

Greetings and Bienvenidos to Albuquerque, New Mexico!

Welcome all to New Mexico, "Land of Enchantment", and the NAFSA Region II conference. On behalf of the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Regional Team, Region II NAFSA members, and the New Mexico Local Arrangements Committee, I would like to thank you for your participation as we gather with distinguished guests and international educators from all 8 Region II states: Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

Our conference theme, "World of Enchantment", lends itself to the notion that we as educators in this broad landscape, find ways to strengthen our international endeavors and enhance life's experiences for all those we come in contact with, including international students and scholars and our own domestic students who take that first step out of their comfort zone to find the enchantment that exists in experiencing the world. What better way to get rejuvenated, energized and engaged, than by connecting with your international education colleagues as we come together this week for thought-provoking sessions, in-depth workshops and special events that give us the opportunity to share and grow professionally.

At the opening reception, after a warm welcome from New Mexico State Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino, the National Institute of Flamenco will delight us with a stellar performance. This is a great event to network and reconnect with international education colleagues. During the conference, we are pleased to offer over 40 sessions in all facets of international education. I hope you will also join us for the plenary lunch, state and regional breakfasts, and the NAFSA Region II update meeting.

The New Mexico Local Arrangements Committee, from day one, took on the challenge of arranging special activities that highlight the Southwestern flair of this beautiful state. Opportunities abound for discovering mouth-watering chili pepper dishes, mountain tram rides, and exploring Old Town, set against the backdrop of the Sandia Mountains. I would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the LAC Co-Chairs Linda Melville, University of New Mexico, and Mary Jaspers, New Mexico State University, for their expert leadership and creative energy in bringing this conference to new heights. A very special thanks to all the members of the LAC for their time and effort in bringing this conference together.

This conference would not have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of our conference planner, Maria Beebe, Kansas State University. She has pulled all the pieces together and taken on many responsibilities to make this conference run smoothly and efficiently. Thank you Maria—you make us all look good! And once again, thank you to all the countless volunteers who have given so much time and effort before and during the conference. We couldn't have done this without you. Let the enchantment begin!

Kay Forsyth NAFSA Region II Chair and Conference Chair, Utah State University

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Dear NAFSA Conference attendees,

As the State Senator representing the district in which the University of New Mexico is located, it is my great privilege to be able to welcome you to this year's conference. I think it is particularly appropriate that New Mexico is serving as host for this event, as we take real pride in our long heritage of multi-culturalism and of mutual enrichment by the many different ethnic groups who share our community.

This year our State Capitol, Santa Fe, is celebrating the 400th anniversary of its founding while in 2012 the entire State will celebrate 100 years of statehood. Thus we are both a very old settlement and at the same time one of the newest of the fifty states. There are many such contrasts in New Mexico, and I invite you to explore some of them during your visit with us. We are, for example, a community fascinated by our past...yet we relish as well our leadership in the nation for research laboratories and industries employing cutting-edge technology and scientific innovation.

During our past four hundred years, the flags of many nations have flown over New Mexico: Spain, Mexico, Texas, the Confederate States and the United States of America. We are often described as "tri-cultural" (Hispanic, Native American and Anglo-American), yet there are twenty-one different Native American tribes within our boundaries as well as descendants of people from every continent on the globe and from every ethnic group and religious tradition, so it would be much more accurate to describe New Mexico as "multi-cultural".

We have many things to do, to taste, to hear and to see during your time with us, and I sincerely hope you will have the opportunity to experience at least a few of them. Then consider yourselves invited back...again and again. Have a great conference!

Gerald Ortiz y Pino,

New Mexico State Senate District 12.



Conference Services

(West Atrium)
11:30 am - 5:00 pm
7:30 am - 5:30 pm
7:30 am - 4:30 pm
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Exhibit Hours	(North and East Atrium)
Wednesday, October 28	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, October 29	8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Name Badges

For security reasons, conference participants are required to wear name badges for admission to all workshops, sessions, and events. Individuals without name badges may not be admitted. Name badges are provided at the Registration Table.

Message Board

The Message Board will be located at the Hospitality Desk. You may leave messages for other conference guests and receive conference updates. Don't forget to check the Message Board throughout the day.

Hospitality Desk

Please stop by the Hospitality Desk located next to the Registration Table in the West Atrium for information about restaurants, local attractions and other information about the Albuquerque area. Open hours for the Hospitality Desk are posted at the desk.

Conference & Session Evaluations, and "Best of Region"

At the end of every session, please take a moment to complete the session evaluation form that the designated volunteer will provide. These evaluations will assist the regional team in nominating sessions as 'Best of Region' to be presented at the NAFSA national conference in Kansas City in May 2010. At the regional conference wrap-up meeting, the session evaluations are reviewed and the regional team selects three nominations to submit to NAFSA. The NAFSA Annual Conference Committee selects regional sessions that provide visibility for strong offerings from regional conferences and to round out and complement the annual conference program.

The Region II Conference Evaluations will be sent via email after the conference – the evaluations provide helpful information for future planning.

Tickets

The Opening Reception on Tuesday evening, tai chi, yoga, the tour of historical Old Town, the Salsa Dancing, the museum hops, the 'Get Your Kicks on Route 66 Event, and the Region II Update meeting are available to all conference registrants. Tickets are required for all other special events and will be collected prior to entry to the event. These include an evening trip up the tram to Sandia Peak, Monday 10/26 (\$25), the Plenary Luncheon (\$15) on Wednesday 10/28, the Morning Nature Walk, Thursday, 10/29 (free—participants can also drive themselves if space on the bus is not available), and the State and Regional Breakfasts (\$10). Conference registrants may obtain tickets at the Registration Table, subject to availability. If you lose a ticket to an event, visit the Registration Table for assistance.

Non-Smoking Policy

As in the past, Region II offers conference participants a smoke-free environment. Help us keep it that way and refrain from smoking during the workshops, conference sessions, meals and other special events. Please smoke only in designated smoking areas in our facility area.

Copying Services / Copy Centers

Services are available in the hotel business center, located in the East Atrium. See the facility map on p. 40. Printing of flight boarding passes can be done there at no charge. Front desk staff can also assist with the printing of flight/travel documents if needed.

Conference Services

Transportation

ABQ RIDE (the public bus system) can provide hassle-free transportation to and from some of Albuquerque's top destinations. Hotel Albuquerque lies on the Red Line, route 766. ABQ RIDE provides bus service every half hour from the Albuquerque International Sunport (airport). Airport transportation is also available from <u>Sunport Shuttle</u> (sunportshuttle.com, 505-883-4966), <u>Follow the Sun Inc</u>. (ftstours.com, 505-897-2886) and <u>New Mexi Tours</u> (505-771 -3739), as well as by taxi. Recommended taxi companies: <u>Yellow Cab</u>, at 505-247-8888, and <u>Checker Cab</u>, at 505-243-7777.

Weather

Albuquerque is renowned for having some of the best year round weather in the USA. Low humidity and warm temperatures (70°F/21°C is the yearly average) combine to make Albuquerque an enjoyable destination during any season. Autumn in Albuquerque is often called "Indian Summer" because of warm temperatures early in the season around 70°F/21°C. Summer still lingers in September and early October, with "sweater" weather setting in during November.

Albuquerque lies at an elevation of over 5,000 feet, and enjoys a high desert climate. Days are generally sunny and warm but as the sun sets, the temperature falls; the city experiences an average change of 27 degrees from day to night all year.

Elevations and Altitude in Albuquerque

4,500 ft. in the Rio Grande Valley.

6,500 ft. in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains.

10,378 ft. at Sandia Peak. 10,678 ft. at Sandia Crest.

Before coming to Albuquerque, visitors should be aware of the city's high elevation of 5000+ feet. When staying in Albuquerque it may take your body a couple of days to adjust to the high altitude. At this elevation the air is thinner and you may become tired faster during physical activity. Albuquerque's high desert climate also causes people to dehydrate faster. It is important to drink a lot of water to keep your body hydrated; this is the easiest way to avoid altitude sickness. If you plan on visiting any of our excellent restaurants or bars while in town, you should be aware that alcohol may affect your body faster at higher elevations. Also, sunscreen is vital while vacationing in Albuquerque. Whether it is sunny or cloudy, summer or winter, the UV rays are stronger at higher altitudes. Visitors should wear a high SPF sunscreen at all times to avoid sunburn and wear sunglasses to protect their eyes.

NAFSA Acronyms

KC: Knowledge Community

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EA: Education Abroad

IEL: International Education Leadership

ISSS: International Student and Scholar Services

RAP: Recruitment, Admissions, and Preparation (including ESL)

TLS: Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship

CC: Community Colleges

MIG: Member Interest Group (formerly SIG, Specific Interest Group)

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Newcomers Session

(Weavers Room)

Tuesday, October 27 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Opening Reception (Open to all registrants)

(Franciscan Room)

Tuesday, October 27 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Plenary Luncheon (Ticket required)

(Franciscan Room)

Wednesday, October 28 12:00—1:30 pm

State Breakfast (Ticket required)

(Alvarado E)

Thursday, October 29 7:30 am—9:00 am

Regional Breakfast (Ticket required)

(Franciscan Room)

Friday, October 30 7:30 am—8:15 am

Region II Update Meeting (Open to all)

(Franciscan Room)

Friday, October 30 8:15 am—10:00 am

Member Interest Group Meetings

Christian MIG

(Alvarado H)

Wednesday, October 28 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Community College MIG

(Alvarado H)

Wednesday, October 28 4:00 pm—5:15 pm

Healthcare MIG

(Potters Room)

Friday, October 30 10:15 am—11:00 am

Regional Team Leadership Meetings

(Team Leadership Only)

Region II Executive Team Meetings (Closed)

(Fireplace Room)

Sunday, October 25 2:00 pm—6:00 pm Monday, October 26 8:00 am —5:00 pm

State Representative Training (*Closed***)**

(Fireplace Room)

Monday, October 26 6:30 pm—8:00 pm Tuesday, October 27 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Region II Team Meeting (*Closed*)

(Potters Room)

Tuesday, October 27 1:00 pm—5:30 pm

Region II Team Evaluation Meeting

(Team Leadership Only)

(Fireplace Room)

Friday, October 30 12:00—5:00 pm

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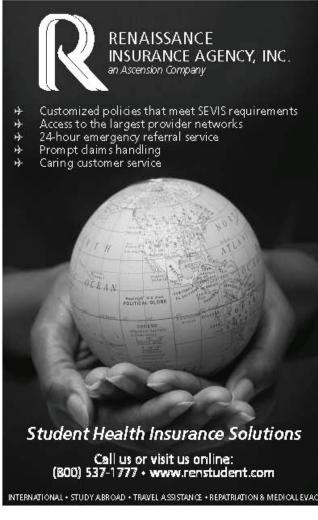
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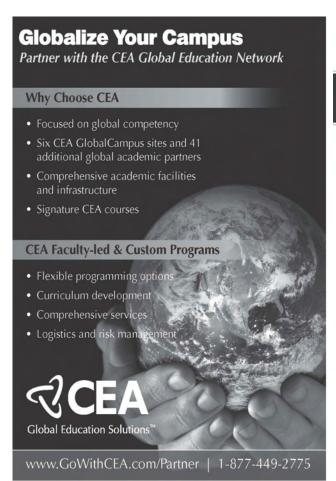
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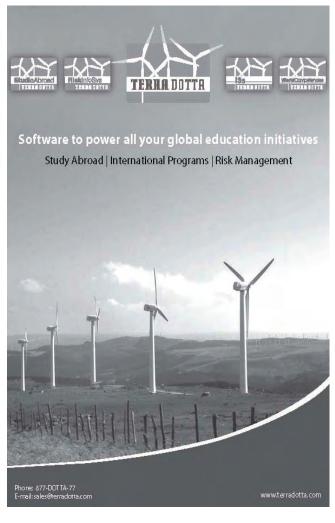
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Keynote Speaker

LaDonna Harris

Plenary Luncheon:

"Globalization and its Impact on International Indigenous Peoples" Franciscan Room

Wednesday October 28, 12:00 noon—1:30 pm

LaDonna Harris, President of Americans for Indian Opportunity, is a remarkable statesman and national leader who has enriched the lives of thousands. She has devoted her life to building coalitions that create change. She has been a consistent and ardent advocate on behalf of Tribal America. In addition, she continues her activism in the areas of civil rights, environmental protection, the women's movement and world peace.



Harris was raised in Indian country on a farm near the small town of Walters, Oklahoma during the Great Depression by her maternal grandparents. Harris began her public service as the wife of U.S. Senator, Fred Harris. She was the first Senator's wife to testify before a Congressional committee. She was instrumental in the return of the Taos Blue Lake to the people of Taos Pueblo and to the Menominee Tribe in regaining their federal recognition. In the 1960's, she founded Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity to find ways to reverse the stifling socio-economic conditions that impact Indian communities. From the 1970's to the present, she has presided over Americans for Indian Opportunity which catalyzes and facilitates culturally appropriate initiatives that enrich the lives of Indigenous peoples. Harris also help to found some of today's leading national Indian organizations including the National Indian Housing Council, Council of Energy Resource Tribes, National Tribal Environmental Council, and National Indian Business Association.

In 1994, Vice President Gore recognized Harris as a leader in the area of telecommunications in his remarks at the White House Tribal Summit and then-Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown appointed her to the Advisory Council on the National Information Infrastructure. In addition, she was appointed to the following Presidential Commissions: National Council on Indian Opportunity (Johnson); White House Fellows Commission (Nixon); U.S. Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year (Ford); Commission on Mental Health (Carter); and she represented the United States on the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO) (Carter).

As a national leader, Harris has influenced the agendas of the civil rights, feminist, environmental and world peace movements. She was a founding member of Common Cause and the National Urban Coalition and is an ardent spokesperson against poverty and social injustice. As an advocate for women's rights, she was a founder of the National Women's Political Caucus. In 1980, as the Vice Presidential nominee on the Citizens Party ticket with Barry Commoner, Harris firmly added environmental issues to that and future presidential campaigns. Her influence now reaches to the international community to promote peace as well. She was an original member of Global Tomorrow Coalition, the U.S. Representative to the OAS Inter-American Indigenous Institute.

During her career, she has served on many national boards: Girl Scouts USA; Independent Sector; Council on Foundations; National Organization of Women; National Urban League; Save the Children Federation; the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, and the Overseas Development Corporation. Boards which she currently serves on include the Advancement of Maori Opportunity, National Senior Citizens Law Center and Think New Mexico. She also serves on the following advisory boards: the National Museum of the American Indian; American Civil Liberties Union; National Institute for Women of Color; and the Delphi International Group.

Harris has raised three children: Kathryn Tijerina, New Mexico Director of External Affairs for the University of Phoenix; Byron is a technician in television production in Los Angeles; and Laura works with her mother as the Executive Director at Americans for Indian Opportunity. Harris is especially proud of her twenty-one year-old grandson, Sam Fred Goodhope, who calls her by the Comanche word for grandmother, Kaqu.

Distinguished Guests



Honorable Gerald (Jerry) Ortiz y Pino New Mexico State Senator (District 12)

Senator Ortiz y Pino was first elected to the New Mexico State Senate in 2004 and reelected to a second term in 2008. His major interests as a lawmaker have been support for working families, economic growth and health and human services reforms. He has served on the Rules, Indian Affairs, Public Affairs, Corporations and Finance standing committees and on interim committees dealing with Welfare Reform, Information Technology, Land Grants, Ethics, Water and Natural Resources and Health and Human Services.

In July, 2008, at the age of 66, he retired from full-time employment following a forty-two year career as a social worker, social welfare program administrator, human services and human resource management professor and community organizer and social services planner.

Senator Ortiz y Pino has lived and worked throughout New Mexico (Las Cruces, Taos, Las Vegas and Santa Fe) but has spent the past 31 years in Albuquerque. His interests broadened gradually over the years from an initial focus on mental health and children's protective services to work in child and family advocacy, substance abuse, positive youth development and early childhood programming.

His professional background includes time spent working in State and Local government agencies; university and college teaching; United Way administration; child advocacy initiatives and private, non-profit social agencies as well as in the private, for-profit sector with an Employee Assistance Program (Human Affairs International) operated by Aetna Insurance.

Representatives from NAFSA in attendance in Albuquerque:

Dr. Mary Reeves (NAFSA Board of Directors), Site Visit Representative, Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA)

Dr. Mary Reeves has been in the international education arena for 30 years, with special interest and background in administering English Language Programs in domestic and international settings, and now focuses on setting professional standards, external review, and accreditation. She has been director of ELS Language Centers in Houston and San Diego, director of Intercultural and Language Programs (Extended Studies) at the University of California-San Diego, and vice president of the Language Company. She is currently site visit representative for the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accreditor for postsecondary English Language Programs, for which she delivers training workshops and conducts site reviews.

Ellen Barclay, Deputy Executive Director for Professional Development Services, NAFSA

Ellen Barclay is deputy executive director, professional development services at NAFSA: Association of International Educators. Ellen oversees the programs and staff supporting the knowledge communities, publications, regulatory practice and training services. Prior to joining NAFSA in November 2007, Barclay

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was president of the Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, a national philanthropic leader and network of 32 regional associations of grantmakers. At the Forum she led the national initiative, New Ventures in Philanthropy, that promoted philanthropy especially in communities traditionally underrepresented in mainstream philanthropy and strengthened grantmaker accountability and the public trust of foundations at the local, state and regional level through a two-year \$1.3 million initiative.

Fall 2009 USBT Program Participants

U.S. Based Training Program for Overseas Educational Advisors (USBT)

The U.S. Based Training Program for Overseas Educational Advisors (USBT) is administered by the College Board and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This is a mid-level professional development program for advisors that incorporates workshops and information sessions on higher education topics in Washington D.C., a week-long campus visit to clusters of universities and colleges in diverse regions of the United States, and attendance at an international education conference.

The participants are selected from overseas advising centers in the EducationUSA network affiliated with the U.S. Department of State (educationusa.state.gov). The advisors work in a variety of education-related settings in their countries: Fulbright Commissions, bi-national centers, American embassies, non-governmental organizations, foundations and universities. They frequently advise their national ministries about policies and developments in U.S. higher education. Their main responsibility is to provide unbiased, accurate and up-to-date information about higher education options for students and scholars interested in coming to the United States.

For some, the USBT provides their first visit to the U.S. and they are eager to develop relationships with staff and faculty at American institutions and higher education organizations and to experience campus life at first hand. We are very pleased to host these Overseas Educational Advisors in Albuquerque and hope that NAFSAns will provide them a warm welcome.

Ms. Doreen John Fulbright Commission, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia U.S. Embassy, Lilongwe Mr. Martin Kanjadza Malawi Fulbright Commission, Islamabad Ms. Seemi Khosa **Pakistan** Ms. Liisi Lembinen Tartu University, Tartu Estonia Ms. Claudia Sanchez Centro Venezolano American del Zulia (CEVAZ) Venezuela Mr. Tim Wright Mexico REAC Mexico, Central American and the Caribbean

Special Events

Monday, October 26

Sandia Peak (ticket required)
4:00 pm—9:00 pm

Meet in hotel lobby

Enjoy the spectacular New Mexico sunset atop the Sandia Peak and ride the world's longest aerial tramway. The Sandia Tram will take you above deep canyons and breathtaking terrain - a distance of 2.7 miles to the top (10,378 ft.), where you can take a short hike along the Sandia Crest trail. After hiking and enjoying the scenery, enjoy cocktails, appetizers or dinner at the High Finance Restaurant, or return to the base of the mountain to enjoy dinner and drinks at Santiago's Mexican Restaurant. Visit http://www.sandiapeakrestaurants.com/ for more information on dining options or to make a reservation. Event shuttles will depart the Hotel Albuquerque promptly at 4:00pm and will return from the base of the tramway between 8:00-8:30pm. Cost of the trip, (including r/t shuttle and tram ride) is: \$25.00

Tuesday, October 27

Opening Reception (open to all) Sponsored by Terra Dotta Franciscan Room

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Come enjoy the unique flavor of New Mexico as you reconnect with your colleagues at this special event. State Senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino will open up the evening with a warm welcome and introduce our jewel of New Mexico, the National Institute of Flamenco, as they perform the ancient form of artistic expression in the Spanish Gypsy culture. The art and spirit of flamenco is passed from generation to generation through an enduring oral tradition. The song, dance and music of flamenco explore the full range of human emotion with an intense, vibrant quality that leaves audiences spellbound. Enjoy the food and cash bar at this casual but culturally festive event.

Wednesday, October 28

Tai Chi (open to all) 6:30 am —7:30 am **Outdoor Pavilion**

(Weavers Room in case of rain)

Our Tai Chi instructor Chao Dong (a Chinese PhD student in Chemistry from the University of New Mexico) will introduce concepts and background of this ancient practice using Qi (breath, or life force) to awaken intrinsic self-healing energy. This session is planned for the outdoor pavilion (the center courtyard of the hotel), but the Potter's Room will be the alternative in case of bad weather.

Silent Auction (open to all) 8:00 am— 5:00 pm North & East

Don't forget to check out this year's Silent Auction! The Silent Auction will be located in the exhibitor area in the north and east atrium. Expect to bid on items unique to New Mexico and artwork from local artists. New Mexico is famous for artwork inspired by the enchanting scenery of the state and native cultures. The winners will be posted Thursday afternoon. You can pick up your goodies on Thursday at the coffee break or on Friday morning after the Regional Breakfast Meeting.



Special Events

Wednesday, October 28 (continued)

Plenary Lunch Franciscan Room

(ticket required, \$15/registrant, \$25/guest)

12:00 noon—1:30 pm

Featured Speaker: LaDonna Harris is a member of the Comanche tribe and a long-time activist on issues of concern to Native Americans, women, children and the mentally ill. In 1970 she founded Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO) and is still involved in many different grassroots initiatives with Native American communities in the U.S. as well as indigenous communities in Latin America, New Zealand and other parts of the world. In addition, she continues her activism in the areas of civil rights, environmental protection, the women's movement, human rights, poverty alleviation and world peace. She has served as a U.S. representative to UNESCO and the Organization of American States' Inter-American Indigenous Institute.

Historical Tour of Old Town (open to all) 5:30—6:30 pm

Meet in hotel lobby

The tour of Old Town will lead you to the heart of Albuquerque close to our hotel. Discover one of the oldest places in the US founded 1706 by Governor Francisco Cuervo y Valdez. Enjoy the San Felipe de Neri Church, the unique adobe buildings, the little hidden corners, winding alleys, and great gift shopping opportunities. You will enjoy learning about the mixture of two cultures: the Native-American and the colonial American.

Salsa Dancing (open to all)

Alvarado D/E

8:00 pm-10:00 pm

A popular dance in New Mexico, salsa is a fusion of Latin and Afro-Caribbean influences. There are many local hot spots in Albuquerque where live bands perform the vibrant sounds of salsa and the local people dance all night to the captivating rhythms. Come join us for lessons from a professional dance instructor and then shake what your momma gave you! Afterwards, head over to the hotel's "Q-Bar" for the tail end of their weekly salsa night to put what you've learned into practice.

Thursday, October 29

Morning Nature Walk (free, ticket required or you can follow in your own car)

6:30 am—7:30 am

Lobby

Come join us for a morning nature walk at the Rio Grande Nature Center! Located in the *Bosque*, or cottonwood forest, and by the wetland bordering the Rio Grande, the Nature Center is the focus of the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park. A refuge from the city life of Albuquerque, the park offers opportunities to experience 270 acres of woods, meadows and farmland flourishing with native grasses, wildflowers, willows and cottonwoods. For more information about the Rio Grande Nature Center, please see http://www.rgnc.org/index.htm. Space is limited because of room on the shuttles. Those who have their own transportation are welcome to follow the shuttles and participate in the hike.

Special Events

Thursday, October 29 (continued)

State Breakfast (ticket required)

Alvarado E

7:30 am-9:00 am

Join other NAFSA members for breakfast and learn more about the NAFSA activities in your state!

Silent Auction (open to all)

North & East

Atrium

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Don't leave New Mexico without a souvenir!! Check out our Silent Auction in the exhibit area. Expect to bid on items unique to New Mexico and artwork from local artists. New Mexico is famous for artwork inspired by the enchanting scenery of the state and native cultures. The winners will be posted Thursday afternoon. You can pick up your goodies on Thursday at the coffee break or on Friday morning after the Regional Breakfast Meeting. Remember, the region will not ship the items to you.

Museum Hops (open to all)

See map at Hospitality Desk

12:15 pm-3:00 pm

There are many museums in the Old Town area within walking distance. For those who desire a more educational excursion, please pick up an Old Town map at the Hospitality desk where the museums in the area have been highlighted for your convenience. Some of the museums have snack bars, so you can have lunch while you explore.

Museums include: The New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, The Albuquerque Museum, The Rattlesnake Museum, Explora (all ages science museum) and the Turquoise Museum. The Albuquerque Aquarium and Botanic Gardens is also nearby and is an exceptional venue to spend this extended break in the conference. See the hospitality desk for admission fees and additional information on each of these locations.

Tour of the University of New Mexico (free, ticket required) **12:15 pm** —**3:00 pm**

Meet in hotel lobby

The extended afternoon break will allow conference participants to choose from several activities including a tour of the UNM campus. Meet in the lobby where vans will transport you to the university. This hour and a half tour will introduce you to the largest university in the state and many of the University's landmarks including: the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, the Duck Pond, the Alumni Chapel, Zimmerman Library, the Student Union Building and the UNM Bookstore. You will also stop at the Office of International Programs and Studies, where you can compare facilities with your own international office. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a bottle of water to make the journey more enjoyable.

Special Events

Thursday, October 29 (continued)

Get Your Kicks on Route 66 Event (open to all) 5:45 pm—10:00 pm

Meet in hotel lobby

Enjoy socializing with other NAFSA members on Route 66, Albuquerque's original "Main Street." This evening will guide you through one of Albuquerque's historical landmarks and social hubs, the Nob Hill district. Whether you enjoy a quiet dinner, appetizers, or drinks and dancing, you are sure to find your comfort zone. Four pubs/restaurants will be highlighted for this fun event. Complimentary shuttle service will run between 5:30pm and 7:30pm from the front of the Hotel Albuquerque lobby. Returning shuttles will begin at 8:30pm and run until 10:00pm from the Nob Hill Shopping Center (in front of Gecko's). For those enjoying their "kicks" after 10:00pm, public transportation and taxi service options are available. Explore the Nob Hill map for the scheduled stops on the Route 66 event.

Friday, October 30

Yoga (open to all) **Weavers Room**

6:30 am-7:30 am

Hatha Vinyasa Yoga incorporates breathing with flowing movements in and out of what should be familiar poses. These sessions will be geared toward participants who have had some (beginning/intermediate) experience with Yoga. Those who are more practiced should feel free to enhance their poses for more of a stretch, while the less experienced will be shown options that will cause less strain, particularly if there are any physical problems. This morning session (conducted by Jill Hansen, our colleague from Snow College in Utah) will be energizing while also creating a calm space to enjoy the day's activities. The session will end with a period of relaxation and meditation. Please come prepared with your own mat, towel or blanket.

Regional Breakfast (ticket required)

Franciscan Room

7:30 am—8:15 am

Catch up with colleagues during breakfast and learn more about NAFSA activities across the Region. Advance ticket purchase required. The annual Region II business meeting will follow at 8:15 and is open to everyone.

Region II Update Meeting (open to all)

Franciscan Room

8:15 am—10:00 am

Following the Region II Breakfast, this update meeting is open to all. Learn more about the operation of the Region's business, meet and congratulate Region II Award Winners.

Conference Schedule At-a-Glance

Sunday October 25		
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Monday, October 26		
8:00 am—5:00 pm	Region II Executive Team Meeting**	Fireplace Room
11:30 am—5:00 pm	Conference Registration	West Atrium
2:00 pm—6:00 pm	Workshop: Foreign Educational	Alvarado A
	Credential Analysis	
6:30 pm—8:00 pm	State Representative Training**	Fireplace Room
4:00 pm—9:00 pm	Sandia Peak trip	Hotel Lobby
Tuesday, October 27		
7:30am—5:30 pm	Conference Registration	West Atrium
8:00 am—6:00 pm	Workshop: F-1 Student Advising for Beginners	Alvarado B
8:00 am—5:00 pm	Workshop: Foreign Educational	Alvarado A
	Credential Analysis (cont.)	
8:00 am—5:00 pm	Workshop: F-1 Student Advising—Intermediate	Alvarado C
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9:00 am—1:00 pm	State Rep. Training** (continued)	Fireplace Room
10:00 am—10:30 am	Coffee Break	East Atrium
1:00 pm—5:30 pm	Region II Team Meeting**	Potters Room
6:00 pm—7:00 pm	Newcomers Session	Weavers Room
7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Opening Reception (Open to all registrants)	Franciscan Rm.
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7:30 am—4:30 pm	Conference Registration	West Atrium
8:00 am—5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	North & East Atrium
8:00 am—5:00 pm	Silent Auction	North & East Atrium
8:30 am—9:45 am	Concurrent Sessions	see p. 26
9:45 am—10:15 am	Coffee Break	East Atrium
10:15 am—11:30 am	Concurrent Sessions	see p. 27
12:00 noon—1:30 pm	Plenary Luncheon*	Franciscan Rm.
2:00 pm—3:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions	see pp. 28-30
3:30 pm—4:00 pm	Refreshment Break	East Atrium
3:30 pm—4:00 pm	Christian Interest Group	Alvarado H
4:00 pm—5:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions	see pp. 30—31
5:30 pm—6:30 pm	Historical Tour of Old Town	Hotel Lobby
8:00 pm—10:00 pm	Salsa Dancing	Alvarado D/E

Conference Schedule At-a-Glance

Thursday, October 29

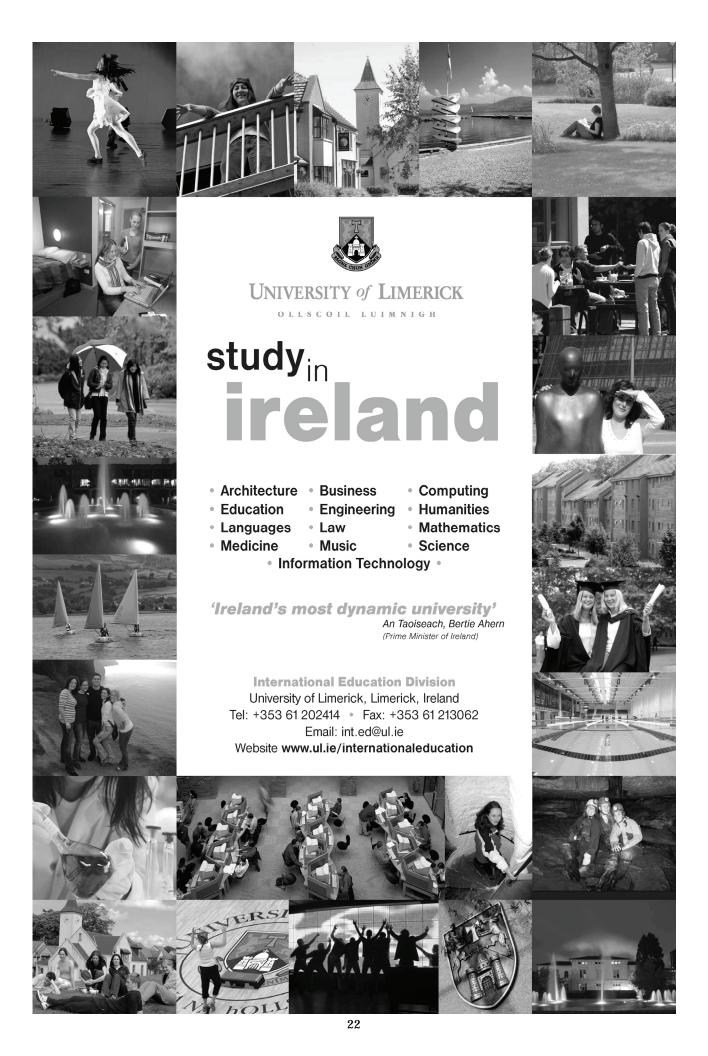
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Museum Hops	Map at
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University of New Mexico campus tour*	Hotel Lobby
Concurrent Sessions	see pp. 38—39
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Friday, October 30

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6:30 am—7:30 am	Yoga	Weavers Room
7:30 am—8:15 am	Regional Breakfast*	Franciscan Rm.
8:15 am—10:00 am	Region II Update Meeting	Franciscan Rm.
10:15 am—11:00 am	Healthcare Institutional Interest Group	Potters Room
10:15 am—11:30 am	Concurrent Sessions	See pp. 41, 43
11:30 am	Conference ends	
12:00 noon—5:00 pm	Conference evaluation and wrap up**	

^{*}Requires special registration

^{**}Closed meeting



Workshops

Monday, October 26 (and Tuesday October 27)

2:00-6:00 pm

Workshop: Foreign Educational Credential Analysis

Alvarado A

Lead Trainer: Carmen Varejcka-McGee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Workshop: Foreign Educational Credential Analysis

Alvarado A

(continued from Monday, October 26)

8:00 am-6:00 pm

Workshop: F-1 Student Advising for Beginners

Alvarado B

Lead Trainer: Christina Hertel, University of Colorado Denver

Co-Trainers: Lisa Pappas, Colorado State University; Marlene Perrine, University of Denver

This introductory workshop offers participants the basic knowledge, skills and resources for advising F-1 students on common immigration issues. The workshop first lays out the environment in which the Designated School Official (DSO) works—the federal regulatory and SEVIS structure, the DSO's own institutional culture, as well as DSO influences and constraints. Using a framework of three F-1 students journeying through their academic program, participants work with the most common student immigration advising and SEVIS scenarios, such as issuing I-20s, applying for a visa, entering the US, SEVIS registration and reporting, maintaining status, employment, travel and reentry, and program extensions. Please note that this workshop does not cover processing of reinstatement, change of status, transfer of SEVIS records, or SEVIS terminations.

Workshop Objectives:

- Provide participants with the theoretical and practical knowledge needed for basic F-1 immigration advising, as well as a framework for thinking through a variety of advising situations.
- Offer international student advisers, new to the profession, basic regulatory training.
- Prepare participants to accurately process the immigration forms that their students require to stay in good legal standing.

Workshops

Tuesday, October 27 (continued)

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Workshop: F-1 Student Advising - Intermediate

Alvarado C

Lead Trainer: Jill Krug, University of Colorado Denver;

Co-trainers: Stacey Bailey, Kansas State University; Sara Thurston-Gonzalez, Kansas State University

Audience: Designated School Officials with at least 15 months experience, who have participated in the F-1 Regulations for Beginners workshop, or have received training equivalent to the F-1 Regulations for Beginners workshop.

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, 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 Regulations for Beginners workshop, or have received training equivalent to the F-1 Regulations 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 Regulations for Beginners workshop before you attend the Intermediate level workshop.

Workshop Objectives:

- Be a self-sufficient adviser by knowing your resources
- Develop interpretations of F-1 regulations and guidance
- Interpret and develop institutional policy
- Learn techniques to advise F-1 students on situations where clear guidance is not available

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Workshop: J Regulations for Beginners

Alvarado F

Lead Trainer: Maria Zellar, University of Colorado, Boulder Co-trainer: Stephen Matos, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

This workshop is designed for beginners (up to 15 months). It provides basic information related to the administration of J-1 (exchange visitor) programs and advising J-1 students and scholars. It will provide an overview of U.S. Department of State regulations and cover J eligibility, maintenance of status, extension, transfer, reinstatement and employment. We will NOT provide advanced training or cover requirements specific to trainee, high school, or graduate medical study categories. We also will NOT cover the procedure of obtaining an exchange visitor program designation. Participants should be prepared to take active part in discussions.

Workshop Objectives:

Understand different levels of authority and reliability to J visa regulations

Workshops

- Understand the difference between J visa type and other visa types
- Understand the eligibility requirements for Exchange Visitor status and identify which category to use
- Understand how to enter a new Exchange Visitor in SEVIS, issue the form DS-2019 and report the arrival of the Exchange Visitor
- Understand key concepts of the immigration system, basic terms and visa application procedures
- Understand the requirements to maintain J status and the responsibilities of the sponsor
- Understand what types of employment are allowed for each category and how to make a preliminary determination
- Understand the administrative requirements of an Exchange Visitor program

8:00 am-5:00 pm

Workshop: Health and Safety in Education Abroa

Alvarado G

Lead Trainer: Charlotte K. Blessing, Colorado College

Co-Trainers: Cynthia Banks, Global Links Learning Abroad; Landes Holbrook, Brigham Young University

The health, safety, and responsible personal behavior of education abroad participants have always been paramount to education abroad professionals. Using the document "Responsible Study Abroad: Good Practices for Health and Safety," participants will learn to apply recognized standards of good practice in health and safety to their institutions or organizations education abroad programs. Participants will gain competencies needed to identify, research, and assess health and safety risks, and communicate these to key constituents. Participants also will create a framework for emergency response, communication, and crisis management.

Workshop Objectives:

- Learn to apply recognized standards of good practices for health and safety for education abroad programs to their institutions or organizations.
- Gain competencies needed to identify and communicate health and safety issues in education abroad programs to key constituents.
- Learn to research and assess health and safety risks abroad.
- Learn to create a framework for emergency response, communication, and crisis management.

6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Newcomer's Session Weavers Room

Chair: Nicole Anderson, The School for Field Studies Volunteer: Pavlina Peskova, University of New Mexico

New to NAFSA? Is this your first time at a regional conference? This session will introduce you to NAFSA: Association of International Educators and the members of Region II. Welcome!

Sessions Wednesday, October 28

6:30 am—7:30 am Tai Chi Pavilion

(open to all, see Special Events p. 16)

8:00 am—5:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open North & East Atrium

8:30 am—9:45 am

EAST MEETS WEST: HOW A SMALL RURAL UNIVERSITY IN AMERICA BUILT ITS CHINESE PROGRAM THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

Alvarado A

Chair/Presenter: Carol Solko-Olliff Fort Hays State University

Presenter: Cindy Elliott Fort Hays State University

KC Area = All

Fort Hays State University was approved in 2000 to offer a cross border dual bachelor's degree with the first private university in mainland China. The program started with 40 students; today, there are over 2700 Chinese students taking FHSU courses leading to five different bachelor's degrees. Many of these students apply and are admitted to FHSU's Graduate School or come to FHSU as undergraduate exchange students. This session will share experiences in launching dual bachelor's degrees in a foreign country; developing an intensive English and orientation program prior to students coming to campus; acculturation issues for students living in a small, regional university; and lessons learned.

CREDENTIAL FRAUD, DIPLOMA AND ACCREDITATION MILLS

Alvarado B

Chair/Presenter: Dale Gough, AACRAO

KC Area = RAP

In this very informative session, attendees will be introduced to the multi-billion dollar business of credential fraud. They will learn how to identify institutions whose educational programs have no educational merit and the newest industry created solely to give the impression that diploma mills have recognition from an outside agency. Additionally, the session will provide information on what to do when one suspects fraud and how to protect their institutions against this ever-increasing, worldwide issue.

OBSTACLES TO STUDY ABROAD AND HOW TO KICK 'EM DOWN

Alvarado C

Chair/Presenter: Cynthia Banks, GlobaLinks Learning Abroad (AustraLearn/AsiaLearn/EuroLearn)

Presenter: Jen Sydow, Scottsdale Community College

KC Area = EA/CC

Do you ever feel like your obstacles to getting students to study abroad just won't go away? This session will remind us of common barriers to study abroad using a survey of community colleges highlighting new confirmation on why these institutions have difficulty in placing students into overseas programs. Panelists will further explain how these challenges impact their own campus and offer some often painful learning lessons, suggested solutions and how to remain optimistic when dealing with a lack of university support, program selection and funding for students.

TRAVEL AND VISA APPLICATIONS: THE BASICS AND THE LATEST

Alvarado F

Chair/Presenter: Elaine Kimbrell, David Ware & Associates Presenter: Maria Zellar, University of Colorado-Boulder

KC Area = ISSS

This session will focus on issues non-immigrants face when traveling in and out of the US. We will discuss visa issuance at consular posts and go over the application forms. We will also discuss inspection at the port of entry. The session will include a discussion on what to do when an applicant is denied a visa or admission into the US. The session will offer tips on preparing non-immigrants for visa interviews and inspection including NSEERS registrants. Finally, we will talk about new developments and trends including traveling on OPT.

Sessions Wednesday, October 28

8:30 am—9:45 am (continued)

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE WORDS THAT ARE COMING OUT OF MY MOUTH?

Alvarado G

Chair/Presenter: Missy Mumford, Brigham Young University

KC = ISSS/RAP

We work with an international clientele on a daily basis. Each person we speak with has a different culture and several sub-cultures. We need to ensure they understand us and we understand them. This is a broad overview of what to remember when we are communicating with them--in short, a guide to cross-cultural etiquette and understanding.

9:45 am—10:15 am

Coffee Break

East Atrium

Sponsored by Utah Board
Of International Educators

10:15 am—11:30 am

TIPS ON HOW COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CAN WORK WITH MIDDLE EASTERN STUDENTS

Alvarado A

Chair/Presenter: Nancy Currey, Northern Arizona University

KC Area = RAP/CC

Come and learn from this Fulbright Scholar who spent 3 years in Syria. A background on the history of the region, educational system and personal expertise will make this an informative session. Participants will leave with creative and affordable ways of helping Middle Eastern students feel at ease on campuses.

ENTRY LEVEL GUIDE TO ESTABLISHING SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGES IN AN ERA OF CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION

Alvarado B

Chair/Presenter: Bill Barnhart, University of Utah

Presenter: Margit Schatzman, Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.

KC Area = EA

The fast pace of change in transnational education is leading to the establishment of new models for partnerships. As exchanges and relationships are being established, how can we ensure that institutional quality is maintained and that students receive recognition for the work they complete? This session will consider the factors admissions professionals examine when analyzing institutional recognition and best practices for those who negotiate agreements.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ADVISORS, STAFF, AND STUDENT WORKERS

Alvarado C

Chair/Presenter: Emily Lee, University of Kansas Presenter: Cindy Kraft, University of Colorado-Boulder

KC Area = All

This presentation is designed to explore ways to improve the communication between advisors, staff, and student workers in an office. Areas covered will include barriers to effective office communication; ISSS WORLD, an online communication, training, and task portal designed to help increase knowledge and improve communication; other strategic uses of technology; office structure and staffing; creating a "safe" environment for communication; along with training and traditional methods of interaction. Participants will explore ways to improve connections within their own offices.

Sessions Wednesday, October 28

10:15 am—11:30 am (continued)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: SHORT TERM VISITORS IN F-1 STATUS

Alvarado F

Chair/Presenter: Christina Rosado-Maher, University of New Mexico

Presenters: Dr. Juan De Dios Pineda, Univ. of New Mexico; Elizabeth Van Orton, Univ. of New Mexico

KC Area = ISSS

This session will review how institutions can bring short-term visitors to their campuses in F-1 Status. The presenters will discuss experiences from the University of New Mexico's "Special Programs" model that allows international students to engage in short-term language, culture, research, or academic endeavors with a specific educational objective. Participants in these programs are typically students in their home country coming to UNM during the summer. Sample materials will be distributed including: request forms, informational materials explaining the difference between B-1/2 vs. F-1, sample welcome letters and student responsibility contracts.

GAINING A NEW FAMILY: HOMESTAY ISSUES AND ADVISING

Alvarado G

Chair/Presenter: Jannan Poppen, Northern Arizona University Presenter: Marilyn Poirier, Northern Arizona University

KC Area = EA

The opportunity for a student to live with a family while studying abroad has the potential to encourage language development, cross-cultural understanding, and personal growth. Despite the positive outcomes that can occur, the potential also exists for adjustment difficulties, personality differences, and lack of understanding. What issues do students who live in homestays face? What can advisors do to prepare students for what they might encounter? What can we do when problems occur?

12:00 noon—1:30 pm

Plenary Luncheon (ticket required)

Franciscan Room

Speaker: LaDonna Harris

"Globalization and its Impact on International Indigenous Peoples"

2:00 pm-3:30 pm

DETECTING FORGED & ALTERED DOCUMENTS

Alvarado A

Chair: Nancy Fillat, Salt Lake Community College

Presenter: Margit Schatzman, Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.

KC = RAP

International education professionals must ensure that students being considered for admission present authentic documents. This session will provide advice on how to detect forged and altered documents. Obtaining verification and dealing with students who submit falsified documents will be included. An interactive activity will provide an opportunity to practice skills in detecting altered documents.

Sessions Wednesday, October 28

2:00 pm-3:30 pm (continued)

WORLD OF EducationUSA: MEET YOUR ADVISING PARTNERS

Alvarado B

Chair/Presenter: Janine M. Farhat, The College Board

Presenters: Ms. Claudia Sanchez, Centro Venezolano Americano Del Zulia (CEVAZ), Maracaibo, Venezuela; Ms. Liisi Lembinen, Tartu University, Tartu, Estonia; Ms. Doreen John, Fulbright Commission (MACEE), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Mr. Martin Kanjadza, U.S. Embassy, Lilongwe, Malawi; Mr. Tim Wright, REAC Mexico, Central America & Caribbean

KC = AI

This session will describe the EducationUSA advising network and how U.S. institutions can partner with advising centers to recruit international students and expand study abroad programming for U.S. students. Five advisers from diverse world regions will discuss and answer questions about educational trends in their countries. Opportunities for hosting advisers, traveling to their centers, and communicating by web and videoconference will be mentioned.

NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER UPDATE

Alvarado D

Chair: Kathy Singh, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

KC Area = ISSS

This session will cover an update of the Nebraska Service Center product lines with a focus on the I-765 line.

ADVANCING LEARNING THROUGH SERVICE

Alvarado C

Chair/Presenter: Tamara Thorpe, TNT Intercultural and Leadership Development KC Area = EA

Learners can maximize their experience abroad through civic engagement upon their return. Service learning puts into action what they have learned from their international experience. Based upon the presenter's research, this session presents a four-step approach to service learning to develop sustainable community-based projects. Best practices in intergenerational partnerships will also be discussed as a guide for educators to effectively support learners in the planning and delivery of these projects. By supporting returnees in service learning, educators provide the continuous skill building and leadership training necessary to live and work in a global environment.

INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR ENHANCING STUDY ABROAD STUDENT SERVICES ON A REDUCED BUDGET

Alvarado H

Chair/Presenter: Rose Redington, Kansas State University

Presenters: Lindsey Brubaker, Kansas State University, Nicole Hubbell, University of Denver

KC Area = EA

This session will present information on providing innovative and cost-effective services to students before, during, and after their study abroad experiences. The session will specifically focus on ways to recruit prospective students; advise students throughout the acceptance process; and assist students while they are abroad and when they return. The session will also present ideas on how to creatively collaborate with Peer Advisors to develop and maintain a welcoming, student-oriented environment and provide program and administrative support to full-time study abroad staff. Various handouts will be provided.

Sessions Wednesday, October 28

2:00 pm-3:30 pm (continued)

POSTER: FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY, RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIPS IN GERMANY

Exhibit Hall (2:00 pm—4:00pm)

Presenter: Leslie Harlson, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

KC Area = EA

The DAAD- German Academic Exchange Service is an independent organization of higher education institutions in Germany providing financial support to over 55,000 students and faculty/yr. for international research and study in all academic disciplines. This poster will present DAAD's grants and internship programs for undergraduates, graduate students and faculty. Funding is available for summer, semester, year-long and short-term study, research and internships in Germany. All academic disciplines are eligible and German language skills are not required for all grants.

3:30 pm-4:00 pm

Refreshment Break

East Atrium

4:00 pm-5:15 pm

BEGINNING TO INTRODUCE GLOBAL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AT THE Alvarado A UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO: WORKING COLLABORATIVELY FOR A SHARED FUTURE

Chair/Presenter: Lauren Fowler Young, University of New Mexico

Presenters: Swechha Singh, University of New Mexico; Henry Jake, Foreman Program Participant, UNM Service Corps

KC Area = EA

In June 2009, UNM Service Corps members embarked on the first global civic engagement program in Northern Ireland. With the collaboration of individuals from The University of New Mexico Office of International Programs and Studies (OIPS), Community Learning and Public Service (CLPS), La Plazita Institute, The UNESCO Center for Pluralism, Human Rights and Democracy, The Corrymeela Community Centre and the University of Ulster, the delegation was able to experience the history, dynamics, seminal events and unfolding of what was and remains of the Northern Ireland conflicts. Over the two-week program, students deeply examined youth work programs that have sought and still seek to promote work that addresses inequality, violence and the advancement of community understanding and reconciliation. Countless hours were spent critically reflecting what this means for their work with young people associated with identity communities in New Mexico. Members of the delegation will speak about their learning from the course as well as the movement and process to expand these programs in U.S. higher education institutions.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAMS:

Alvarado H

A SELF-ASSESSMENT and

COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTEREST GROUP MEETING

Chair/Presenter: Ken Bus, Glendale Community College

KC Area = CC

This session will give community college international educators a model assessment tool to be used for a self-assessment of the international student program at a typical community college in the region. The assessment instrument will reveal strengths and weaknesses of the program and make suggestions for improvement.

Sessions Wednesday, October 28

4:00 pm-5:15 pm (continued)

INTRO TO NAFSA'S STATEMENT OF ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

Alvarado B

Chair/Presenter: Andy Fraher, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Presenter: Carrie Hesco, University of Wyoming

KC Area = All

This Ethics session is being sponsored by the Subcommittee of Ethical Practice which is a subcommittee of the national membership committee and is being developed in close coordination with NAFSA central as part of the Board of Directors approved roll-out of the New Statement of Ethical Principles that applied to all NAFSA members.

MANAGING THE MAELSTROM:

Alvarado C

ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS HELP INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND LOCALS GET CONNECTED

Chair/Presenter: Sarah Barr, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presenter: Sara Demko, Westminster College

KC Area = ISSS/RAP

How can we help international students meet locals and get acculturated to their new home with our limited staff? How can we help study abroad returnees connect with the international opportunities available when they return to campus? This session will address these common international education questions through the example of the LINC Program (Lincoln's International Networking Community). Key are volunteer leadership positions in which the volunteers gain valuable experience while providing real assistance to the international students and in turn the international education office.

J-1 VISA WAIVERS Alvarado F

Chair/Presenter: Sandy Sheridan, Partner—Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP Presenters: Laura Welch, University of Colorado-Denver; Catherine Ribic, Ph.D., Northern Arizona University.

KC Area = ISSS

This session provides valuable information that all ROs and AROs need to know about the J-1 two-year home residency requirement, including when it attaches, what it means to be subject to 212(e) and what waivers are available.

<u>5:30 pm—6:30 pm</u> <u>Historical Tour of Old Town</u> <u>Meet in Hotel Lobby</u>

(open to all, see Special Events, p. 17)

8:00 pm—10:00 pm Salsa Dancing Alvarado D/E

(open to all, see Special Events, p. 17)



Sessions Thursday, October 28

<u>6:30 am—7:30 am</u> Morning Nature Walk <u>Meet in Lobby</u>

(free, ticket required, see Special

Events p. 17)

<u>7:30 am—9:00 am</u> State Breakfast <u>Alvarado E</u>

8:00 am—5:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open North & East

Atrium

9:00 am—10:15 am

BUT WE TOLD YOU THAT AT ORIENTATION:

Alvarado B

KEEPING STUDENTS INFORMED

Chair/Presenter: Jeanne Hind, Spring International Language Center

Presenters: Karen Barker and Sara Holzberlein, Spring International Language Center

KC Area = RAP/ISSS

Most intensive English programs have orientations and student handbooks, but what follow-up services are offered to help students stay informed? The presenters will outline some of the things they do in their program to remind students of procedures, regulations impacting their status, and important deadlines that were all covered in orientation but may have been forgotten. Included will be information on personnel assignments, documents, and ways to structure communication flow. Finally, they will share some of the pros and cons of what they do.

SNAPSHOTS OF CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Alvarado C

Chair/Presenter: Mike Harpending, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presenters: Stephen Mattos, Carmen Varejcka-McGee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Yoko Iwasaki-Zink, Nebraska Wesleyan; Barbara J. Velazquez, Metropolitan Community College; Shama Ali, Creighton University

KC Area = All

UNL will provide its model of International Programs. Included from UNL will be International Admissions, International Affairs, and ESL. Other colleges universities will be invited to participate.

J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM HOT TOPICS

Alvarado G

Chair: Kathy Singh, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presenters: Tammie King, Program Officer, West Coast Region, Academic/Government Programs, U.S. Department of State; Renee Francis, East Coast Region, Academic/Research Institution, U.S. Department of State

KC Area = ISSS

This session will cover a variety of J-1 exchange visitor program hot topics and answer all questions that are received prior to the conference.

Sessions Thursday, October 28

9:00 am-10:15 am (continued)

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FORUM

Alvarado F

Chair/Presenter: Jen Sydow, Scottsdale Community College

Presenters: Ken Bus, Glendale Community College; Harriet Bloom-Wilson, Northwest College; Janet

Ludwig, Arapahoe Community College

KC Area = CC

The session is designed for community college international student advisors and education abroad advisors, both newcomers and experienced. We will focus on "Best Practices in Tough Times for Community Colleges." We will discuss a variety of problems and challenges facing community college international programs, including the challenges of the one-person office, developing institutional support, recruiting and retaining international students, obtaining funding for education abroad programs and creating opportunities for professional development. The approach will be interactive with presenters posing various problems and scenarios and audience participants responding and raising questions. Our goal is to identify key problems and challenges facing community college international educators and to provide ideas and resources for addressing those challenges.

BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON THE THINGS ADVISORS DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT BUT HAVE TO!

Alvardo H

Chair: Anjali Pai Hallett, University of Utah Presenter: Beng Lay Kou, University of Utah

KC Area = RAP/ISSS

This session is aimed at Advisors who work in international education and deal with tricky issues when advising international and exchange students. We will break into groups and brainstorm about issues such as: buying Insurance in the U.S. (what is a deductible?); taxes (why you won't fill out their forms!); living with roommates from other countries; the American classroom (grades, participation, how hard you work, how they view other American students); dating in the U.S. (is twittering a date?); accent reduction- accented English- phone etiquette, conversations, and describing funny American traditions and customs.



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Thursday, October 29

10:15 am—10:45 am

Coffee Break

East Atrium

10:45 am-12:15 pm

REGULATORY ROUNDTABLE

Alvarado H

Chair/Presenter: Shama Ali, Creighton University

Presenters: Laura Welch, University of Colorado-Denver; Ernestine Clayton, New Mexico Highlands University; Deborah Kuiken, University of Arizona; Kathy Singh, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

KC Area = ISSS

Join us for a discussion/conversation session on various immigration topics. Do you have a nagging question or immigration topic you would like to discuss with other colleagues in the field? If so, please join us! Topic areas will include: F-1 Student Employment Issues, J-1 Student Issues, Scholar (J-1, H-1B, other), Admissions/RAP issues, Status Maintenance for students and Reinstatements and status violation issues. We will have knowledgeable colleagues facilitating the discussions at the roundtables. Please be advised that this is to initiate conversation and discussion and the advice from colleagues should not be construed as formal legal advice.

THE VALUE OF INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS IN EDUCATION

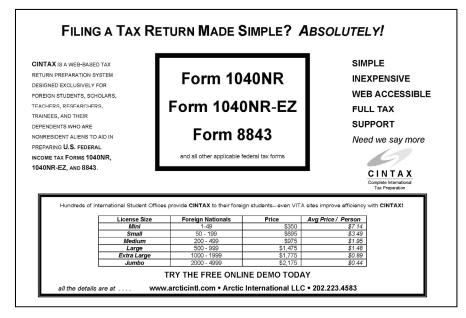
Alvarado A

Chair/Presenter: Mike Green, GlobaLinks Learning Abroad (AustraLearn/AsiaLearn/EuroLearn)

Presenter: Dennis Kohler, Utah State University

KC Area = EA

This session will feature a documentary created by two film students from Central Michigan University who completed Professional Development for Academic Credit Internships in Sydney, Australia through a program accredited by Chapman University. Internships provide both personal and professional development experience and can be excellent cultural interaction opportunities for students of all majors. We will play portions of this documentary and then follow up with additional evidence of the value an international internship plays in student's professional development.



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10:45 am—12:15 pm (continued)

SAME OLD PROBLEMS? NEW SOLUTIONS

Alvarado B

Chair/Presenter: Tamara Thorpe, TNT Intercultural and Leadership Development KC Area = All

Feeling overloaded? Facing the same challenges again and again? This session will introduce the fundamentals of systems thinking to empower leaders to view their organizational challenges from a new perspective. This session will discuss how systems thinking can be used as a new approach to problem solving for organizational leaders. Participants will be encouraged to think about problems and solutions in the long-term, using systems thinking to uncover complex problems and find the leverage points to create change in their learning institution.

CREATING A VISA ADVISING TEMPLATE FOR YOUR STUDY ABROAD OFFICE

Alvarado C

Chair/Presenter: Jeanne Marion-Damgaard, University of Colorado-Boulder

Presenters: Lynn Elliott, Brigham Young University; Ismael J. Betancourt, E.M.I.B., Northern Arizona University

KC Area = EA

EA Visas: how does one proactively keep abreast of a growing number of changes and share that information with outbound students? We will begin the session with an EA Visa update from the NAFSA Policy and Practice Committee, Education Abroad Subcommittee. The latest visa requirements for the UK, Spain, Italy and France, as well as some of the best practices in negotiating the process for these countries, will be discussed. In the second segment, presenters will share best practices and suggestions for development of a visa advisement strategy. This hands-on segment will ask: "What are your office's needs? What are your resources? What legal, parental and other considerations need to be addressed?" We will identify key services that would benefit your study abroad population and begin to devise a template and/strategy to meet your institution's needs.

COMPETE GLOBALLY, COLLABORATE LOCALLY: WORKING WITH STUDY CONSORTIA

Alvarado F

Chair/Presenter: James Paul, U.S. Department of Commerce

KC Area = RAP

While numerous areas of the U.S. have had their own study consortia for as many as 10 years, this session will focus on the resources available to Region II educational institutions in working together and marketing each of their states as a top destination for international students. Presenters will include U.S. Department of Commerce, State Department Education USA and an educational institution. These speakers will not only provide examples of successful activities involving other study consortia, but also discuss any interest to collaborate with various entities in branding this region to international students and partners overseas.

Sessions Thursday, October 29

<u>12:15 pm −3:00 pm</u> <u>Museum Hops</u>

See Map at

(open to all, see Special Events, p. 18)

Hospitality Desk

University of New Mexico

Meet in Lobby

Campus Tour

(ticket required, see Special Events, p. 18)

3:00 pm-4:15 pm

SEVP DEVELOPMENTS Alvarado D

Chair: Kathy Singh, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presenters: Ann Balough, Chief, SEVP Program Management Section Chief, SEVP Program Management Section Student and Exchange Visitor Program, ICE; Alejandro (Alex) Flores, Student and Exchange Visitor Program, ICE

KC Area = ISSS

This session will address recent SEVP developments.

BEST PRACTICES: USING TECHNOLOGY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Alvarado A

Chair/Presenter: James Paul, U.S. Department of Commerce

KC Area = RAP

This session will examine best practices in using technology to recruit international students through the U.S. Department of Commerce worldwide offices and U.S. Department of State EducationUSA Overseas Advising Centers. Speakers will share these agencies' latest innovative services that include virtual fairs, the internet, Skype, videoconferencing, and other e-resources. Presenters are the U.S. Department of Commerce, State Department EducationUSA and an educational institution.

ONE-PERSON OFFICE (OPO) ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Alvarado B

Chair: Ann Marie Park, University of Nebraska at Kearney

KC Area = All

The purpose of this session is to let people know that "they are not alone". The session will begin with the definition of One-Person-Office (OPO) with a few slides followed by benefits resulting from collaboration and networking. Subsequent break-out stations (1- Study Abroad, 2- Intnl Student Admissions, 3- Intnl Student Advising, 4- English Language Instruction, 5-Regulation Officers etc.) will meet to share hot topics/challenging issues/coping methods with each other. Participants will be encouraged to choose one or more station(s) to visit dependent upon their daily responsibility(ies). The last 20 minutes will be spent reporting back to the group at large followed by general networking discussions.

DEVELOPING CURRICULUM FOR A COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Alvarado C

Chair/Presenter: Ken Kuntzelman, Arizona Western College

Presenter: Ruth Whisler, MSW Arizona Western College

KC Area = ISSS/CC

PowerPoint and presentation outlining the history, process, and content in the development of a complete orientation experience for international students entering the community college. This presentation highlights the integration of student learning outcomes for social, cultural, and academic competencies.



3:00 pm-4:15 pm (continued)

COMPARING HOME GPAS WITH THOSE EARNED ABROAD SINCE 2005: WHAT CAN THIS DATA TELL US?

Alvarado F

Chair/Presenter: Reed Beall, University of Denver Presenter: Michelle Rembolt, University of Denver

KC Area = EA

This presentation discusses ongoing research that began in 2005 comparing University of Denver students' predeparture GPAs with those earned abroad. The data includes over 2,100 records and has been linked with incident reports (are low GPA students more likely to have behavioral problems abroad?) The variety of applications of these data will be elucidated (e.g., evaluating programs' GPA pre-requisites, identifying programs with low academic rigor). Several non-obvious and provocative implications suggested by the data will be explored.

4:30 pm-5:45 pm

QUALITY & QUANTITY: CONVERTING GRADES & CREDITS TO THE U.S. EQUIVALENT

Alvarado A

Chair: Shukri Mohammed, Utah State University

Presenter: Marget Schatzman, Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.

KC Area = RAP

How well did this student perform? Should we grant any transfer credit? These two questions are at the core of many admissions decisions. This session will examine the basics of grade and credit conversion. Sample grading scales from around the world will be examined. Various means of quantifying completed work will be shown. Those attending will come away with reliable methods of determining conversions. However, be ready to discuss some controversial issues. Understanding the limitations of some credit and grade concepts will help you to discuss your grade and credit conversion decisions with skill and confidence.

BEST PRACTICES: HEALTH AND SAFETY IN FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Alvarado H

Chair/Presenter: Rose Redington, Kansas State University

Presenters: Dennis Kohler, Utah State University; Julie Goodman, International Education Programs KC Area = EA

It is essential for study abroad professionals to be familiar with potential problems and incidents that may occur on faculty-led group study abroad programs. Come explore best practices and share ideas for preventing and responding to health and safety issues that may occur in group study abroad programs.

SEVIS II UPDATE Alvarado D

Chair: Kathy Singh, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Presenters: Ann Balough, Chief, SEVP Program Management Section Chief, SEVP Program Management Section Student and Exchange Visitor Program, ICE; Alejandro (Alex) Flores, Student and Exchange Visitor Program, ICE

KC Area = ISSS

This session will address SEVIS II.

Sessions Thursday, October 29

4:30 pm—5:45 pm (continued)

"SMOOTH TRANSITION!"

Alvarado B

MOVING FROM ESL TO UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES

Chair/Presenter: Jim Pettersson, Utah Valley University Presenter: Elizabeth Nield, Utah Valley University

KC Area = RAP (ESL)

For many students the transition from ESL classes to undergraduate classes can be difficult. Using a power point format with handouts, this presentation describes a half-day workshop implemented by the ESL Program at Utah Valley University to assist students as they matriculate into their undergraduate majors. It discusses the development, organization, and implementation of the Smooth Transition Workshop including the following key points: location of the workshop, physical layout of the workshop, key players involved in the workshop, materials available to students who attend the workshop, a sample agenda for the workshop, and costs associated with the workshop.

STUDY & LIVE IN ROSEBUD, SD

Alvarado C

Chair/Presenter: Barbara Velazquez, Metropolitan Community College

Presenters: Steven Tamayo, Sinte Gleska University; Callum Page, Metropolitan Comm.College (student)

KC Area = All

Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Nebraska, sent students and faculty to Study & Live in Rosebud, South Dakota in May 2009. Studying and practicing Lakota culture, Steven Tamayo, Sicangu Lakota, Traditional Arts Instructor at Sinte Gleska University and consultant to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, taught students how to set up a tipi camp, tan hides, create traditional crafts and arranged lectures from renown Lakota experts at Sinte Gleska University. Optional cultural ceremonies and activities included a sweat lodge and hand games. The group also toured the Badlands, Pine Ridge and Wounded Knee. Students received credit in sociology, philosophy, history, interior design or English. Learn about a cultural experience that transcends cultures as it brings students to the heart of US indigenous cultures.

5:45 pm—10:00 pm

'Get Your Kicks on Route 66' event

Meet in Hotel Lobby

(open to all, see Special Events p. 19)

Sessions Friday, October 30

<u>6:30 am—7:30 am</u> Yoga <u>Weavers Room</u>

(open to all, see Special Events p. 19)

<u>7:30 am—8:15 am</u> Regional Breakfast <u>Franciscan Room</u>

8:15 am—10:00 am Region II Update Meeting <u>Franciscan Room</u>

10:15 am-11:30 am

LOGISTICS IN CHANGING FROM F-1 TO H-1B

Alvarado A

Chair/Presenter: Margaret Makar, Attorney, Makar Law Office

Presenters: Tina Tan, University of Colorado-Boulder; Alyda Morosco, Colorado School of Mines

KC Area = ISSS

Logistics, Logistics, Logistics; an examination of timing, interaction and coordination between F-1 OPT to H-1B statuses: Extended OPT vis-a-vis EAD renewal / Change of status; Prerequisites & Adjudication time EAD / H-1B; STEM OPT = defer change of status or a 2nd chance to capture a capped H-1B?; April 1? and the annual H-1B cap; Annual H-1B cap and Oct 1? start date; Unreached-cap-caused glitches (e.g. CIS assumptions re OPT end date); Travel issues; FICA exemption for F-1 post-completion OPT vs H-1B employment; vs postgrad employment; I-9 updating; Other ...

THIRD CULTURE KIDS/GLOBAL NOMADS— COLLEGE CHOICE AND REENTRY

Alvarado B

Chair/Presenter: Sara Thurston-Gonzalez, Ph.D., Kansas State University

Presenter: Lynne Warner, LEAP Educational Consultants, LLC

KC Area = All

Research conducted by Sara will include a study that involved college choice and reentry patterns of U.S. third culture kids (TCK). Lynne, will bring her own personal experience as a TCK and in her consulting role in India. Practical recommendations will be offered for secondary schools, college admission personnel, college international student offices, third culture kids (TCKs), parents of TCKs, sponsoring organizations, & overseas educational advising centers. Most recommendations cost little; rather require a reframing of previous thoughts. Audience members can return to their campuses/organizations, see what, if anything is currently offered to serve TCKs and suggest some new initiatives.

STAYING PROFITABLE: FINANCIAL BASICS IN STUDY ABROAD

Alvarado C

Chair/Presenter: Ismael J. Betancourt, E.M.I.B., Northern Arizona University

KC Area = EA

This session will focus on bringing positive revenues in exchange, fee-paying and faculty-led programs during these tough economic times. Other ideas on how increase revenues will be explored.



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NAFSA ACADEMY Alvarado F

Chair/Presenter: Helen O'Keefe, University of Northern Colorado

Presenters: Jill Hansen, Snow College; Aaron Hurt, Pittsburg State University; Harry Imbeau, Emporia State University; Joe Mueller, Western Wyoming Comm. College; Yvonne Schmidt, Mesa Comm. College KC Area = All

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MEDICAL? CRIMINAL? CRITICAL?:

Alvarado G

THE 20 QUESTIONS OF MANAGING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CRISES

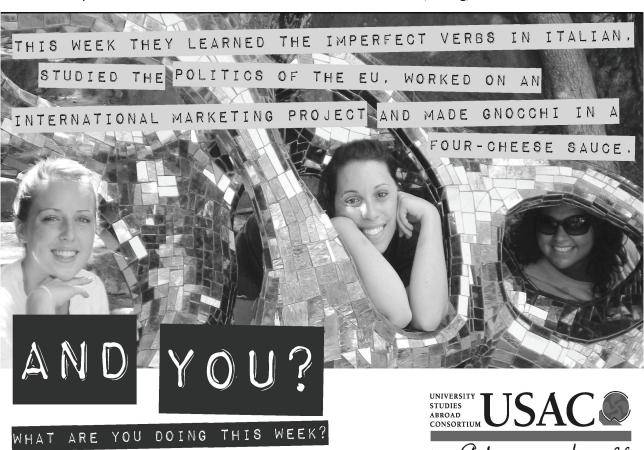
Chair/Presenter: Linda Melville, University of New Mexico

Presenter: Eric Deschamps, University of Arizona

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KC Area = ISSS

This session will take a focused look at managing international student crises. We will explore themes relevant to pre-crises preparation, crises management, and post-crises follow up. Specific themes to be discussed are emergency preparedness, immigration implications, communication, and decision-making. The audience will be asked to brainstorm effective crises management techniques through interactive exercises. The session will end with a discussion of 20 questions international educators should ask themselves before, during, and after a crisis.



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