

# NAFSA REGION XII

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

March 6, 2020

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

	Track A	Track B	Track C	Track D
9:00 - 9:10	Opening remarks			
9:10 - 10:25	Virtual Possibilities: Increasing Access to Global Work Experience Through Technology	The Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman and How it Can Help You	Unpacking an International Experience	Exploring Multiple Career Pathways in International Education: Teaching, Leadership, and Learning
10:25 - 10:35	<b>Break</b>			
10:35 - 11:50	Thinking Outside the Money Box: Scholarships for Highly Underrepresented Students Interning Abroad	Top 10 Immigration Hot Topics in 2020	Teaching & Modeling Sustainability Education Abroad	Maximize International Recruitment through U.S. Departments of State
11:50 - 12:50	<b>Lunch Break</b>			
12:50 - 2:05	Do Not Despair! Dealing with Delays and Denials	Top Mistakes Immigration Attorneys See F-1 Students Make	Education Abroad Access for ROTC Cadets and Student Veterans	Theory to Practice: What's Your Pedagogical Flavor?
2:05 - 2:15	<b>Break</b>			
2:15 - 3:30	Pathways to Leadership Positions	Income Taxes: Basics Every International Student & Scholar Advisor Should Know.	Taking a blank canvas and turning it into a masterpiece: The art of designing faculty-led programs	Strategies to Support Retention of International Students at Community Colleges
3:30 - 3:40	<b>Break</b>			
3:40 - 4:55		Simplify Your DSO Life		Creating a Communication Café That Benefits Multiple Constituencies

# SCHEDULE

9:10 AM - 10:25 AM

## SESSION DESCRIPTION & PRESENTERS

## KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

### **Virtual Possibilities: Increasing Access to Global Work Experience Through Technology**

Over the past several years a new method of gaining international experience without traveling abroad has emerged and removed most of these access barriers: the Virtual Internship. While a virtual experience cannot replace the cultural richness of living and working within a new culture, students who take on an internship within this new and innovative structure are also adding to their professional toolkit as well as expanding their personal horizons--all without leaving campus.

#### **Rachael Criso**

*International Education Consultant, Global Internship Consultancy*

#### **Edward Holroyd Pearce**

*Co-founder, Virtual Internships*

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### **The Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman and How it Can Help You**

Many advisers may be unaware of the Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) Ombudsman. Hear what this office does, understand its place within the Department of Homeland Security, and learn how the office can help with difficult issues at USCIS.

#### **Allison Posner**

*Chief of Casework, Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman*

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### **Unpacking an International Experience**

Are you looking to enhance your returnee programming? Panelists will discuss their career-focused workshops, mental health support, and social programming education abroad students can participate in upon return to reflect and keep them engaged with their international experience.

#### **Jodi Hicks**

*Assistant Director of Overseas Programs, Chapman University*

#### **Erica Jorgenson**

*Study Abroad Coordinator, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo*

#### **Chrystal Fairbanks**

*Study Abroad & GLCP Advisor, UC Irvine*

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### **Exploring Multiple Career Pathways in International Education: Teaching, Leadership, and Learning**

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This interactive presentation will provide participants three different examples of how professionals/educators can build on their personal and professional skills and competencies in terms of career trajectory in International Education. Presenters will highlight their pathway in working in International Education focusing on academia, leadership, and education. Participants will have an opportunity to reflect on their own careers in International Education, identify their skills and competencies for career pathways, and learn how one can utilize personal/professional backgrounds in exploring other career opportunities.

#### **Patricia H. A. Perez**

Associate Professor, International Psychology, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSPP)

#### **Jennifer Fullick**

Senior Director, Global Engagement, TCSEducation System

#### **Michelle F. Duck**

PhD student, International Psychology (Trauma Services concentration), The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

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### **Thinking Outside the Money Box: Scholarships for Highly Underrepresented Students Interning Abroad**

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The number of students with identities that may seem to differ from the norm becomes more apparent by the day. As international education professionals, we need to ensure that all students have the same opportunities. Therefore, perhaps it is time for scholarships to target not only potential international interns that do not have the means to intern abroad, but also the sector of students that may also require emotional and professional (as well as financial) support to make their work abroad dreams come true.

#### **Rachael Criso**

Consultant-University Partnerships,  
Global Internship Consultancy

### **Top 10 Immigration Hot Topics in 2020**

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We will cover top 10 immigration hot topics including issues related to marijuana, DUIs, employment based green card interviews, Visa Bulletin backlogs, travel ban/waivers, administrative processing, and employment based tips.

#### **Avi Friedman**

Attorney, Wolfsdorf Rosenthal LLP

#### **Cliff Rosenthal**

Attorney, Wolfsdorf Rosenthal LLP

### Teaching & Modeling Sustainability Education Abroad

An overview of program design and assessment for experiential sustainability education abroad. Emphasis will be placed upon the integration of hands-on learning, operational modeling of sustainable business practices, involvement in local community initiatives, and environmental impact mitigation as a result of program activities.

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#### Miguel Karian

Director & Professor, Earth Education International, Costa Rica

### Maximize International Recruitment through the U.S. Department of State

This session will present a clear understanding as to how the U.S. Department of State / EducationUSA and U.S. Department of Commerce can help U.S. higher educational institutions recruit students from around the globe as well as assist to identify high potential markets for international student recruitment. The speakers will provide attendees with examples of these agencies' numerous programs, collaboration on education missions, and updates on additional initiatives.

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#### Himani Reddy

Budget Officer (Contractor), EducationUSA, U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

12:50 PM – 2:05 PM

### Do Not Despair! Dealing with Delays and Denials

Join an experienced immigration attorney and NAFSA to learn the many ways of dealing with delays and denials, including “free” troubleshooting options, motions and appeals, and even hauling the agencies into federal court!

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#### David Gluckman

Director/Attorney, McCandlish Holton, PC

### Top Mistakes Immigration Attorneys See F-1 Students Make

As immigration attorneys, we often work with international students as they transition from graduation, through OPT, and on to work visas and permanent residence. Learn what common mistakes students make throughout their immigration journey so that you can be a resource to guide them down the correct path. We will also provide an update on the latest immigration changes that may impact the F-1 visa program.

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#### Emily Neumann

Managing Partner, Reddy & Neumann, P.C.

#### Rebecca Chen

Senior Practice Manager, Reddy & Neumann, P.C.

### Education Abroad Access for ROTC Cadets and Student Veterans

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ROTC Cadets and Veterans have unique needs, which traditional study abroad may not address. Presenters will provide insights into rules and regulations that should inform university processes to create more access to global education opportunities. Presenters will also share ideas about how to collaborate with on-campus and international partners to build inclusive program models.

#### Shari Merrill

Associate Director, Study Abroad, California State University, Fullerton

#### Aileen Vickory

Study Abroad Advisor, California State University, Fullerton

### Theory to Practice: What's Your Pedagogical Flavor?

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This session will review relevant student development theories and how they can be incorporated into advising practices. Participants will reflect on the pedagogical framework of their individual practice and their departmental practices.

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#### Madison Motoyasu

International Student Advisor, UC Santa Barbara

2:15 PM – 3:30 PM

### Pathways to Leadership Positions

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This presentation is about pathways to leadership. In particular, the pathways of community college Presidents, University level SIOs and community college international leadership will be explored and compared. The purpose is to begin a dialogue on how to prepare for one's own pathways.

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#### Rosalind Latiner Raby

Senior Lecturer, California State University, Northridge

### Income Taxes: Basics Every International Student & Scholar Advisor Should Know

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ISS Advisors will learn:

- Filing Requirements
- Forms, W-2's, 1042-S, 8843, 1098-T
- Substantial Presence Test
- Tax Treaty Benefits
- Exempt Individual Explained
- Foreign Source Income
- Resident Vs Nonresident Taxes
- 1040nr Vs 1040 Nr-E z.

#### Gary Engler

CPA, Gary Engler CPA

### **Taking a blank canvas and turning it into a masterpiece: The art of designing faculty-led programs**

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Attendees will learn about best practices and overcoming challenges during program development on short term faculty-led programs. We will explore destination choices, budget planning, risk management, and aligning learning objectives to the syllabus. Utilizing all these artist tools can empower study abroad offices to help manage faculty expectations and facilitate conversations to realize program visions.

**Lindsey Skinner**

Program Development Manager, WorldStrides

### **Strategies to Support Retention of International Students at Community Colleges**

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This session will address strategies in the retention of international students, including helping students maintain F-1 status, tracking academic progress, cultural adjustment, and financial issues.

**Olivia Loo**

Director, International Students, Pasadena City College

**3:40 PM – 4:55 PM**

### **Simplify Your DSO Life**

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Are you doing more work than you need to or making your students do more work than they need to? During this session we'll discuss common misconceptions around document collection and regulatory recordkeeping requirements as they pertain to influencing office procedures, and will go over common practices that overly complicate or add to DSO workload. We'll explore changes campuses have made to streamline operations and discuss ways to start these conversations in your offices.

**Massey Pierce**

SE VIS Coordinator, Loyola Marymount University

**Nusha Shishegar**

Senior Coordinator, International Student Program, Glendale Community College

### **Creating a Communication Café That Benefits Multiple Constituencies**

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Turning a conversation cafe into a communication cafe can address a broader range of international student needs and challenges. Learn how to create a cafe that benefits not only international students, but multiple constituencies as well. Participants will also work on developing ideas for their own customized communication cafe program for their institution.

**Mary Jo Shane**

California Lutheran University