



## WKU Study Abroad Symposium Proposal Form

2010 Student Study Abroad Symposium

Thursday, April 29, 2010

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, March 22, 2010, 4:30 pm CDT**

The Office of Study Abroad and Global Learning and the International Education Committee (IEC) at WKU is pleased to formally request abstracts from WKU undergraduate and graduate students for presentation at the *WKU Spring Study Abroad Symposium*. In order to submit, the student must have been enrolled during the 2009 - 2010 academic year, and studied abroad during the 2009 Summer Term, 2009 Fall Semester, or 2009/10 Winter Term.

Presentations for the symposium should address the following points:

- Name, Grade Level, Major, College
- Term, Location, and Duration of Study
- Identify how the course applied to their major, even if the Study Abroad Course was taken as a general elective
- Identify how being in the physical location helped them to learn more about the class in which they were taking
- Identify how being in the physical location helped them to learn more about their major
- Identify how being surrounded by the culture helped them to understand the course in which they were taking
- Identify how being surrounded by the culture helped them to understand more about their major
- Identify how a course taken on campus at WKU prepared them for their study abroad course or information obtained was applied while studying abroad

Questions may be directed to the Director of Study Abroad and Global Learning, Jerry Barnaby or your Faculty Symposium Advisor/Sponsor. **The heading for the abstract should include the title, author, academic college and department. Abstracts should be typed or printed entirely within the box below, using Times New Roman 10 pt. Font, and no more than 300 words.**

**Please type or print only within the boundaries of the box.**

Principal Student Author (Main Contact for Symposium): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Student College: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Student Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Student Campus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ **Check one:**  
Undergraduate  Graduate

Principal Student Home Town Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Student Home Town Television News Station: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable (Co- Student Presenter must have been in same study abroad course as Principal Student):

Presenting Co-Student Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Student College: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Student Department: \_\_\_\_\_ **Check one:**  
Undergraduate  Graduate

Co-Student Home Town Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Student Home Town Television News Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Symposium Advisor/Sponsor and Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Symposium Advisor/Sponsor E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Symposium Advisor/Sponsor Campus Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Abstract Review:</b> _____ <b>Symposium Advisor/Sponsor Signature</b> _____ <b>Principal Student Department Head Signature</b>
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**\*\*BOTH Abstract Review Signatures must be present in order for the IEC to review the proposal.**

<b>IEC Review: 1<sup>st</sup> Review</b> _____ <b>Recommended</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Recommended</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Only</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Review</b> _____ <b>Recommended</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Recommended</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
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# Study Abroad & Global Learning Symposium

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## Pre-Symposium

The target population for the inaugural Study Abroad Symposium will be those WKU students who studied overseas while engaged in a credit-earning course beginning in the Summer Terms of 2009 through the Winter Term 2009/10. The proposed date of the Spring Symposium is **Thursday, April 29, 2010.**

## Abstract Selection

- Abstracts due by 5 pm on March 22.
- The Director of SAGL liaise all completed proposals to the chair of the International Education Council. – To IEC on March 25
- The IEC will have two weeks to review all proposals. Each proposal should be read and approved by at least two IEC members prior to selection for the symposium.
- April 8 (or before)** - IEC select upon *up to* 10 symposium presentations. The IEC should try to vary the selected proposals to represent as many colleges as possible.
- Return Symposium Proposals to SAGL Director
- The Director of SAGL will send out a formal notification to the students and their Symposium Advisor/Sponsor that their individual proposal was accepted by the IEC and invite them to present at the Spring Symposium on Thursday, April 29, 2010.



April 19, 2010

### **Study Abroad Symposium on April 29**

Bowling Green, Ky. – WKU's Study Abroad & Global Learning 2010 Symposium takes place April 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 pm in the Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility (Garrett 109).

The purpose of the Study Abroad Symposium is to afford students the opportunity to reflect on a higher level, and in a public forum, their academic gains from participating in a study abroad program. The Symposium enables students to contribute to the academic life of the university by documenting the impact of a study abroad experience.

Erin Greunke, Geosciences master's candidate, developed the Symposium as a supplement to thesis research and in partial fulfillment of the Leadership Certificate.

Student Presenters:

Mendy Freeland (MBA, Bowling Green, KY) and Jason Fraim (MBA, Scottsville, KY)  
- "A Global Perspective on a Globalizing World"

Aric Johnson (biology, Bowling Green, KY)  
- "Partners in Caring: A Medical Service-Learning Opportunity for WKU Undergraduates in Kenya"

Heather Williams (graduate, geology/geography, Elkton, KY) and Courtney Elder (graduate, geology/geography, Owensboro, KY)  
- "Geology of the Bahamas"

Jordan Norris (graduate, public health, Bowling Green, KY) and Molly Calico (graduate, public health, Hamilton, OH)  
- "Belize as a Classroom"

Rachel Reetzke (communications disorders, Franklin, KY)  
- "Experiences in China: A Continued Growth in Knowledge of the Chinese Language and Culture"

Kathryn Dillinger (history graduate student, Leesburg, FL)  
- "Study Abroad in Germany: Preparation for the Future"

Member of the International Education Council serve as moderators:

Dr. Roger Murphy, Dr. Laura McGee, Dr. Jean Nehm, Dr. David Coffey, Dr. Dan Meyers, Dr. James Flynn, Ms. Amy Eckhardt, Dr. Ron Ramsing, Dr. Cecile Garmon, Dr. William Pfohl, Dr. David Keeling, Dr. Haiwang Yuan

For more information see the link... <http://www.wku.edu/studyabroad/archives/2010symposium.html>

WKU's Study Abroad & Global Learning is committed to providing every WKU student the opportunity to add a global view to the lessons learned in the classroom. Available programs include WKU faculty-led, exchanges, consortia, affiliated, and third-party providers, most found on the Study Abroad & Global Learning web site ([www.wku.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wku.edu/studyabroad)). We serve the WKU community by engaging students, faculty and staff in diverse, educational, and cultural experiences through faculty led, exchange, consortia and other study abroad opportunities.

For more about study abroad and global learning, contact Jerry Barnaby, Grise Hall 128, 270-745-5334, on Facebook and Twitter, or email [study.abroad@wku.edu](mailto:study.abroad@wku.edu).

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