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Conference Details Announced on the Tri-Regional Website

This November, Regions I, II and IV will collaborate to host the first ever NAFSA Tri-Regional Conference! Over 1,000 attendees are anticipated to come together in Denver, CO. Many details such as the tentative schedule, registration rates and important dates have been shared on the [Tri-Regional Conference website](#).



REGIONAL CONNECTIONS, GLOBAL REACH

2017 Tri-Regional Conference

When: November 3-8, 2017

Where: Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, Colorado (lodging and conference site)

Session Proposals

Session proposals are now being accepted at the [Tri-Regional Conference website](#). **The Very Motivated Presenter deadline is June 19, 2017.** Sessions received by this date and accepted will receive a \$75/presenter registration discount for up to three presenters.

In the spirit of our conference theme, we encourage you each to think beyond the boundaries of your own regions as you consider submitting a proposal. Presenters seeking cross-regional collaborators can use the [Tri-Regional Conference Proposal Collaboration Google Form](#) to share proposed topics or to search for potential presenting teams to join.

The final session proposal deadline is July 10, 2017. Do not delay! We are expecting a high number of session proposals.

[Visit the Tri-Regional Conference Site for the Most Up-to-Date Information!](#)

Travel Resources for LA-bound NAFSAns



Kelly Zuniga is J-1 exchange visitor counselor at the University of California-Los Angeles and the Local Arrangements Team (LAT) communications chair for the [NAFSA 2017 Annual Conference & Expo](#). She has been sharing her knowledge and love for Los Angeles in a special NAFSA Blog series.

Make the most of your trip to Los Angeles, by catching up on Kelly's insider tips:

- [Welcome to Los Angeles!](#)
- [Exploring Downtown LA by Foot](#)
- [Only a Day Away: Day Trips from LA](#)
- [A Guide to Eating in LA](#)
- [Transportation and Attractions](#)

NAFSA Academy Seeking Coaches for Class 15

The NAFSA Academy for International Education is now accepting coach applications for Academy Class 15! Academy coaches will have the opportunity to improve their coaching and training skills, connect with other regional



coaches, contribute to the professional development of international educators in their area, and be involved with NAFSA on a higher level.

Applications are due June 15, 2017. To learn more about the position and to see the roster of current Academy coaches, please visit the [NAFSA Academy Coaches' page](#).

Student News from Edmonds Community College

Twelve Yemeni students at Edmonds Community College have been in the news lately, as they are making plans for what to do when their scholarship program ends in June. These students will have completed a three-year scholarship program, but are unable to return to Yemen due to the conflict there. Edmonds has been working closely with each student to help them plan for their futures. Students' plans include transferring to four-year universities, working to save money for school, living with American families, and working as resident assistants (RAs) at Edmonds.

Check out this [KUOW interview](#) and [Seattle Met](#) profile for profiles on three of the twelve students.



There is a fund set up to help the Yemen students, with a [link here](#).

If you have campus news you would like to share in the Region's

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](#).

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The Region I Communications Team invites you to connect with us across all of our communication channels! You've found your way to our newsletter (here!), but did you know we also share news, job postings, events and resources on a more frequent basis via our [Facebook page](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts? Like, follow, tag or double-tap us!

We are always looking for photos, news, and updates from our members to share with the Region and beyond. [Send your images, posts, or tweets our way](#) and we'll help you get the word out.

Team Member Spotlight: Katherine Mary Meyer, KC Education Abroad Liaison

Tell us about yourself and the work you do at the Washington State University.

My legal name is Katherine Mary Meyer- two first names and all! However, I like to go by Kate. Currently I work at Washington State University, the home of the Cougars, lentils, and some kind of cheese in a can. I am a jack of all trades here at WSU, working with Faculty Led programming, Pre-Departure and Returned Student Services, and doing advising for students. Prior to this, I was at the University of Minnesota- Twin Cities working in the Office of Student Finance. Ah, I miss MN & WI cheese... and football- Go Pack Go!

What excites you the most about your role?

I am really excited to work with students at all the different stages of study abroad. For some reason I enjoy writing resumes and interview prep, so getting to do more of that with students after they come back is great.

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

If you are not sure that the national crowd is your thing, I would really recommend the regional offerings of leadership roles, or just conferences and resources. The team in Region 1 has a wealth of knowledge and they are in our backyard! Reach out, make new friends, learn new things, and no need to feel exhausted after running around a national conference.

How did you end up in the International Education Field?

I've always been fascinated with the world outside rural Minnesota. As a first generation college student, I was very fortunate that my parents pushed me to adventure out. I really found a love of teaching and working with people from all over the world when I studied abroad in Japan. I ended up working on the Japan Exchange Teachers (JET) program and set up a mini exchange for



my students. I've been hooked ever since.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

I enjoy crafting and politicking. Actually, I get to combine these a lot... given the political climate we are in. I can't pass up a chance to make a nerdy sign and show my support for causes that I believe in. See photo from the Women's March... I am sure I'll have another sign very soon as the March for Science is right around the corner!

Knowledge Community Updates

International Enrollment Management (IEM) Community

Global Student Mobility

Join the University of Idaho, Tacoma Community College and Chemeketa Community College at the Fall 2017 GSM Roadshow October 2, 4th or 6th.

Global Student Mobility (GSM) is a free portal for US schools to connect with educational recruitment agencies. They hold a semi-annual roadshow and the Fall 2017 GSM USA Roadshow (held in OR, WA and ID) is now open for US Educational Institutions to register.

The basic format is that educators will have a schedule of 12 meetings (30 minutes each) with agencies of their choosing booked in advance with Marcom eSchedule PRO. We will target to bring at least 20 agencies with focus on SE Asia and to register 60 educators over the 3 fair locations. We have already confirmed 16 agencies (please see list [here](#)) and expect 20 to be confirmed shortly.

For the Fall 2017 roadshow please see a list of dates and venues below:

- Monday 2nd October - Oregon
Fair Venue: Chemeketa Community College
- Wednesday 4th October - Washington
Fair Venue: Tacoma Community College
- Friday 6th October - Idaho
Fair Venue: University of Idaho

Further details of the event are [here](#) along with a registration form. There is a 20% early bird discount if registered and paid by the end of June and for educators registered and paid by May 13th we can also offer a waiver of the 5% credit card transaction fee.

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Knowledge Community

Two Open Meetings at this year's Annual Conference in LA

Wednesday, 31 May 11:45 AM-12:45 PM*

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

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.

Go directly to the Annual Conference program to star it [here](#).

Thursday, 1 June 2:00 PM-3:00 PM*

Open Meeting: Regulatory Roundtables: Lawful Employment and Nonimmigrant Status

Participate in a peer-to-peer discussion on model practices for advising international students and scholars on the opportunities, benefits, and limitations of nonimmigrant status and proactive approaches to avoid potential issues.

Go directly to the Annual Conference program to star it [here](#).

Prepare for all the immigration-related sessions and content by visiting the portal for [Immigration Content At The Conference](#) and be sure to download the [2017 Immigration Sessions Notebook](#).

*Check the online conference program to verify room locations.

Buddy Program Matches Green and Seasoned Professionals

The Knowledge Community of International Student and Scholar Services (KC ISSS) Buddy Program matches new professionals working in the field of international student and scholar advising, support, and programming. [Learn more about the program here.](#)

Education Abroad Knowledge Community

Education Abroad Connector Program in LA

NAFSA needs YOU to be a connector in Los Angeles!! Are you attending the NAFSA Annual Conference for the first time? Are you a seasoned conference attendee? If so, we hope you will consider becoming an EA KC (Education Abroad Knowledge Community) Connector! [The EA KC Connector Program](#) matches professionals new to the field of Education Abroad with professionals who know the field and the EA KC sessions offered at the NAFSA Annual Conference. The "Mentors" will help the "Mentees" navigate the NAFSA Annual Conference and will answer questions and provide guidance relating to the field of EA. If you are interested in participating, either as a Mentor OR a Mentee, please complete the registration form found [here](#) by Friday, April 28th.

EA Strategic Retreat: Impacts of Education Abroad Programs on Host Communities

Designed for directors, deans, faculty, and professionals with extensive experience in education abroad. The [EA Strategic Retreat](#) is open formatted retreat will help you reconnect with your core reasons for seeking to serve and advance education abroad. This year's Retreat is being held July 31-Aug 1 in Washington, DC. [Registration is now open!](#)

Seeking Collaborators for Tri-Regional Session Proposals!

EA professionals are asked to consider proposing topics for panels and sessions on subjects from inclusion, programming, risk management, funding, and more. Proposal submissions are now being accepted on the [Tri-Regional Conference site](#). For more information or questions, please contact Kate Meyer, the Region 1 EA KC rep: katherine.meyer@wsu.edu

New EA Resources on NAFSA's site:

- [Using Veteran's Benefits for Education Abroad](#)
- [WIVRA Programs: Documents for Students](#)
- [Maximizing Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs at Community College](#)

Teaching, Learning and Scholarship (TLS) Knowledge Community

Graduate Student Central

This "one-stop-shop" resource is created by graduate students for graduate students in international higher education whose mission is to support you in conducting research, professional development, and networking. This resource is updated regularly by members and friends of [NAFSA Graduate Student Central](#), a community dedicated to supporting and connecting graduate students in international education across the globe.

International Education Leadership Knowledge Community

Don't miss the excellent **pre-conference workshops and conference sessions** offered by the International Education Leadership KC in Los Angeles!

The broad slate of pre-conference workshops includes four which may be of particular interest to internationalization leaders:

- **WS03** Fundraising to Advance Internationalization
- **WS04** New Senior International Officers: Developing Competences for Boundary Spanning Leadership
- **WS18** Beyond Management: Leadership for Comprehensive Internationalization
- **WS19** Developing and Managing Effective International Partnerships

More information about these workshops and other leading internationalization sessions is available [here](#).

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!](#)



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