

2024 Global Studies Seminar

Global Voices, Diverse Visions: Exploring Global Perspectives and Cultures through Cross Cultural Education

When: Friday, April 12

Where: NWC Yellowstone Building Conference Center

Free – Open to the Public

Schedule:

8:15 to 8:45 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks – Amanda Enriquez, ISSS Manager

9:00 to 10:15 AM – Where to Begin? Collaborative and Trans-Disciplinary Faculty-Led Study Abroad Resources

We know that cross-cultural experiences have great potential to enrich students' lives personally, academically and professionally, yet creating a faculty-led study abroad program can be a daunting task. In this interactive session, we'll discuss collaborative multidisciplinary program design, and how to make sustainable and enriching connections with colleagues, both local and abroad. A key part of the session will address the steps and considerations for program implementation.

Zoom Link: <https://nwc.zoom.us/j/91327553006>

10:30 to 11:45 AM – Expanding Horizons: Faculty-Led Programming for First-Year Students

First-year students traditionally make up a small percentage (3-4%) of undergraduate U.S. students studying abroad. However, institutions are increasingly turning to first-year study abroad programs to deliver a high-impact opportunity during a student's formative first year of higher education. During this session, we'll look at the goals and measurable benefits of first-year programs as well as the challenges to get them off the ground.

Zoom Link: <https://nwc.zoom.us/j/99629037345>

12:00 to 1:00 PM – The Educational Imperative of Creating Global Citizens: Engaging Hearts and Minds With New Perspectives.

In this virtual keynote, global peacebuilder and educator Aziz Abu Sarah brings his keen insights of the value of creating global citizens through innovative curriculum and transformational travel. Attendees will hear first-hand stories from around the world that exemplify the value of developing a global perspective in the 21st century. Lunch will be served.

Zoom Link: <https://nwc.zoom.us/j/92222987859>

1:15 to 2:30 PM – From Home to Campus: International Students' Perspectives on Cultural Exchange and Academic Adaptation

Join us for an enlightening panel discussion as international students share their personal journeys of transition from their home country to Northwest College. Students will share their challenges and triumphs in navigating the intricate process of cultural exchange and adaptation while bridging diverse cultural backgrounds with the academic rigors of a new educational system.

Zoom Link: <https://nwc.zoom.us/j/99380847686>

2:45 to 3:30 PM – The Fear of Foreigners: A Look at Xenophobia in America

Throughout American history, xenophobia – the fear of the foreign – has led to prejudice and discrimination against people from unfamiliar cultures. This talk will follow the story of Mary Oyama, a Japanese American woman incarcerated at Heart Mountain, and explore the importance of learning about other cultures in order to counteract xenophobia. This talk is hosted by Sybil Tubbs, Education Manager, Heart Mountain WY Foundation.

Zoom Link: <https://nwc.zoom.us/j/96165653408>

3:45 to 4:15 PM – Closing Remarks – Amanda Enriquez, ISSS Manager