

Georgia Association of International Educators

Summer Conference 2016



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The GAIE Mission:

The Georgia Association of International Educators (GAIE) strives to support, encourage, and enhance the field of international education in the state of Georgia. Our members consist of international educators in the fields of education abroad, U.S. immigration, global partnerships, recruitment and admissions, and others. We focus our efforts on the importance of international education in the great state of Georgia!



GAIE 2016 Summer Conference Schedule

| Friday, July 22 | | | |
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| 7:30 am - 9:15 am | Registration | | |
| 7:30 am - 10 am | Breakfast | | |
| | Room #115 | Room #113 | Room #114 |
| 9:30 am - 10:15 am | Partnering in EVP: Trends & Case Studies | International Recruitment Realities | Utilizing Student Employees |
| 10:25 am - 11:10 am | F-1 Advising Part 1 | Policies and Practices: The New STEM OPT Extension | A P-16 Articulated Approach to Language Learning |
| 11:15 am - 12:25 pm | GAIE Business Lunch | | |
| 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm | F-1 Advising Part 2 | International Strategic Planning and Campus Program Assessment | The Entrepreneurial International Educator |
| 1:25 pm - 2:10 pm | SEVP Update | Short Term Study Abroad in an Intensive English Program | Is it All Just A Misunder- standing: International Students and Plagiarism |
| 2:15 pm - 2:35 pm | Afternoon Break | | |
| 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm | Promoting Student Lead- ership from the Ground Up in Times of Transition | Study Abroad Opportunities for Technical College System Schools | Advancing your Career in International Education: Tips and Advice from Directors |
| 3:40 pm - 4:40 pm | GILC | Study Georgia | |
| 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Happy Hour Social Time @ Avondale Pizza Cafe | | |

Color Key

EA (Education Abroad)

IEM (International Enrollment Management)

ISSS (International Student and Scholar Services)

Pan-NAFSA

Career Track

Other



GAIE 2016 Summer Conference **Sessions**

International Strategic Planning and Campus Program Assessment

Eric Spears - Assistant Vice President of International Education - Georgia College

Strategic planning and program assessment are a team effort. These endeavors require participation from everyone in an international department, not just senior leadership. Positioning international education in a campus' strategic vision requires active input and reflection from all staff members. This session will explore collaborative planning as a means of implementing departmental strategic goals and programmatic assessment.

Policies and Practices: The New STEM Extension for OPT

Katie Tudini - Assistant Director - Georgia Institute of Technology
Danielle Claffey - Co-Presenter- Kuck Immigration Partners

This session addresses the new STEM OPT regulations, and reviews key changes and nuances in the regulations. Learn policies and practices that institutions and advisers are implementing to ensure effective advising and smooth processes for recommending STEM extensions, including document/eligibility review, reporting, and record retention.

Study Georgia Meeting

Eric Spears - Assistant Vice President of International Education - Georgia College
Michele Raphoon - Program Coordinator - LaGrange College

This is a session for both current and potential members of a group called Study Georgia. Study GA is a consortia of about 30 colleges and universities working together to increase the name recognition of their respective destinations and educational institutions; to promote their areas to international students; to facilitate partnerships between educational institutions in their areas and those in other countries; and to capitalize on the services of U.S. federal and state government agencies. The session will cover reasons why you should consider using Study GA as one of your international student recruiting tools and will also serve as one of the consortia's meetings to review 2016 activities thus far, discuss recent changes to the bylaws, go over the website changes and to discuss upcoming 2016 activities.

Is it all just a misunderstanding? International Students & Plagiarism

Brandy Rivera - Global Village Coordinator - Kennesaw State University

Each semester several international students end up in Student Conduct offices. They disproportionately represent students who commit plagiarism. What can faculty and staff do to better help these students understand Western ideals of plagiarism?

SEVP Update

Holly Williams - Field Representative - Department of Homeland Security/SEVP

SEVP Field Representative(s) will discuss SEVP program developments and initiatives, policy and regulatory updates, hot topics, SEVIS enhancements, stakeholder support and engagement, and helpful resources for P/DSOs and students. Q&A will follow.

Short-Term Study Abroad in an Intensive English Program

Jonathan McNair - GTA Intensive English Program - Georgia State University
Alison Camacho - Co-Presenter - Georgia State University

This project explores three important factors in short-term study abroad programs: learner agency, accessibility of social capital, and affordance. Although there is comparatively little research about these short-term programs, a number of studies have found that students derive many benefits from them, including improved language proficiency, a better understanding of intercultural communication, and a desire to enroll in subsequent study abroad programs (Allen, 2010; Gaia, 2015; Jackson, 2006). Our goal in the presentation is to identify challenges faced by Intensive English Programs (IEPs) that host short-term courses and to propose a series of recommended practices.

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Study Abroad Opportunities for Technical College System Schools

Linnea Tigh - International Student Advisor - University of Georgia

Alyssa Zasada - Grad Student - University of Georgia

Working at a technical college that had no budget for Study Abroad, a graduate student and I researched ways to make study abroad a real possibility for TCSG schools taking into account little to no school budgets towards this, students with not a lot of extra time or money to put towards study abroad, and how to present these ideas to upper-level administration if you are interested in pursuing Study Abroad for your TCSG school. The main areas we touch on are: 1. Why offer study abroad at a technical college? 2. Study abroad opportunities outside of TCSG 3. Study abroad opportunities within TCSG 4. Recommendations.

Partnering in EVP: Trends and Case Studies

Renee' Francis - Program Analyst - Department of State

Department representatives of the Office of Private Sector Exchange Administration will present on incidents, complaints, and on-going trends of their engagement with academic EVP sponsors.

Advancing your Career in International Education: Tips and Advice from Directors

Justin Jeffery - Director, International Student Life - University of Georgia

Veronique Barnes - Assoc. Director, International Student and Scholar Services - Georgia State University

Mark Forehand - Director, International Student and Scholar Services - Kennesaw State University

Robin Catmur - Director, Immigration Services - University of Georgia

International Directors from UGA, KSU and GSU/PC will participate in a panel discussion. They will offer resources and advice useful to those who are entering the field and those who wish to develop skills and abilities that will assist their career trajectory.

The Entrepreneurial International Educator: Charting a New Career Course in International Education

Mark Leech - Small Business Owner - Mark's Homestay LLC

Do you have an exciting business idea for the international education marketplace? Are you thinking about starting a new entrepreneurial venture in international education as a result? Drawing upon the personal experience of a former higher education administrator-turned-business entrepreneur, this session will provide entrepreneurial minded educators practical wisdom to consider when deciding if or when to start a new business related to international education. Moreover, this session will also address how an entrepreneurial spirit is necessarily for a rapidly changing field and how it might be applied to one's own career aspirations in international education.

Promoting Student Leadership from the Ground Up in Times of Transition - Committees and the International Student Association

Aleksandra Ninova-Parris - Program Coordinator - Kennesaw State University

The purpose of International Student Association (ISA) is help international students adapt to the new culture and environment of the United States. ISA unites all international and domestic students under one organization to establish a strong network and ease the process of assimilation into American culture. The organization strives to bring together internationals and Americans on campus to promote an atmosphere of diversity and learning at KSU. The International Student Association consists of nine Executive Board Members and five Committees. The purpose of the Committees is to engage and provide a platform for students to have their voices heard, become involved, and obtain leadership, teamwork, creative and practical experience in the running of an organization. By becoming involved in a Committee, students transition to becoming Executive Board members and furthering their skills and experience. By building leaders from the ground up, these individuals become better prepared and better trained to be the leaders who will take the Organization, and the new University further in its development and reputation.

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Utilizing Student Employees

Christy Rakness - Senior International Student Advisor - Georgia Institute of Technology
Justin Jeffery - Director, International Student Life - University of Georgia

This session will highlight two approaches to utilizing student employees in any office environment. Topics will include: how to identify individual skills to maximize utilization, developing students' transferrable skills, opportunities for professional development, mentorship, and assessing this approach to student employment. As professionals, we have to think creatively and maximize resources, but also want to develop our student employees to see value in these types of professional experiences. Learn about how your colleagues are doing this in this session!

A P-16 Articulated Approach to Language Learning

John Wilson - Associate Vice-President of International Programs - University of North Georgia

Through a series of intensive summer language camps, UNG offers a P-16 pipeline of language learning to our university community. For Pre-School through 8th grade, the Elementary School Language Academy (ESLA) offer students an exposure to Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese. 9th through 12th grade students have a choice of seven strategic languages at the Federal Service Language Academy (FSLA). UNG teaches 11 languages to prepare our students for the global world. This unmatched emphasis on language learning puts UNG on the forefront of internationalization.

F-1 Advising: Part 1

Mike Townsend - International Student Advisor - Georgia State University
Tyler Askew - International Student Advisor - Georgia State University

This session is designed for those wanting to gain basic understanding of F-1 advising. Presenters will discuss and review the steps of which an F-1 student will experience during their educational journey in the U.S. Topics will include basic regulations, procedures, best practices and various F-1 student cases. We will specifically cover: visas, SEVIS fee, immigration check-in, registration, maintaining status, and dependents.

F-1 Advising: Part 2

Mike Townsend - International Student Advisor - Georgia State University
Tyler Askew - International Student Advisor - Georgia State University

This session is designed for those wanting to gain an intermediate understanding of F-1 advising for advisors with less than 2 years of experience. Presenters will discuss and review the steps of which an F-1 student will experience during their educational journey in the U.S. Topics will include Transfers, Academic/Medical Reduced Course Load, Employment, CPT, OPT, and OPT STEM.

International Recruitment Realities

Philip Perkins - Consultant - FPPE du Media

Drawing on almost 10 years of experience recruiting international students to southern public universities, Dr. Perkins will present several sample budgets along with strategies appropriate for those budgets that will realistically provide attendees opportunities to recruit international students to their campuses. He will be straight-forward in his assessment of what typically works to attract students and the mistakes well-intentioned recruiters and their upper level institutional sponsors often make when formulating strategies associated with international recruiting budgets.

GILC - What is it? How can I be involved?

Mike Townsend - International Student Advisor - Georgia State University

In this session we will review the goals of the Georgia International Leadership Conference (GILC), discuss future initiatives, and share opportunities for staff to be involved with the upcoming conference.

GAIE 2016 Voting Nominees

GAIE Chair Elect



Ronda Dowell is currently the International Student and Scholar Advisor for the University of North Georgia's Gainesville, Cumming, and Oconee campuses. Ronda has been in the field of international education as a professional staff member for four years and has worked with military programs, pipeline summer language programs, study abroad, and now international students.

Ronda has been part of GAIE since 2015 and is excited to serve the membership as Chair-Elect. Having worked with many different aspects of international education, one of her goals is to grow the GAIE leadership and membership into a multifaceted group that can provide resources and opportunities for professionals in all components of international education.

NAFSA State Representative



Maggie Miller currently serves as the International Education Manager for the Office of International Education at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Maggie completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Cognitive Science at UGA and her M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from Georgia Southern University. She began her career in international education at the University of Georgia, where she worked for, and studied abroad with, the Studies Abroad in the South Pacific & Caribbean program.

Maggie is an active member of Georgia Association of International Education. She has presented at many state conferences, as well as at NAFSA regional conferences. Maggie has served on the GAIE planning committee, the GAIE nominations committee, coordinated the GAIE Professional Partnership Program, and served as Chair of the organization in 2014-15.

Advocacy State Representative

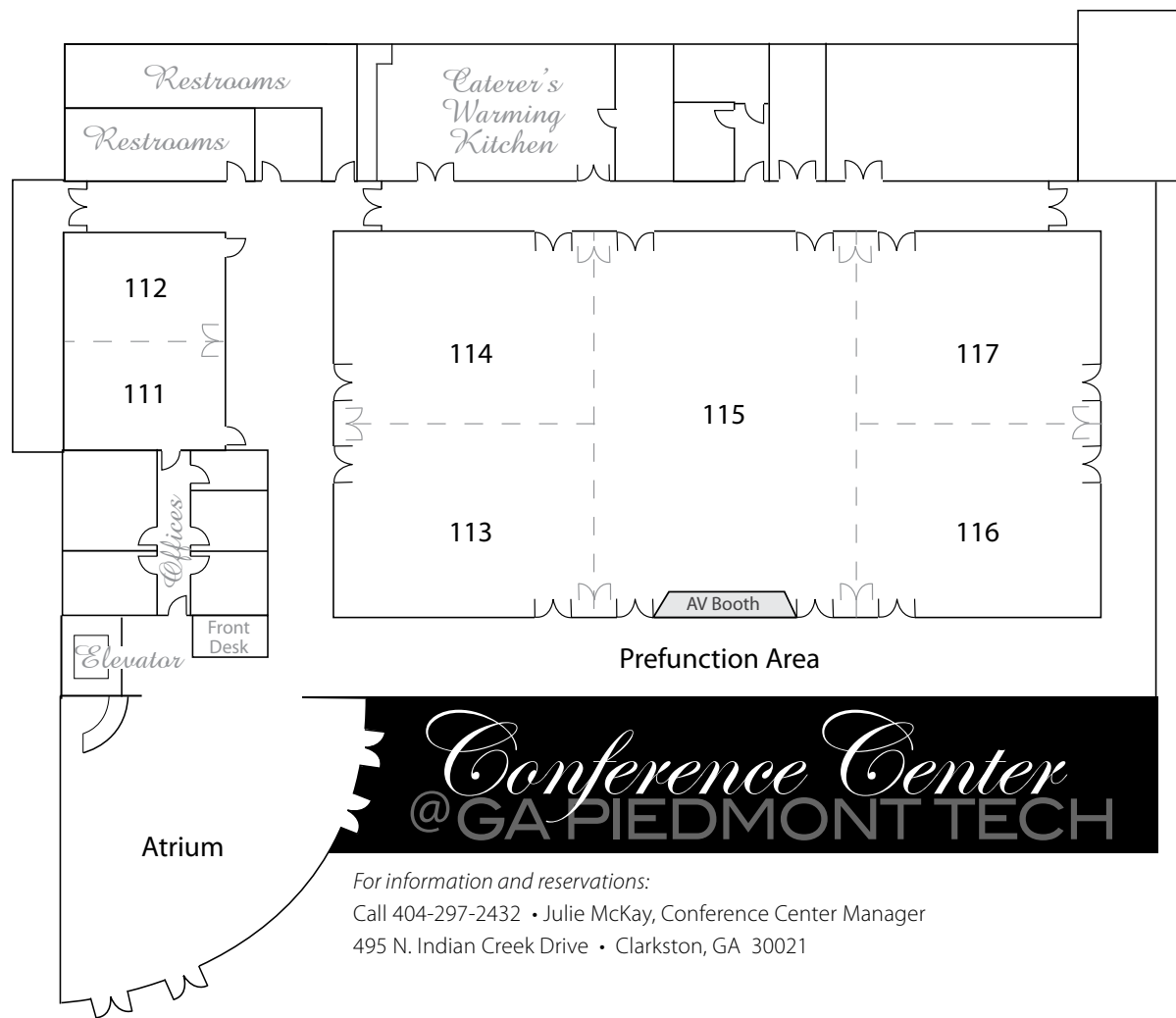


Linnea Tighe currently serves as an Immigration Advisor for the University of Georgia's Office of International Education and has 5 years of experience in both Education Abroad and International Student Services.

Having worked within the Technical College System as well the University System of Georgia, Linnea brings a diverse background that allows her to effectively serve as Advocacy State Representative by having first-hand knowledge of the challenges students in each setting face.

Her goals as Advocacy State Representative include continuing to work on effective strategies to provide study abroad opportunities for low-income and/or non-traditional students, increasing access to information on scholarships for international students including DACA students, and creating more networking opportunities for professionals in the field to better the services provided for education abroad and international students.





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