



**NAFSA Region 1 Virtual Conference
Monday October 19 – Friday October 23, 2020**

***Schedule is subject to change**

***All times posted are in Pacific Time Zone**

Monday October 19	Tuesday October 20	Wednesday October 21	Thursday October 22	Friday October 23
9:00-10:00 Opening Welcome	9:00-10:00 Session	9:00-10:00 Session	9:00-10:00 Session	9:00-10:00 Session
10:00-11:00 Newcomer Session	12:00-1:00 Resume Review	12:00-1:00 Connect with a NAFSA Board Member	12:00-1:00 Networking Lunch	2:00-3:00 Session
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Monday October 19

9:00-10:00 **Opening Welcome:** Introduction of Region 1 Team Members, Region 1 Business Updates and Awards

10:00-11:00 **Firebird International Insurance Newcomer Session:** New to NAFSA? Come learn about NAFSA and how to navigate the virtual event. If you are a returning attendee join us to meet new members!

2:00-3:00 **Session:** Maximize International Recruitment through U.S. Departments of Commerce and State ([International Enrollment Management- IEM](#))

Presentation Description: This session will present how the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and U.S. Department of State EducationUSA assist U.S. educational institutions recruit and identify potential markets for international student recruitment. The speakers will share their agencies' virtual and other programs as well as discuss on-going collaboration. DOC will advise their new engagement under "USA: A Study Destination" and EducationUSA will brief on their virtual resources and internationalization strategies as outlined in the "EducationUSA Global Guide."

Chair: Melissa McInnis, U.S. Department of Commerce

Co-Presenters: Rebecca Heideman Pisano, PhD, U.S. Department of State: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Tuesday October 20

9:00-10:00 **Session:** J1 Scholars in a Post-COVID World ([International Student and Scholar Services- ISSS](#))

Presentation Description: This program is a three-person panel covering information regarding J-1 Scholars. It focuses on a survey sent to 800 + Scholar advisors about 2019 participants, 2020 participants, and the impact the Covid-19 has had on the numbers and the offices dealing with the scholars. It presents information on the numbers overall in the US, in Region I, the schools responding to the survey, most frequent academic areas represented, and then details impacts on individual advisors and campuses. Participants will be encouraged to share experiences and offer suggestions of improving the situation.

Chair: Patricia Jones, Western Illinois University

Co-Presenters: Maria Cardieri, Washington State University; Jim Brosam II, ITEP (International Test of English Proficiency)

12:00-1:00 **Resume Review:** An opportunity to have your resume reviewed by an experienced professional in the field of international education. Advanced sign-up required (by October 10).

2:00-3:00 **Session:** Employment and Unemployment in the Age of COVID ([International Student and Scholar Services- ISSS](#))

Presentation Description: The economic disruption unleashed by COVID-19 has plunged university staff and international students into the arcane and evolving rules governing employment and unemployment on- and off-campus. Join an experienced immigration attorney and NAFSA to synthesize the law and latest exceptions to best advise students, faculty, and scholars during these challenging times.

Chair: David Gluckman, McCandlish Holton, PC

Wednesday October 21

9:00-10:00 **Session:** Social Distancing While Studying Abroad: What May that Look Like? ([Education Abroad- EA](#))

Presentation Description: The coronavirus has changed the way that we view international travel. Does this mean changing our programs? This discussion will allow for conversations on how we can prepare for social distancing while studying abroad. This session provides some suggestions, potential ideas and processes that can get education abroad leaders to think and discuss what we might expect and build off each other's knowledge on potential ideas, contingency plans, and resources.

Chair: Brandon Victoria Youngman, WorldStrides Custom Programs

Co-Presenters: Kim Burchfield, WorldStrides

12:00-1:00 **Connect with a NAFSA Board Member:** An opportunity to engage with the NAFSA Board Governance Committee and learn about board service. A live presentation followed by Q&A.

2:00-3:00 **Session:** Helping Students Navigate the S.A Funding Puzzle: Our Collaborative Approach
([Education Abroad- EA](#))

Presentation Description: Even in "normal" times, navigating study abroad can be a daunting task for students, with financial restraints posing real challenges for student participation. Advisors from PCC will share strategies for student financial success, including the promotion and advising of scholarship opportunities, with special attention to collaborative campus partnerships that support student financial planning. This session tilts advice to include virtual strategies considering our new realities, as well as special emphasis on advising strategies for Gilman candidates.

Chair: Alison Garfinkle, Portland Community College

Co-Presenters: Allyson Lindsley, Portland Community College

Thursday October 22

9:00-10:00 **Session:** Career Resilience for International Education Professionals Experiencing Job Insecurity
([Shared Interest-SI](#))

Presentation Description: The presenters will share personal experiences and strategies for career resilience. In a virtual discussion, participants will: learn about career resilience, how to accept and embrace this life-changing event as an opportunity; create a career development plan; and receive practical tips for the next step in your career.

Chair: Amy VanSurksum, St. Martin's University

Co-Presenters: Dana S. Brolley, MEd., University of Idaho

12:00-1:00 **Foundation for International Services Networking Lunch:** Catch up with your fellow Region 1 NAFSAns as you enjoy your lunch and participate in team building activities.

2:00-3:00 **Session:** How We Are Changing Digital Communication with Students in 2020 ([Shared Interest-SI](#))

Presentation Description: As teaching and services are moving remotely in a quite unexpected manner, the presenters will share how their digital communication for recruitment and retention purposes have changed to adapt to the situation we are all in now. The session is a shared interest presentation, aimed at all international education practitioners. Main elements will be shared include student ambassadors' program, social media, mental health initiatives, and uses of different platforms.

Chair: Xiaohan Du, Shoreline Community College

Co-Presenters: Janette Turner, Foundation for International Services, Inc.; Nitivia Jones, Washington State University

Friday October 23

9:00-10:00 **Session:** Supporting International Graduate Students' Specific Needs ([International Student and Scholar Services-ISSS](#))

Presentation Description: Boise State University strives to provide individualized support to our international graduate students. We focus on three main areas: Academic Success, Career based programming, and Social events. The International Student Services office works in collaboration with our Graduate College, Career Services Department, and Campus Rec Center to ensure students are being offered the resources they need in order to maintain their positive well-being and mental health, desire to obtain their academic goals, and are taking time to explore opportunities outside of campus.

Chair: Keith Quatraro, Boise State University

2:00-3:00 **Session:** Immigration Pathways for Postdocs to Permanent Residence ([International Student and Scholar Services-ISSS](#))

Presentation Description: Postdocs face a frustrating and challenging path to permanent residence owing to the following realities: 1) by definition, they hold temporary appointments which means that their employing institution cannot sponsor them for permanent residence; but 2) they oftentimes have made significant achievements of national importance, and they also need permanent residence to maximize their ability to move into the academic workforce. This session will focus on self-sponsorship options for Postdocs and will provide specific pointers on enhancing their cases for permanent residence.

Chair: Robert Aronson, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.

Co-Presenters: Debra Schneider, Fredrikson & Byron, P.A.