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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS & PANELISTS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

Keynote Speaker - Fanta Aw 10:15am

Cultural Adjustment and Intercultural Development 11:00am
Developing intercultural sensitivity and competence are critical components of all education abroad programs and can be achieved through modeling, scaffolding, and reflection. This interactive session provides opportunity for intentional reflection of your own study abroad experiences through an examination of various models of the cultural adjustment process and an understanding of Hofstede’s Dimensions of Culture.

Chad Goeden            Associate Director                                      NAFSA: Association of International Educators

Networking Luncheon 12:00pm
Use lunch to hear from your fellow study abroad returnees. Sharing your story and hearing from others’ helps everyone to transcend the study abroad experience for the next phase of your life as a student and as a professional. Tabletop questions to facilitate networking will be provided. Tables will fill on a first come, first served basis.

Return Abroad: Teach, Work, Study, and Volunteer 2:00pm
Thinking about the teaching or volunteering abroad but don’t know where to look? Join this panel of professionals to learn about their international teaching and/or volunteering experiences and gain some new insight on everything from where to look for opportunities to some things to keep in mind as you prepare to go abroad again! Panelists will discuss their paths and experiences, lessons learned, and tips for getting started.

Katie Kraska  Fulbright Ambassador                                   American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Keely Hayes  Regional Recruiter - East Region                        Peace Corps
Heather Seeley  TAPIF Alumni                                       Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF)

Articulating the Benefits of Study Abroad 3:00pm
During this interactive session, you will reflect on your overseas experience and identify areas you grew the most with a focus on changes in knowledge, skills, and behavior. You will learn how to reframe your experience in a way that will impress prospective employers and grad school admissions counselors alike.

Kerry O’Brien  Coordinator of Short-term Programs                    University of Maryland
Rose Malone  Short-term Programs Assistant                           University of Maryland
PRESENTER & PANELIST BIOS

Our Keynote Speaker

Dr. Fanta Aw is Vice President of Campus Life at American University in Washington D.C. The mission of the Office of Campus Life is to integrate students into a diverse learning community; promote their intellectual, social, and spiritual development; and, in collaboration with the faculty, prepare students for lifelong learning and global citizenship. Aw provides senior executive leadership for 15 departments in Campus Life. She has spent 25 years in higher education administration, most recently as Assistant Vice President of Campus Life. She advises American University leadership on matters related to campus internationalization, issues of inclusion, diversity and equity, and student engagement. Aw is also the School of International Service’s Hurst Senior Professorial Lecturer; she teaches graduate courses related to immigration, internationalization of higher education, and international higher education policy. She is the 2013 recipient of the University Award for Outstanding Teaching in an Adjunct Position.

Aw is past President and Chair of the Board of Directors of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the largest membership association of international educators with close to 10,000 members. She also serves on the advisory council of the Intercultural Management Institute at American University. Aw has led workshops and training for the Department of State, the Institute of International Education, AMIDEAST, American Councils for International Education, the College Board, and NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

Our Esteemed Panelists

Chad Goeden is the Associate Director of Professional Learning Services at NAFSA: Association of International Educators. He has been active in teaching, advising, and programming in the field of international and intercultural education for more than 15 years. He is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, having served in Ukraine from 2004-2006. His research interests include intercultural communicative competence and teaching English as an International Language.

Keely Hayes is a Senior Recruiter for the Peace Corps. From 2011 to 2013, Hayes and her husband served as Peace Corps volunteers in Kyrgyzstan, where she served as a teacher trainer in the beautiful, mountainous town of Naryn. Her primary project focused on improving teaching methodology, building student capacity, and developing leadership potential of students. Her secondary projects included women’s health and empowerment groups, cooking clubs and numerous youth camps. Before becoming a Peace Corps volunteer, Keely lived and worked in the mountains of North Carolina as a Spanish and ESL teacher. She received a bachelor’s degree in Spanish and Education from Appalachian State University.

Katie Kraska’s longstanding interest in animals and the social dimensions of science led her to conduct a Fulbright Study/Research grant in Indonesia about wildlife tourism, conservation ethics, and the politics of national parks. Each of the four national parks in which she worked harbored a different charismatic megafauna species: Javan Rhinoceros, Komodo Dragon, Bornean Orangutan, and Sumatran Elephant—as well as a unique socio-political relationship between stakeholders in the area. The research Katie conducted contributed to policy planning and best practices for the
Indonesian government and NGOs. She continued her studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science, completing a master's degree in philosophy and public policy, with an emphasis on animals and research ethics. She currently handles federal legislation for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) in their Washington, D.C. office.

**Rose Malone** joined the Education Abroad team at UMD in the Spring of 2015 as a peer mentor. Since graduating in December 2016 with a B.A. in Anthropology, she has joined the office as Short-term Program Assistant where she is eager to assist students in the pursuit to #JustGoAway and study abroad. She has personally studied abroad in both London, UK and Skibbereen, Ireland where she loved meeting new people and “living as the locals do.”

**Kerry O’Brien** joined the Education Abroad team at UMD in December 2016 and manages a portfolio of short-term study abroad programs in multiple countries. Prior to working at UMD, Kerry worked as an EducationUSA Adviser at the Fulbright Commission in Bogotá, Colombia. As an undergraduate, Kerry worked as a Peer Advisor at the Towson University Study Abroad Office and later gained experience working at NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the Institute of International Education, and teaching English as a foreign language in Barranquilla, Colombia. During her master’s studies in nonprofit management, she participated in The New School’s International Field Program in Buenos Aires. Kerry believes it is important for education abroad opportunities to be accessible to all types of students.

**Heather Seeley** currently serves as Program Officer for Education Programs at the Embassy of France to the United States. In this role, she organizes all Embassy programs, resources, and outreach geared toward promoting French language acquisition in the United States, with a focus on traditional public schools as well as public schools with French dual language & immersion programs. Before coming to the Embassy, Heather participated in the Teaching Assistant Program in France, where she taught English in two elementary schools in the Paris region for the 2016-17 school year. Heather received her Bachelor’s degree in Public Policy and Biology from Duke University, where she interned for the U.S. Department of State and for Duke’s Sanford School of Public Policy. She is generally interested in international policy and diplomacy, especially concerning the topic areas of education, global health, and intercultural communication, and how these three topics intersect.
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