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COMING HOME:

Making Personal
and Professional
Use of Your
International
Experience

Third Annual
Minnesota
Re-entry
Conference



Saturday, September 19, 2009

9:00AM - 3:30PM

Augsburg College

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Helping you to make the most of your international experience!

Study Abroad Offices from across Minnesota have joined together to offer a one-day conference, designed to provide recent study abroad returnees with support and resources to make personal and professional use of their study abroad experience. Held for the first time in 2007, this event allows you to share international and intercultural experiences with peers from across the state.



Registration

On-line registration is now available through the conference website! There is a \$10 conference registration fee. Financial assistance is available for those in need.

Deadline for registration is *Monday, September 14, 2009*. Limited on-site registration may be available if space allows, but we encourage you to register early!

Schedule of Events

- Conference Registration & Continental Breakfast:

Beginning at 9AM

- Welcome & Introductions

- Keynote Speaker: Jenn Bottke

Jenn was a typical college student in 2001, floating through her freshman year at Gustavus Adolphus College when study abroad found her. She spent a semester in India, and returned home with a new outlook on life. She finished her degree in Nursing, and is working as a Registered Nurse in a small community hospital. While on bedrest with her second pregnancy, Jenn was so bored that she decided to write her study abroad adventure into a book, entitled "Barefoot in the Kitchen". It was published last year. Study abroad changes lives and Jenn is a walking example of it's power to transform.

- **Student Panel:** Participants from the 2008 Re-entry Conference will discuss the challenge of becoming a Global Citizen in today's world and introduce the debate of study abroad as a privilege or a right.

- **Table Talk:** Is study abroad a privilege or a right? How am I developing into a Global Citizen following my study abroad experience? This will be your opportunity to weigh in with students from around the state.

- **Rotating Session 1:** See session descriptions below. Students will choose three sessions to attend.

- Lunch Break

- **International Opportunity Fair:** Meet with representatives from organizations which offer short-term work, internship and volunteer opportunities abroad and locally in Minnesota, with an international focus.

- **Rotating Session 2**

- **Rotating Session 3**

- **Door Prize Drawings**

- **Closing:** Concludes at 3:30PM

Afternoon Rotating Sessions

~ Go Abroad Again: Teaching, Short-term Working, & Volunteering Abroad:

You've studied abroad now go and live your dream of teaching, working short-term, or volunteering abroad! This session will give an overview of strategies, programs, resources, and things to consider so that you can make your dream a reality. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters who advise on these opportunities and have worked, taught, or volunteered abroad themselves.

~ **Graduate School:** Are you interested in attending graduate school abroad or staying stateside, but focusing on international issues? This presentation will address many of the common questions associated with applying for graduate school in other countries. In addition resources will be provided about internationally focused programs in the US.



~ **International Careers at Home & Abroad:** This panel will include individuals who have worked abroad, are working for an international corporation here in the United States, or have found other careers in the international public sector or in the social justice field to remain globally connected.

~ Myths & Realities of an International Career

Abroad: Ready for the "real world"?! After graduation many study abroad returnees wish to take their professional career abroad, but it may or may not be a simple process. Factors to consider include language skills, previous experience, and ability to secure a visa. Learn about the realities of the search process, and gain insights into what employers are looking for when hiring internationally.

Please note: This session is highly recommended for anyone interested in attending the "International Careers at Home & Abroad" panel.

~ **Resume Writing Session:** What is the best way to include your study abroad experience on your resume; in the education section, under other activities? It is important to present your experience well to potential employers. Career professionals will present tips and tricks for illustrating the great impact of your study abroad and the transferrable skills which you learned.

~ Craft Your Study Abroad Stories for Interviewing:

You studied abroad... so what?! Oftentimes students have incredible, life changing experiences during their time abroad, but when they return and try to describe to others about how important the experience was, they are at a loss for words. During job or internship interviews, there is no time to grapple for the words to describe the transferrable skills that you have learned through study abroad. This session will help you to begin to formulate those anecdotes which will capture the essence of your experience.

~ Travel writing: Documenting your Journey:

Capturing the essence of your study abroad experience for an on-line blog, printed magazine or your private travel journal is an art; and like any art, it takes a lot of work. This session will offer advice on how to share your study abroad experience through a different lens. Information will also be presented on how to submit your travel stories to National Geographic Glimpse Magazine and other formats.