

AWISA Winter Conference

Friday, April 29th

Edmonds Community College

Lynnwood, WA



Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 am

Social Time

Location: Snohomish Hall 304 A/B

Light refreshments will be served, mingle with fellow AWISAns!

9:00 – 9:15 am

Greetings and Overview

Location: Snohomish Hall 304 A/B

Presenter(s): George Smith, Vice President of Student Services
AWISA Leadership

9:15 – 10:00 am

Keynote Address: Don't Forget to Tweet: A Personal Reflection on Cultural Integration in the Digital Age

Location: Snohomish Hall 304 A/B

Presenter(s): Anita Verna Crofts, Associate Director and Faculty Master of Communication in Digital Media Department of Communication, University of Washington

Summary: Join Anita Verna Crofts for a reflection on how new media is changing the study abroad experience and our sense of place. Remarks will include a contrasting look at her own personal experience in China in 1991 and that of someone who went to the same location today.

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 – 11:15 am

Concurrent Sessions

Session A: Cultural Sessions

Option 1) Cambodian Culture

Location: Snohomish Hall 338

Presenter(s): Bill Oung, Seattle-Sihanoukville Sister City Association

Summary: The Kingdom of Cambodia is a nation rich in history, culture, and tradition. Sihanoukville, a port city in southern Cambodia has also been designated as a sister city to Seattle. Join Bill Oung of the Seattle-Sihanoukville Sister City Association for a fascinating look into Khmer life and culture.

Option 2) Kenyan Culture

Location: Mukilteo Hall 427

Presenter(s): Robin Jones, DDS, Seattle Mombasa Sister City Association

Summary: Mombasa is Kenya's major seaport, an island city and the capital of Coast Province. The Seattle-Mombasa association, established in 1981, represents a diverse group that seeks to promote cultural and educational exchanges, trade and tourism between the two cities. Join Robin Jones of the Seattle-Mombasa Sister City Association for a look into the organization's recent work and about Kenyan culture.

Session B: Peace Corps, 50 years later

Location: Snohomish Hall 304 A/B

Presenter(s): Melanie M. Forthun, Peace Corps Northwest Regional Office

Summary: Peace Corps is currently celebrating its 50th anniversary! Join Melanie M. Forthun, Public Affairs Specialist, for an interesting look into the organization, its mission and areas of service, the application process, and recent developments.

11:15 – 12:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions**Session C: Angel, Elluminate, and Tegrity, oh my!**

Location: Snohomish Hall 304 A/B

Presenter(s): Dr. Boyoung Chae, State Board of Community and Technical Colleges

Summary: Students and faculty are already familiar with Angel as a fixture in their college classes. But, did you know that Angel can also be used as a valuable tool for an international programs office? Best of all, it's readily available at many of our institutions! Join Scott Dennis, eLearning Professional Development Manager for the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges as he demonstrates what this powerful tool (and Elluminate and Tegrity) can do for you!

Session D: Learning from Japan

Location: Mukilteo Hall 426

Presenter(s): Akane Yamaguchi, Pacific Lutheran University
Andrea Vederoff, Seattle Central Community College
Dale Watanabe, Seattle University
Mari Maruyama, the Laurasian Institute

Summary: Many of our institutions unfortunately have students, staff, and colleagues who were impacted by the devastating earthquake and tsunamis in Japan, and each of our institutions responded differently. Join us for a panel discussion to share the different ways schools responded to the situation and reached out to support students, in hopes of learning, reflecting, and better preparing ourselves to respond to impactful crises in the future.

12:15 – 1:15 pm

Lunch, Sponsored by Lewer Insurance Agency

Presentation by Monica Olson of the Lewer Agency.

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12:15 – 1:15 pm

Lunch, on your own

AWISAns who did not RSVP for the sponsored luncheon or who prefer to have lunch on their own are welcome to have lunch on their own in one of the many area eateries.

1:15 – 2:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions**Session E: Recertification Panel**

Location: Snohomish Hall 304 A/B

Presenter(s): Carla Honkanen, Everett Community College
Samira Pardanani, Shoreline Community College
Krista Garg, University of Washington Bothell

Summary: Join us for a panel discussion about the SEVIS recertification process. Panelists represent schools in all stages of the recertification process and will share their experiences and tips/lessons learned.

Session F: Striving for “YES:” Disability Accommodation in Study Abroad

Location: Snohomish Hall 338

Presenter(s): Gina Lopardo, Assistant Director, Education Abroad, Seattle University
Robin Craggs, Director, Education Abroad, Seattle University

Summary: Presenters explore policy/practice ideas through case studies; ideas for collaborating with the Health Center, Disability Office, program providers, students and families; sample documents steps of our process will be shared.

2:00 – 2:45 pm

Business Meeting

Location: Snohomish Hall 304 A/B

Agenda items:

- Secretary/Chair-Elect position
- AWISA travel grants
- AWISA website
- Treasurer’s Report
- 2010-2011 dues
- Your items

2:45 – 3:30 pm

Advisor to Advisor

Location: Snohomish Hall 304 A/B

Presenter(s): David Roseberry, Region I Regbud, Seattle Central Community College

Summary: Regbud and Region I updates. This session is an opportunity to ask questions and learn from each other.

3:30pm

Happy Hour & Networking

Location: Silver Spoons, 3828 196th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98036

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