
Agenda

Entrance: Northeastern University main entrance on the NW corner of Terry Ave N & Republican at 401 Terry Ave N., Suite 103, Seattle, WA 98109.

9:00-9:30am

Social Time

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

Light refreshments will be served. Mingle with fellow AWISAns!

9:30-9:45am

Welcome, Overview and Announcements

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

Remarks: Dr. Paula Boyum, Associate Dean

9:45-10:40am

55 min

Session A

World Cafe: Facing Current Issues in International Education

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

Room Facilitator: Eric Bonham, AWISA; Julia Block, AWISA

Description: This is an opportunity to meet with colleagues in the field and share ideas, pose questions and work out solutions together within the topic area. Topics include:

- Review and discussion of IEM Town Hall meeting
- Methods for communicating without being emotionally or politically charged
- Resources for students with concerns
- Responding to discrimination
- Answering immigration based questions

10:25-10:35am

Break—travel to sessions

10:45-11:35 am

50 min

Concurrent Session B

Crisis Management 101: First Steps to Creating a Plan

Presenter(s): Lisa Jacobson, Cascadia College; Laura Caferro, Lewermark

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

Description: Don't have a crisis management plan for your international programs office? This interactive session will utilize NAFSA crisis management resources to get you started. Participants will leave with a customized list of action items and next steps for creating their own office/institutional plan.

Tips and Tricks for Email Communication with ESL Students

Presenter(s): Anne Maureen McCarthy; Lisa Chanthavisay, UW MA TESOL Program

Location: 225 Terry Ave N, Suite 300, Room 306

Description: Go over strategies for emailing with English-language students. We will provide some perspective on the context behind students' emails and some options for how best to virtually communicate with them.

11:40-12:30pm

Lunch sponsored by Kaplan

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

12:35-1:05pm

30 min.

AWISA Business Meeting

Presenter(s): Eric Bonham, UW IELP; Julia Block, Shoreline Community College; Farid Baghirov, Cordant Health Solutions

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

1:05-1:35pm

30 min.

Advisor-to-Advisor

Presenter: Catherine Creason

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

1:35-2:25pm

50 min.

Concurrent Session C

Supporting Minor Students

Presenter: Eva Engelhard, Highline College

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

Description: As the number of international students under age 18 started to increase, Highline College created the "Minor Support Program" to address the unique needs of this population. This presentation will describe the goals and content of our program, as well as the challenges associated with it. Participants will have opportunities to discuss best practices for supporting minors on their own campuses.

Tax Season Blues: Sprintax the answer

Presenter(s): Jennifer Gallagher, Sprintax

Location: 225 Terry Ave N, Suite 300, Room 306

Description: Sprintax is a non-resident tax filing software that makes tax prep quick and easy for international students and scholars. The proud non-resident partner of TurboTax, Sprintax is user friendly and offers 24/7 live chat help while in the system. Sprintax offers 1040NR, EZ, 8843, FICA, ITIN and the only non-resident tax filing software that offers STATE filing on the market.

Presentation: walks through an overview of what Sprintax is, the benefits of becoming a Sprintax partner, benefits for students/schools, commonly asked questions, what schools currently are using/doing for tax related issues/info, basic tax info and a Q&A.

2:25-2:35pm

Break—travel to sessions

2:35-3:25pm
50 min.

Concurrent Session D

Executive Orders and their implications

Presenter(s): Lisa Ellis, Ellis Immigration Law

Location: 401 Terry Ave N, Suite 103, Room 106

Description: This session will present key executive orders and address the travel ban, raids, and more subtle enforcement from the field. Tips will be offered on how to help foreign students and other affected immigrants during this uncertain time in U.S. history.

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