**12th Annual Global Awareness Conference**

**Presentation Abstracts**

**Aussie Rules Football: A (Literally) Rough Guide - Toby Malone -** (30 minutes) - Australian Rules Football, a distant ancestor of the rough-and-tumble of Irish Gaelic Football, is a brutal, athletic, and often balletic game that is only played professionally in one country on earth. To Australians, this is a national obsession, built over a century of inter-state rivalries, cultural battlegrounds, and ever-evolving rules. The sight of 250 lb men soaring into the air for a mark or booting a leather ball 200 feet at a time, running while bouncing an egg-shaped ball, and in a curiously revealing set of uniforms makes Aussie Rules a unique pursuit. Join FRM Toby Malone for a lively discussion of what makes Aussie Rules so special.

**Cherry Blossom Festival - Nihon-Go! Japanese Culture Club -** (60 minutes) - The Japanese Club will be hosting a Cherry Blossom Festival where students will be able to enjoy traditional Japanese festival foods, play games, and learn about the history behind the Cherry Blossom Festival.

**Did the Ancient Babylonians Invent Integral Calculus and Did Democracy Really Start in Greece? - Shashi Kanbur -** (30 minutes) We review a recent paper that suggests that in order to follow the motion of Jupiter across the sky, the Ancient Babylonians used techniques very similar to those taught when beginning integral calculus thousands of years before Newton developed them. We also review another recent paper that suggests that democracy started in the Indus River Valley sometime before the system was prevalent in Greece.

**Education as a Human Right - Phi Beta Delta and Ritu Radhakrishnan -** (60 minutes) - This roundtable discussion will allow participants to discuss and examine educational opportunities and disparities as they have learned through personal experiences studying or living abroad. All are welcome!

**Getting the Best Out of Studying Abroad - Theresa Personna and Cherilynn Miller -** (30 minutes) - Each presenter will detail their personal study abroad trip. This will consist of how they chose the trip, how they financed/budgeted their trip, and overall experience

**Global Service Learning: Impact and Perspectives - Diana Aguero, Will Alonzo, Ali Khan, Tori Kammer, Shane' Weir -** (60 minutes) - Academic service learning incorporates relevant and meaningful service with a community while providing student participants enhanced academic learning and purposeful civic learning (Howard, 2001). Global education engages students with multiple perspectives and dimensions to enhance cultural competence, expand worldviews, and promote deep understandings of events that shape the world and its people (Hicks, 2009). In this roundtable, participants from the Summer 2018 SUNY Stands with Puerto Rico initiative will discuss their participation in global service learning and the impact of the experience on them and others. Roundtable discussion can be extrapolated to any global service learning experience.

**Immigration to Italy Through the Eyes of Refugees - Laura Joanna Luczak -** (60 minutes) - Starting from my experience as an Italian teacher for refugees and my observation of their attitude in learning the language as an opportunity of social integration, I will broadly present the phenomenon of immigration in Italy, focusing on the perception by Italians and by refugees.

**International Music & Dance Educational Presentation - Roberto Perez** (60 minutes)

There will be a live International DJ and Dance Choreographer on site to play international music from different countries. He will present on International Music & Dance and teach mini sessions of different latino dances representative of Latino countries. Some of the dances will include salsa, merengue, bachata, and cha cha cha. Students and other guests who would like to teach a dance from their country are highly encourage and welcome to do so during this program. This program is designed to be interactive

**Japanese Woodblock Printing - Rachael Austin-Ferguson -** (60 minutes) - Woodblock printing has been prevalent in Japan since the early 1600's, it is widely known today for prints such as The Great Wave Off Kanagawa. During this IST, I will talk about the history of Woodblock Printing in Japan as well as demonstrate the technique (with Linoleum instead of wood). Then anyone attending will have the opportunity to make a carving/print of their own!

**Managing Stress in a Foreign Country - Kayla Miller -** (30 Minutes) - A powerpoint on the ways I managed stress while overseas; I'm hoping these tips will help others.

**Memories of Food From my Childhood - Preety Tripathi -** (30 minutes) - I grew up in India, and as a child, one of my most vivid memories is that of food - whether it was everyday food, or special food for a birthday or a festival, or some food that I hated (but had to eat!) - food was a big part of growing up. What are your favorite memories of food? Are their food items that transport you right back to your childhood - A recipe from grandma's cupboard that you loved, or some food item that you absolutely could not stand? I will bring some memories and recipes from India, and invite you to bring yours.

**Obra de Teatro; El alfarero - David Rivera Muñoz, Jennifer Jara, Jeremy Nolasco -** (60 minutes) - This is the story of a young boy going to a clay potter to learn how to clay, however, the clay potter is a strange but helpful man. The young boy learns more than just clay as it is an experience that the young boy will truly never forget.

**Oral Traditions - Origin Tales from Around the World - Deborah Howard -** (30 minutes) - The tradition of oral storytelling preserves the mythology and belief systems of cultures around the world. This session will present a collection of original tales from cultures around the world.

**Paris - A Global City (Spring 2018) - Asha Bey, Olivia Peel, Marquia Williams -** (60 minutes) - Student experiences of Paris: Culture, history, cuisine, transportation, European lifestyle. Presentations will also highlight how to succeed as an English speaker in a non-English locale.

**Pharaohs' Creed: Puzzling Mysteries of Ancient Egyptians - Ahmed Abdelfattah -** (30 minutes) - We demonstrate some mysteries of the ancient Egyptians, particularly regarding the great pyramid (the only existing one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World). We see how trying to solve one mystery leads to another. This is extraordinarily true only when it comes to stories about ancient Egyptians and pharaohs' history. Pick one question, say, "how were the pyramids built?". Try to answer this question without inevitably addressing one more question: "why have they been built in the first place?". If you're puzzled and couldn't find satisfying clues about either of the questions, then leave the pyramids alone and talk about, say, the good-old River Nile. A question jumps to one's mind: "what did the Egyptians do when the Nile used to flood every year before the high dam?", and "how come their 7000-year-old survival tools were mathematically precise and still being used in the current age of science and technological discoveries?". Hold on! Did you just mention "scientific discoveries in the 21st century?". Well, did you know about the big void above the Queen's chamber, discovered in November 2017 and published in the Nature scientific magazine? U-Oh... the pyramids again? The questions continue, and the mysteries are amazingly interesting now and then. Back to origins!

**Phi Beta Delta Induction Ceremony - Phi Beta Delta -** (60 minutes) - Through stories of Phi Beta Delta inductee qualifications and our Keynote speaker’s motivational and powerful story of their travel and scholastic work abroad, the Phi Beta Delta induction will not only recognize and emphasize scholarship abroad but international engagement at home.

**Republica Dominicana - Jennifer Vargas and Lisbeth Alcala -** (60 minutes) - Our presentation is about the Dominican Republic and it's culture.

**Study Abroad Experience: Trinidad and Tobago - Alexis Cabrera and Brian Lin -** (60 minutes) - A presentation on the experiences during our Trinidad and Tobago trip. We will be discussing the cultural experiences we've gone through including learning about the history and development of the nation and the steel pan. As well as the many other things that Trinidad has to offer, such as its music, foods, and many excursions available in the country.

**Study Abroad Summer in Madagascar - Gabrielle Solomon -** (30 minutes) - This past summer I attended a six-week study abroad program to Madagascar through Stony Brook University. Myself and 11 other students were a part of the program. For the majority of our stay, we were at the research center, Centre ValBio (CVB), created by Dr. Patricia Wright. Three courses were completed while abroad: Methods in Studying Primates, Comparing Ecosystems in Madagascar, and an Independent Project. While studying for our courses, we attended markets in the Ranomafana village, participated in night walks and extensive day hikes, learned Malagasy, went scuba diving, and much more. In this presentation, I will begin with a general introduction of the program. I will then discuss the three courses that I completed and what each consisted of. Additionally, some activities will be touched upon, as well as the extent to which we immersed ourselves in Malagasy culture. Stony Brook University’s densely packed program did a great job at exposing us to both the endemic wildlife and the unique culture of this isolated island, Madagascar.

**Tango and Borges, excerpts - Milton Loayza -** (30 minutes) - A staged dialogue and about tango culture, includes songs and a short story by Argentine author Jorge Luis Borges.

**The Cult of Dionysus: Investigating the Origins and Ritualistic Aspect of Theatre - Henry Shikongo -** (30 minutes) - What was the nature of a Greek God? Were they divinely perfect or were they individually flawed omnipotent beings? Why did the ancient Greeks fear, love, worship and curse them? Who was Dionysus? How did he come to be worshipped and what relation does he have to the theatre? All these questions will be answered and investigated through an interactive presentation connecting the roots of ancient Greece with ritual, polytheism, the nature of cults and theatre.

**The Journey of Vienna - Harrison Mark, Mackenzie Marci, Michelle Diblasio -** (30 minutes) - Our presentation will be about the city of Vienna, specifically our week long trip there as part of a GLS course. We will be discussing our experience there as well as Austrian food, culture, history, and landmarks.

**Translation: A Global Profession - Maria Kopnitsky -** (30 minutes) - This session will provide practical advice on career development in the language industry, primarily in the field of translation. We will discuss typical career paths, the pros and cons of freelancing, tips for success, and more. The presentation will seek to answer questions that are often asked by aspiring language professionals, including What types of careers are available to people who want to work in the language industry? How do I become a translator or interpreter? Do I need to go to graduate school? What about Google Translate? Will machine translation replace human translators?

**Undercover in North Korea - Suki Kim** - (60 Minutes) Suki Kim is the Keynote Speaker for this year’s GAC Conference. She will discuss her experiences related to her book, Without You, There Is No Us. These experiences talk about being undercover among the sons of North Korea’s elite.

**UN's 17 Sustainable Goals - Najet Gharsallaoui -** (60 minutes) - The presentation will discuss the 17 goals that the United Nations are targeting to achieve sustainable development to all by 2030. Among those goals are: No poverty, Zero hunger, good health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, reduced inequality, clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, climate action, etc...

**US Student Fulbright Program Information Session - Lyn Blanchfield -** (30 minutes) - Presenting information about the US Student Fulbright Program.

**Welcome to Korea! Are you ready to learn our culture?- Minji Kim and Heetak Kang -** (60 minutes) We will make five booths for three traditional games, Gong-gi, Jae-gi-cha-gi, Ttak-ji-chi-gi, learning Korean, learning how to use chopsticks and people will get the stamps after they finish each booth.

\*\*For locations and times of each program, see the Global Awareness Conference Program\*\*