouse ready and click through the following links to join the conversations!



The 9th Annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) for Intensive English Program Professionals

The 9th Annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) for Intensive English Program Professionals will be January 19 - 20, 2017 at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey in Monterey, CA

All administrators, staff and faculty members from the 468 EnglishUSA member programs across the U.S. are invited to submit proposals! The PDC offers a unique opportunity for the Intensive English Program community to meet and discuss challenges, best practices, and common issues in a friendly and collegial environment.

Suggested Topic Areas:

- Curriculum review and revision

- Marketing and recruiting
- Professional development and evaluation of faculty and staff
- Student placement and assessment
- Innovative programming and teaching methods
- Student services and support
- Visa regulations and compliance
- Technology in the classroom and workplace
- Other topics also welcome!

Submission Deadline: August 31, 2016

[Visit the PDC Proposal webpage for full instructions. Then click here to submit your session or poster proposal.](#)

Presenters will receive a registration discount of \$100 off the full registration fee.

Knowledge Community Updates

Education Abroad Knowledge Community Updates

E-Learning Seminar: Designing Quality Academic Programs in Education Abroad: August 9th, 2016 at 3pm, Eastern time

What is a "quality program"? What academic and cultural elements need to be considered? As the international education community is called upon to increase the numbers of students going abroad, institutions must maintain their focus on providing programs with academic excellence that draw on the strengths and culture of the local environment. Participants will discuss components of quality academic programs; strategies to develop and achieve academic and programmatic goals; and methods of demonstrating the long term benefits of creating engaging content with strong cultural foundations. Presenters will share examples of how to incorporate cultural exercises and reflection into the curriculum.

[To learn more, click here.](#)

[New Zika Virus Resource Page](#)

NAFSA encourages all education abroad professionals to develop comprehensive risk management plans that include health and safety preparedness. [Visit NAFSA's resource page on the Zika Virus and Education Abroad to stay informed and prepared.](#)

NAFSA BLOG

Read about the "[Seven Cardinal Virtues of Study Abroad](#)" on [NAFSA's Blog](#). In response to a recent opinion piece in the New York Times on "Study Abroad's Seven Deadly Sins," NAFSA's Senior Director of Education Abroad Services Caroline Donovan White explains in a recent blog post why study abroad is not simply a vacation but an educational journey that opens students' world far beyond themselves and provides them with dividends that last a lifetime.

Job Postings in the Region

Visit the [NAFSA Region I Job Board](#) for the most up to date job postings in the region. [Click here!](#)



NAFSA Region I Team

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