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Conference Organizers: Dr. Cordula Mora, Dr. Christina Guenther, and Dr. Beatrice Guenther

UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE

Embracing Global Engagement

Internships, Service- and Experiential Learning in BGSU Education-Abroad Programs



Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Opening Remarks 9:30-10 a.m. Bowen-Thompson Student Union Room 206
Presentations 10:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Bowen-Thompson Student Union Room 201

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PROGRAM

Welcome & Opening Remarks (206 Bowen-Thompson Student Union)

- 9:35 a.m. Brief remarks by Dr. Cordula Mora, Director of the Center for Undergraduate Research & Scholarship (CURS)
- 9:45 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Andrew Gregory, Assistant Professor of Spatial Ecology in the School of Earth, Environment and Society, "There and Back Again: A Tale of Global Engagement in Research and Learning"

Session 1 - Hoskins Scholars (201 Union)

- 10:30 a.m. Jennifer Wohlgamuth (Croatia) – "Tourism Development in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina"
- 10:45 a.m. Emily Matthews (India) – "India: Abhyasa and Vairagya"
- 11:00 a.m. Lee Bosch (Italy) – "'Cinema Paradiso': An Italian Adventure"
- 11:15 a.m. Daniel Gerken (Great Britain) – "Documenting Folk Music in the U.K."

Session 2 – Lands Far Away & Europe (201 Union)

- 11:30 a.m. Matthew Wright (Costa Rica) – "Mountains, Monkeys, and a Wedding: My Experience in Costa Rica" (Adviser: Dr. Amilcar Challu)
- 11:45 a.m. Allison Marino and Maria Nielson (Thailand) – "Mathematics Education and Cultural Experiences in Thailand" (Adviser: Dr. Gabriel Matney)
- 12:00 p.m. Tyler Way (China) – "Breaking Down the Language Barrier" (Adviser: Han Li)
- 12:15 p.m. Alexis Czajka (France) – "The Importance of Strikes and Protest through the Perspective of the French" (Adviser: Dr. Deborah Houk Schocket)
- 12:30 p.m. Tulsa Fearing and Sam Spencer (Italy) – "Ciao, Italy! Reflections and Lessons Learned from a Two-Week Study Abroad Experience in Italy" (Adviser: Dr. Susan Peet)

Break (208 Union)

- 12:45-1:30 p.m. Light refreshments provided

Session 3 - Europe II (201 Union)

- 1:30 p.m. Kimberly Lentz and Jessica Thompson (Great Britain) – "Can Two English-Speaking Countries Be That Different?: Comparing the Math Standards of the U.K. and the U.S." (Adviser: Dr. Daniel Brahier)
- 1:45 p.m. Hannah Schuster (Great Britain) – "Mathematics for Students of Ages 14-16: Comparing the U.S. to the U.K." (Adviser: Dr. Daniel Brahier)
- 2:00 p.m. JoAnn Hallisey (Great Britain) – "Comparing the U.K. and the U.S. at Key Stage-2 Mathematics" (Adviser: Dr. Daniel Brahier)

Session 4 - Europe III (201 Union)

- 2:15 p.m. Chloe Pearson (Spain) – "Vamos a España! (Let's Go to Spain!)" (Adviser: Dr. Cynthia Ducar)
- 2:30 p.m. Nicholas Frank (Spain) – "The Globalized Classroom: Integrating Technology to Improve Communicative and Cultural Proficiency" (Adviser: Dr. Brigid Burke)
- 2:45 p.m. Caroline Estel (Spain and Germany) – "Comienza la Aventura" (Adviser: Dr. Cynthia Ducar)
- 3:00 p.m. Peter Funk (Austria) – "Making Cross-Cultural Connections and Discovering the Human Face of the Refugee Crisis in Europe" (Adviser: Dr. Edgar Landgraf)
- 3:15 p.m. Samantha Hudson (Austria) – "Living in Salzburg and Working with Refugees" (Adviser: Dr. Edgar Landgraf)

Session 5 - Japan (201 Union)

- 3:30 p.m. Matthew Thome (Japan) – "Hiroshima on Peace Education and Problems with U.S.-Centric Historical Narratives in a World without Survivors" (Adviser: Akiko Jones)
- 3:45 p.m. Kimberly Cerilli and Gabrielle Click (Japan) – "Abroad in Japan: The Summer Experience" (Adviser: Akiko Jones)
- 4:00 p.m. Alexandra Cordes (Japan) – "Hidden Culture and the Effects It Can Have on People" (Adviser: Akiko Jones)
- 4:15 p.m. Joseph Benbella (Japan) – "Obama in Hiroshima" (Adviser: Akiko Jones)
- 4:30 p.m. Sean Conner (Japan) – "One Unbelievable Trip to Japan" (Adviser: Akiko Jones)

Closing Remarks (201 Union)

- 4:45 p.m. Brief remarks by Dr. Cordula Mora, Director, Center for Undergraduate Research & Scholarship