
Agenda

- 9:00-9:30 am **Social Time**
Location: Grand Hall (Mel Lindbloom Student Union building)
Light refreshments will be served. Mingle with fellow AWISAns!
- 9:30-9:45 am **Welcome, Overview and Announcements**
Location: Grand Hall
Remarks: Wendy Stewart, Vice President of International Programs at Green River College
- 9:45-10:40 am
55 min **Concurrent Session A**
- OneNote: A Quest for Efficiency and Information Gathering**
Presenter(s): Alan Nguyen, Green River College; Evan Aho, Seattle Central College
Location: River Room
Description: People come and go, school and immigration policy change. There is so much information and a need to keep track of it all. Hence, the need for OneNote! Please bring your laptop so that we can work on helping you build a OneNote for yourself.
- Using Doodling as an Advising Tool**
Presenter(s): Machel Allman, University of Washington
Location: Pine and Noble Room
Description: In “Back of the Napkin,” Dan Roam asserts that everyone is born with a talent for visual thinking, even those who say they can’t draw. Thinking with pictures can help you develop ideas and share insights—how powerful can this be in cross cultural interactions? At last year’s national NAFSA conference, Paco Hadley from Chemeketa C.C. shared some visual flyers he had developed to use in those “over and over again” advising sessions-the common situations that international students face. Learn how to develop this skill and help make complex concepts more tangible for your students.
- 10:40-10:45 am **Break—travel to sessions**
- 10:45-11:40 am
55 min **Concurrent Session B**
- International Student Peer Mentors as Agents of Empowerment**
Presenter(s): Mary Butcher, Green River College; Erica Swenson, Green River College; Seth Deister, Green River College; Peer Mentors, Green River College
Location: River Room
Description: Case study of 7 year old program and chance to discuss hurdles your institution faces to implementing a similar initiative (financial, logistical, manpower, etc). Focus will be on how this empowers students and mentors.
- Updates from SEVP**
Presenter(s): Stephanie Garrard, SEVP Field Rep and Jonathan Dietzen, SEVP Field Rep
Location: Pine and Noble Room
Description: Washington State Field Representatives will cover the latest SEVIS updates, reminders, and other updates from SEVP. SEVP Field Reps will also spend time responding to a number of pre-submitted questions from AWISA members.

11:40-12:30 pm

Lunch sponsored by LewerMark Insurance and Aboda

Location: Grand Hall

12:35-1:00 pm

AWISA Business Meeting

25 min.

Presenter: Julia Block, Seattle Pacific University; Jenna Cotey, St. Martin's University; Sancha Elevado, South Seattle College

1:00-1:30 pm

Advisor-to-Advisor

30 min.

Presenter: Catherine Creason, South Seattle College

Location: Grand Hall

1:30-2:25 pm

Concurrent Session C

55 min.

Poster Sessions

Presenter(s): Kathy Gallentine, CWU; Marc Milsten, Green River College

Location: River Room

Description: What is a poster session and how do you put one together?

Supporting International Students with Academic Difficulties

Presenter(s): Andrew Turgeon, Green River College

Location: Pine and Noble Room

Description: Learn about the academic strengths that international students bring to their studies and the common obstacles they face when reaching for academic and professional goals. Leave with an assessment tool and Academic Success Plan template that you can adapt to support your international student body!

2:25-2:30 pm

Break—travel to sessions

2:30-3:25 pm

Concurrent Session D

55 min.

A Brief History of U.S. Immigration Policy (and What You Can Do About It)

Presenter: Amber Hallberg, University of Washington

Location: River Room

Description: How did we end up with the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952, which is the basis for all of our current policies? How can you take this knowledge and advocate within your own communities?

International Student College Experience Course

Presenter(s): Nitivia Jones, Green River College; Jamaica Moor, Green River College

Location: Pine and Noble Room

Description: This session will discuss Green River College International Student Experience course. Topics will cover the purpose, intent, history, content, and data from the last 7 years. A Q&A will follow.

StudyWA

Presenter(s): Kyle Brown, City University

Location: Willow Room

Description: StudyWA is the Washington State Consortium for the promotion of international education in Washington State. As part of AWISA we work to join and create initiatives and partnerships to bring students to Washington State, and create opportunities for Washingtonians to study abroad. Come and join our session to learn about current projects and give your feedback for future efforts!

Thank you to our host:



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*All sessions will be held in the Mel Lindbloom Student Union building.