



THE FORUM ON EDUCATION ABROAD

17th Annual Conference | March 1-5, 2021 | Virtual

EVOLUTION ≠ REVOLUTION
SOLUTIONS IN ACTION



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SCHEDULE | MONDAY, MARCH 1

Times listed are in Eastern Standard Time (EST).



12 - 5 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL

Explore virtual exhibit booths to learn more about our sponsors' programs and initiatives and chat with them in real time. Don't forget to participate in the [Exhibit Hall Scavenger Hunt!](#)

4 - 4:45 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Learn more about The Forum, what the Forum Conference has to offer, and how to navigate the virtual platform.

5 - 6:15 p.m.

OPENING PLENARY WITH [RICHARD BLANCO](#)



Selected by President Obama as the fifth inaugural poet in U.S. history, Richard Blanco will deliver his plenary address, "Becoming an American."

SCHEDULE | TUESDAY, MARCH 2

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9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- 20th Anniversary Panel, Looking Back: A Conversation with Forum Trailblazers
- Marketing Without Borders: A Student-Centered Approach to Strategic Marketing with Social Media
- Model Practices for Leveraging the Forum Standards on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to Support Diverse Education Abroad Students
- Program Development During a Pandemic: Three Examples of Solutions in Action
- Virtual Education Abroad: Prioritizing Accessibility and Sustainability

12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & LANGUAGE LUNCHROOMS

- Community Connection: Newcomers
- Community Connection: One-Person Offices
- Community Connection: Risk Managers/Health and Safety Specialists
- Community Connection: Resident Directors and On-Site Staff
- Language Lunchroom: Spanish (*Sponsored by [Syracuse University](#)*)

Syracuse
ABROAD

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- Education Abroad Crises: A History of the Field's Adaptations
- Faculty-Led Programs Go Remote: Virtual Learning Lessons Learned
- Forum Book Club: Richard Blanco's *How to Love a Country* (*Sponsored by [Syracuse University](#)*)
- Learning from the Laureates: The New Nobel Dialogue Scholarship and the 2020 Global Senior Leadership Symposium
- Re-Imagining Our Roles: Building Sustainable, Equitable and Inclusive Communities through Education Abroad

Syracuse
ABROAD

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- Climate Justice is Racial Justice: The Intersection of Climate, Race, and International Education
- The COVID Chronicles: Impact on Education Abroad and Student Experience
- From Pre-Departure Meetings to Post-Meeting Evaluation: A Holistic Model of Elevating Intercultural Understanding
- Revolutionary Responses to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion through Funding, Partnerships and Programming

5 - 5:45 p.m.

WINE & ART TOUR OF THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM (PART 1)

Enjoy wine tasting while going on an exclusive virtual art tour of the [Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum](#) in Boston, MA. Come prepared to sip on Prosecco and Sancerre while exploring different parts of the museum. (*Sponsored by [The American College of Thessaloniki](#)*)



SCHEDULE | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

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9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

- Evolving Your Practice: Applying Career Development Theory to Education Abroad
- Navigating Health, Safety and Security Through an Evolving Pandemic
- Restructuring Global Learning through Values-Driven Change in a Post-COVID World
- Turning COVID Challenges into Positive Change: Study Abroad Promotion Opportunities

12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & LANGUAGE LUNCHROOMS

- Community Connection: Community Colleges
- Community Connection: HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs
- Community Connection: Professional Certification Participants
- COVID-19: Is This the Opportunity for a New Study Abroad Era?
- Language Lunchroom: Italian (*Sponsored by [Middlebury Schools Abroad](#)*)



Middlebury C.V. Starr
Schools Abroad

12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

VIRTUAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE WITH ZACH SEALS

Zach Seals is a 22-year-old singer/songwriter, producer, and poet from Baltimore, who is a student at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Grab your lunch or a snack and settle in to listen to his set of dramatic indie pop ballads, featuring original music and covers.

1:30 - 2:45 p.m.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- Maximizing Internships: The Value of Career Coaching and Competency Development Concurrent with an Internship Experience
- No Time for Dating - Partnerships in the Time of Corona
- Study at Home: Lessons Learned in Developing Innovative International Student Programs and What It Means for Education Abroad
- University Gap Programs to Support Enrollment & Promote Education Abroad

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- Evolving Partnerships, Challenges, and Solutions: The Virtual Internship as a Catalyst for Education Abroad
- Exercise, Exercise, Exercise - Preparing for the Zombie Apocalypse
- *Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad* Presents...
- A Spectrum of Hate: Global Injustices

5 - 6:30 p.m.

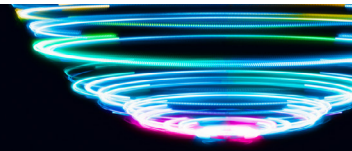
VIRTUAL TEAM TRIVIA

- Virtual networking opportunity that allows attendees to make new connections, have fun, and unwind after a day of conference sessions! (*Sponsored by [CRCC Asia/Virtual Internships](#)*)



SCHEDULE | THURSDAY, MARCH 4

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9:30 - 10:30 a.m. BUSINESS MEETING AND STRATEGIC PLAN, INCLUDING STATE OF THE FIELD

Agenda will include a report on the latest data from The Forum's State of the Field Survey, along with reports on Forum administrative operations, Forum programs and services, and Forum finances.

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- 20th Anniversary Panel, Looking Forward: The Future of The Forum and The Field of Education Abroad
- Advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals through Education Abroad
- The Changing Nature of the Language-based Semester Abroad: A Roadmap for Survival from Paris and Seville
- From Crisis to Catalyst: A Phased Approach to Reviving Your Ed Abroad Office
- Shifting Student Projects from In-Person Abroad to Virtual Format: Best Practices and Lessons Learned

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. STUDENT SHOWCASE

Students nominated for the Award for Academic Achievement Abroad will showcase their projects during this poster session in the Exhibit Hall. Attendees are invited to view students' presentations and ask students' questions about their work or their study abroad experience.

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- The 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund: Facilitating Strategic Higher Education Partnerships and Student Exchange
- Education for Sustainability: Participant Transformation & Assessment
- Virtual Experiential Learning Beyond COVID-19: Lessons learned and best practices
- Widening Circles: Re-imagining 'Education Abroad' for a Post-Pandemic World

3:15 - 4:30 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSIONS

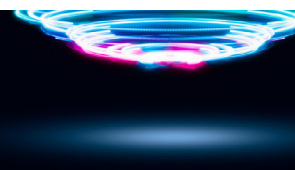
- Deepening Impact through Inclusion and Learning from HBCUs
- From 'Om' to Home: Lessons from Immersive Learning Experiences
- The Impact of Covid-19 on Study Abroad: Legal Considerations from Both Sides of the Atlantic and Lessons Learned
- The New Frontier of Study Abroad from Japan: Policies, Impact and Program Development for Non-traditional Programs

5 - 5:45 p.m. WINE & ART TOUR OF THE ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM (PART 2)

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SCHEDULE | FRIDAY, MARCH 5

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11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- Decolonizing Conceptions of Gender and Diversity: Exploring Standards and Practices in Latin America
- Designing Our Shared Future through Regenerative Agriculture and Carbon-Negative Travel: Examples from Cuba and Africa
- Planning it All Without a Crystal Ball
- When We Help, and When We Get in the Way

12:30 -1:30 p.m. AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of the recipients of three prestigious Forum Awards: Peter A. Wollitzer Advocacy Award, the Award for Excellence in Education Abroad Curriculum Design, and the Award for Academic Achievement Abroad, with presentations from our two outstanding student winners, Mya Singleton (University of Virginia, nominated by IFE Institute for Field Education) and Calder Hollond (Pomona College, for work completed on an SIT Study Abroad program).

1:30 - 2:45 p.m. CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- Career Readiness and Education Abroad: Digital Tools for Supporting Students of Color
- Elevating Virtual International Education Through Forum *Standards* and a 'Glocal' Mindset
- The Revolving Door of International Education: Identifying why we attract, retain, and lose top talent in the field
- Solutions in Action from The Forum's Curriculum Toolbox

3 - 4:15 p.m.

CLOSING PLENARY WITH [JERALD WALKER](#)



Jerald Walker, Professor of Creative Writing and African American Literature at Emerson College, will read from his memoir, *Street Shadows: A Memoir of Race, Rebellion, and Redemption*.
