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Coming Soon! Region I to Introduce Network.NAFSA Forum



Region I will soon welcome a new forum on [Network.NAFSA](#). In our new forum, members will have the opportunity to engage, share announcements, and seek input from colleagues.

Following the Tri-Regional Conference in Denver, Region I newsletter subscribers will receive an invite to join the Region I forum. A Network.NAFSA login will be required to join the Region I moderated forum. However, login credentials are free and do not require a paid NAFSA membership. Our regional team is looking forward to introducing this new resource to our members as a dynamic place for engagement. Please keep your eye out for an invite our new network, coming soon to your inbox!

Academy Application Deadline: December 1st

The application period for Class 15 participants is now open! The Academy is for International Education (IE) professionals new to the field and for those considering a change in career focus. The program increases one's proficiencies as an international educator through individualized learning plan, training, and networking. Program fee includes NAFSA membership for a year, registration for national and regional conferences, and in most cases NAFSA CEP workshops at the conferences.



[Learn more about the Academy and apply here!](#)

Tri-Regional Conference Reminders and Announcements

We hope to see you next month at the first ever NAFSA Tri-Regional Conference! Join over 1,000 attendees from Regions I, II, and IV in Denver, CO.



REGIONAL CONNECTIONS, GLOBAL REACH

2017 Tri-Regional Conference

When: November 3-8, 2017

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

Conference Schedule

The [full conference schedule](#) is available now! In an effort to keep costs and waste to a minimum, **printed schedules will not be provided** at the conference. Please plan to utilize the conference mobile app (coming soon), online schedule, or print your own schedule as needed.

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

Volunteers Still Needed

The many attendees who volunteer their time during the conference are essential to the success of our event. If you have time or talents to share, please sign up for a volunteer shift [here](#) by registering with the Shiftboard system, "joining" the Tri-Regional Conference team, and selecting your preferred shifts.

Tri-Regional Packing Tip: Don't Forget Your Silent Auction Donation

The annual NAFSA Gala and Silent Auction is always a highlight of the [Region I conference](#). This year the event will be better than ever with Regions II and IV joining in the fun. We hope we see you there!

The Gala and Auction planners are still seeking auction donations. Bring items with you or save space in your luggage and ship them ahead of time! New or homemade items only please, please no used items or college/university swag. Some examples of previous donations include: handmade jewelry, scarves, wine for the wine tree, gift cards, traditional clothes from other countries, etc. Please let our team know what to expect by filling out the [donation form](#).

Proceeds from donated auction items will support [NAFSA travel grants!](#)



For more information about the gala and auction, visit the [Tri-Regional conference page](#) or contact [Perri Schodorf](#).

If you have news you would like to share in the Region's quarterly newsletter, please email the [Region I Secretary](#).

Team Member Spotlight: Gwen Sandford, Secretary

Tell us about yourself and the work you do at the University of Portland.

At UP, I am advisor to current international students and support the undergraduate international admissions process. I'm actually writing this from Seattle where I am meeting with prospective transfer students this week. (Thanks for the hospitality Seattle area colleges!) I have also advised our International Club, and managed new student orientation and campus programming for international students. I wear a fun collection of hats at the office.



What excites you the most about your role?

I love that I have the chance to meet students as they begin the application process (sometimes in their home country!), and then get to know them as students at UP and beyond. It's so rewarding to celebrate graduation with these individuals, and watch them grow and accomplish their goals over the years.

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

In the past, I've really enjoyed being part of campus groups and teams like [NORIE](#). The Region I team felt like a natural next step. These opportunities, and experience on the Region I team, expand my professional network, stretch my brain in new ways, and provide opportunities to contribute back to a community that has been so formative for me.

I'd love for anyone who has curiosity about participation in the Region I team to reach out [to me](#) or to another [team member](#) for more information. We are always happy to share more about our roles and offer encouragement to get involved.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

Exploring Portland and the Northwest by canoe is one of my most favorite activities. My husband and I were gifted a secondhand canoe for our wedding, and it has been a treasured vessel for adventure.

Knowledge Community Updates

International Student and Scholar Services Knowledge Community

Karen S. Hawkins, Director of the Office of Private Sector Exchange Designation, and Ami Goodwin, Office of Designation, at the U.S. Department of State will be joining us at the Tri-Regional conference in Denver and will present at the **"Exchange Visitor Program: Updates and Discussion"** session on **Sunday, November 5, 1:45 - 3:00 pm.**

In addition to their presentation on Sunday, Ms. Hawkins and Mr. Howard will be available for a limited number of one-on-one meetings and drop-by Q&A with J program sponsors. This will be an excellent opportunity to ask questions and seek guidance about your Exchange Visitor Program. The one-on-one meetings and drop-by

Q&A will be all day Sunday, November 5 except during the EVP presentation that afternoon. Please see the [conference schedule](#) for details and room assignment.

Education Abroad Knowledge Community

New resources available on the NAFSA site:

[Invisible Identities Abroad](#): resource highlights issues that students with invisible issues such as learning disabilities.

[Building a Strong Relationship Between Study Abroad and Financial Aid](#): a resource from the Annual Conference in LA.

[Funding Resources](#) for Education Abroad students' courtesy of the Work, Internships, Volunteer, Research Abroad (WIVRA) subcommittee are available on the NAFSA website.

The diversity and inclusion subcommittee in the Education Abroad Knowledge Community has created a [new advising guide to assist LBGTQ+ students](#). The resource is designed to help education abroad professionals prepare students who identify as LBGTQ+ for their education abroad endeavors.

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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