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Planning Begins for Tri-Regional in Denver, CO

In January, the Region I executive team traveled to Washington, DC to attend the 2017 NAFSA Washington Leadership Meeting (WLM). While there, the team started work on the upcoming fall Tri-Regional Conference to be hosted in collaboration with Regions II and IV in Denver, CO.

2017 Tri-Regional Conference

When: November 3-8, 2017

Where:

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
(lodging and conference site)

[Conference details will continue to be updated here following the March](#)



EJ, Robert, Mabelle, Sarah, and

Connecting Our World



In March, NAFSAs will descend on Washington D.C. to represent the needs of the international education community with state legislators as part of [NAFSA's Advocacy Day!](#)

The deadline to register for Advocacy Day 2017 has passed, but please check out [Connecting Our World](#) for action alerts on ways you can take action to support public policies that strengthen and expand international education. Register to join a community of individuals who believe that international education and exchange is fundamental to building mutual understanding among nations; preparing the next generation with vital cross-cultural and global skills; and creating the conditions for a more peaceful world.

NAFSA Responds to Executive Order Travel Ban

On January 27, 2017, President Trump signed an executive order restricting entry into the United States of both immigrants and non-immigrants from seven nations in the Middle East and Africa. The impact of this order has been immediate for international educators worldwide. NAFSA is closely monitoring reaction to and implementation of the order, and has gathered resources to help ensure international education professionals have the tools they need to properly respond to the new rules.

[Find NAFSA's resources here.](#)

Caroline Donovan, Senior Director, Education Abroad Services at NAFSA, also provides a great summary and links for some statements that have been released regarding the travel ban [here](#).

Research Shared by Former Region I Member, Patrick Cahill

Dear Region I,

Last year I dedicated my master's research, at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, to studying an issue confronting the field of International Education. I chose to study how the rising number of international students impacts employee engagement - and I believe my findings may be of interest to you!

My research found that as the volume of students increased, staff engagement actually *decreased*. This was in part explainable by the necessary re-engineering of work processes that come with growth in numbers (greater student numbers meant more efficient work processes were needed).



An unexpected by-product of re-engineering work processes was that **staff became less engaged and more distant from their work and students both mentally *and* physically, over time.** Consequently, higher education professionals, who are often *value-driven*, eventually left their positions in search of more rewarding work elsewhere. I called my thesis "**The Hidden Cost of Efficiency.**" If you would like to read more, simply [click here](#) to link to the full text. Also, feel free to email me with any questions at cahill1000@gmail.com. Thank you Region I! I hope this research helps your offices, and by extension your students, as you grapple with how to best manage growth!

-Patrick Cahill

BCCIE Summer Conference 2017

The British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) 8th Annual Summer Conference will be held at the Delta Grand Okanagan in Kelowna, BC from June 18-21, 2017.

The Summer Conference provides an essential platform for the growth of BC's International Education sector. BCCIE's annual conference brings together more than 400 participants from our province, across Canada and beyond our borders. The conference attracts senior leaders, researchers, practitioners, student service providers, administrators, government, NGOs, and students to explore these ideas with the aim of strengthening our work and taking steps towards advancing outstanding leadership in the fields of International Education in BC.

This year's conference theme will be Faster, Higher, Stronger: technology, learning and identity.

For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

Team Member Spotlight: Machele Allman, Chair

Tell us about yourself and the work you do at UW.

I'm an International Student Advisor at the University of Washington, Seattle, and I also supervise the advising team. I spend a lot of time researching policy and trying to keep up with what's going on with the regulations.

Why did you decide to join the NAFSA Region I team?

When I started off in the field in the 90's there wasn't a lot of professional development in international education outside of NAFSA. I credit NAFSA for helping me to develop my skills and expertise, so I think it's crucial that those of us who have been around for a while take the opportunity to give back. I've had such amazing NAFSA mentors. Not to mention, at the national level, NAFSA is the driver for international education advocacy.

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

I started out back in 2008 as the Development Rep, and later I served 2 years as Regulatory Ombud. In terms of conference work I've been the sponsor/exhibitor contact, helped with the Gala Auction, and been the CEP workshop dean. I also am a member of Trainer Corps and have done a number of F-1 and J-1 trainings.

How did you end up in the International Education Field?

I was a military kid and during high school we were stationed at San Vito Air Station near Brindisi, Italy. I did two study abroad experiences as an undergrad, Vienna Austria and Cuenca Ecuador. I never looked back! I started out in 1994 in international admissions and international



education has been my only professional career. At this point I couldn't do anything else even if I wanted to! :)

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

Outside of work I'm an actor and musician. It helps me to balance out the regulatory work part of my brain to be able to express my creative side. I've done plays and short films, and my band Lake Joanna (I'm the bassist) is in the studio now recording our first album!! We have a show coming up as part of a showcase on June 10 at the Skylark in West Seattle-can't wait!

Knowledge Community Updates

International Enrollment Management (IEM) Community



FEBRUARY 23, 2017 | 2:00 P.M. (EST)

Given the current changing perceptions of the United States as a welcoming country to international students, many in the international enrollment management (IEM) community may be facing challenging times as they travel abroad to recruit new international students and speak to parents and families about studying in the United States. NAFSA's International Education Town Hall events are a series of online forums designed to bring together the international education community in a time of uncertainty and change. This town hall will focus on:

- Sharing outreach and communication strategies;
- Balancing personal opinions versus representing your institution;
- Resources and model practices to respond to the changing environment; and
- Advocacy tools to help you champion international activities.

[Sign up for the free event here.](#)

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Knowledge Community

New USCIS Form Fees that went into effect December 23, 2016

As we all know, USCIS periodically adjusts its fees. On October 24, 2016, they published a [final rule adjusting immigration benefit application and petition fees](#), effective December 23, 2016. Many of us missed this somehow and then when going to download a form I-765 for OPT noticed that the fees had gone up. The I-765 for OPT is now \$410 and the I-539 is now \$370. For a full listing of the fees and changes visit: [USCIS Forms](#).

USCIS Will Accept Only New Forms After Feb. 21, 2017

USCIS has updated a number of their forms. Please make sure you are using the most up-to-date version of the forms I-539 and I-765! Starting on 02/21/2017, USCIS will only accept the updated editions of their forms. You can find the updated forms online here: <https://www.uscis.gov/forms>

AC21 Rule Effective January 17, 2017

The final rule, "Retention of EB-1, EB-2, and EB-3 Immigrant Workers and Program Improvements Affecting Highly-Skilled Nonimmigrant Workers" (also known as the "AC21 Rule"), took effect on January 17, 2017. This rule is significant for anyone working with H-1Bs and immigrant petitions. [The NAFSA web page provides an overview of the new rule here.](#)

[This week's NAFSA Government Connection presentation provides a helpful overview here.](#)

Education Abroad Knowledge Community

NW Symposium on International Faculty-Led Programs

The 3rd annual [NW Symposium on International Faculty-Led Programs](#) will be held on **Friday, April 14, 2017**, at the **University Hotel & Conference Center** in **Portland, Oregon**.



SAVE THE DATE

NW SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

FRIDAY
14
APRIL
2017

Join faculty, administrators, and providers to share best practices in the field of international faculty-led programming. The 3rd Annual Symposium seeks to create engaging learning experiences for attendees while offering opportunities for collaboration and professional growth.

LECTURES | WORKSHOPS | NETWORKING

University Place Hotel & Conference Center
Portland, Oregon

Interested in submitting a workshop or session proposal? Contact Hannah Fischer at hfis2@pdx.edu



Teaching, Learning and Scholarship (TLS) Knowledge Community

Learning at Intercultural Intersections Research Conference

Learning at Intercultural Intersections - Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops BC, March 7-9, 2017. This event will explore the intersections of learning in multicultural contexts with a focus on internationalization and Indigenization.

Please visit: www.tru.ca/intercultural for more information.

New NAFSA Professional Enrichment Series - Architecture for Global Learning:

NAFSA is pleased to announce its [Architecture for Global Learning](#), a new online professional enrichment series designed for faculty, scholars, administrators, and other international educators seeking to strengthen their understanding of global learning and transform institutional global learning goals into concrete curricular and co-curricular student experiences. Delivered in 60-minute sessions during the 2016-2017 academic year, the series continues with the following sessions:

- [Global Learning, Technology, and Big Data: Expanding the Use of Analytics](#), February 2017
- [Assessing Global Learning: Methods, Metrics, and Meaning](#), April 2017

For more information, please see the [Architecture for Global Learning site](#).

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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