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Saturday, September 27, 2008

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# Helping you to make the most of your international experience!

Study Abroad Offices from across Minnesota and Western Wisconsin 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 region.



## Registration

Pre-registration will begin online **Friday, August 15, 2008**. The deadline for registration will be *Friday, September 19, 2008*. Limited on-site registration may be available if space allows, but we encourage you to register early!

## For More Information

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## Schedule of Events

### M o r n i n g

- ~ **Conference registration & continental breakfast**
- ~ **International Opportunity Fair:** Meet with representatives from organizations which offer work, internship and volunteer abroad opportunities.
- ~ **Student Speaker: Amanda Saum**, College of Saint Catherine. Amanda studied for a semester in Chile and a J-term in Mexico.
- ~ **Keynote Speaker: Kerala Taylor**, Editor in Chief for National Geographic Glimpse. A publication about real life abroad. Its stories focus on personal experiences, with the larger goal of promoting cross-cultural understanding. Our contributors immerse themselves in a foreign culture and share their stories, helping you to see the world in a new way.

### L u n c h B r e a k

- ~ **Rotating Sessions:** See session descriptions below.
- ~ **Prize Drawings**

### C l o s i n g

## Afternoon Rotating Sessions

- ~ **Go Abroad Again: Teaching, Working, & Volunteering Abroad:** You've studied abroad now go and live your dream of teaching, working, 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:** Ready for the "real world"???? After graduation many study abroad returnees wish to take their professional career abroad or work in an internationally minded career here in the US. This panel will include individuals who have worked abroad, are working for an international corporation, or have found other careers in the international public sector or social justice to remain globally connected.

~ **Think Globally, Act Locally: Volunteer Opportunities in the Twin Cities:** For those of you wanderlust students who want to still feel and be engaged in an international community here in Minnesota options are plentiful. This breakout session will introduce a number of volunteer opportunities that allow you to dive into issue-based projects such as: education for immigrant and refugee communities, climate justice, affordable housing, visual and theater arts working to build community, and many more! Come hear from community members and join us in acting for the change we want to see in our community, state, nation, and world.

~ **Resume Critique:** 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 be on hand to individually review your resume.

~ **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.

~ **Stop and Smell the Roses: Reflecting on your Cross-Cultural Journeys:** Get a whiff of this! Aromas are remarkably effective at evoking powerful memories of our experiences. In this session we will take some time to share a few of those memories, and think about how we've changed (and stayed the same) over the course of our sojourns abroad and coming home. We will also explore the notions of cultural identity and cultural transitions which will help you to frame your personal experiences in a larger context. Come prepared to talk, to listen, and to learn!