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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Over 24 years of experience in developing and administering international education opportunities;
- Strategic thinker with demonstrated leadership skills in International Education with experience directing international office and developing institutional policies and procedures;
- Skilled negotiator with experience developing institutional partnership for mobility and research;
- Accomplished advocate for Internationalization;
- Track record of ability to solve complex problems through effective management, research, and interpersonal communication;
- Bilingual in English and Finnish, Intermediate skills in German and Swedish.

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICE
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA, MISSOULA, MT

August 1996 - present

Associate Director

August 2019 - present

- Senior member of the leadership team of the Global Engagement Office.
- Provides leadership and strategic direction for global partnership development that serves both partners beyond the traditional scope and aligns with University of Montana's (UM internationalization efforts.
- Represents the Global Engagement Office in university-wide initiatives and policy decision-making when appropriate based on expertise.
- Articulates goals and needs of education abroad and partnerships and builds strategic and collaborative partnerships with faculty, staff, and other partners across the university and abroad in support of UM's internationalization efforts.
- Encourages the development of curriculum innovation in international education including education abroad programs and faculty and student exchanges.
- Provides leadership for international risk management to ensure the implementation of global safety, security, and risk related policies and procedures.
- Primary first responder in managing crisis in coordination with Legal Counsel, Dean of Students, and others as appropriate
- Serves as the university's primary liaison to health insurance and safety/security providers both for questions and concerns and on contract coverage issues.
- Oversees the International Travel Policy for UM Missoula and for UM's affiliate campuses.
- Responsible for leading the review of student, faculty, and staff travel to high-risk countries and regions
- Develops and maintains risk mitigation strategies in collaboration with other campus units

Interim Director

January 2018 - July 2019

- Provides leadership of University of Montana's administrative and academic activities related to International Programming - reporting directly to the Provost.
- Oversees Education Abroad, Institutional Partnerships, English language Institute, and International Students and Scholars
- Supervises 11 employees including 7 direct reports.
- Manages Global Engagement Office budget of approximately \$1,200,000.
- Oversees reporting and compliance activities required on University of Montana by various federal agencies related to immigration.

- Liaises and works with a broad range of constituencies both in the U.S. and abroad, including University faculty and staff, representatives of partner institutions, federal government officials and agencies, and non-governmental and community organizations.
- Collaborates with Vice President of Enrollment and Strategic Communications and the Dean of Graduate School on recruitment of international student at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Director of Education Abroad and Partnerships

July 2012 - present

- Responsible for the administration and programmatic oversight of all UM's education abroad programs, including student exchanges and faculty-directed programs.
- Provides leadership in development, administration, program budgets, recruitment, and promotion of these programs. Manages Study Abroad Scholarships.
- Supervises the work of 4 employees including 2 direct reports.
- Manages Education Abroad unit's operating and program budgets of approximately \$300,000.
- Establishes Education Abroad goals and metrics as they align with the University's strategic internationalization goals as well as student interests and needs.
- Collaborates with academic departments and professional schools on faculty directed study abroad program development to ensure that best practices are followed.
- Works closely with administrative units supporting Education Abroad: . My office also collaborates closely with other campus administrative units such as Office for Student Success, Registrar, Financial Aid, Business services, Office of Equal Opportunity & Title IX, VETS Office, and Career Services
- Oversees UM's exchange agreements on student, faculty, and staff exchanges, managing renewals and negotiating new agreements as needed.
- Expands the scope of UM's institutional partnerships to include agreements on research and scholarly collaborations, grants and contracts.
- Oversees and promotes the use of travel registration process for all UM faculty, staff, students to record their university related travel.
- Chief contact for students, their families, faculty, and staff for health and safety and insurance issues.
- Led the implementation of UM Travel registry, UM International Travel Policy, and mandatory international insurance in the MUS system.

Director for Study Abroad and Student Exchanges

September 2010 - July 2012

Assistant Director for Study Abroad

July 2004 - September 2010

International Education Coordinator

August 1996 - July 2004

EDUCATION

Master of Laws(LL.M.),George Washington University, National Law Center, Washington D.C,

International and Comparative law, February 1993

Thesis: Existing Problems of the Political Offense Exception in the face of Modern Political Violence

Master of Laws (Juris Doctor equivalent), University of Helsinki, Finland, November 1988

Thesis: The Definition of International Crime, the Responsibility of Committing the Crime and the Implementation of the Responsibility

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Planning for a Successful Education Abroad (EDU 212)

Fall 2014 - present

Phyllis J Washington College of Education & Human Sciences – University of Montana

- *Designs and instructs 2 sections of EDU 212 both Fall and Spring semesters. Students will learn about cultural theories, intercultural communication and important logistics for study abroad such as safety, security, health care, student visa, registration, credit transfer, billing.*

Adjunct Professor of International Law

August 1997 - December 1998

Alexander Blewett II School of Law – University of Montana

- Taught courses on Public and Private International Law

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Commentator, Draft Rules and Regulations of the Judicial Police for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central and East European Law Initiative, American Bar Association September 1997
Project Assistant - European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations, Helsinki, Finland September 1994-November 1994
Research Assistant, Department of Criminal Law Helsinki, Finland January 1993 - July 1993
Assistant Lawyer, Becker & Wesamaa Lawyers Office, Helsinki, Finland Feb-June 1991, Jan. 1989-Jan. 1990
Judicial Trainee, Porvoo Circuit Court, Porvoo, Finland February 1990 - January 1991

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Erasmus Plus Staff Mobility Award March 2018, July 2019
• Awarded by the European Union to strengthen collaborations between University of Porto and University of Montana
UM Award for Distinguished Service to International Education April 2016
UM Staff Award for Outstanding Services for Students May 2007
Invited member of Soros Foundation Open Society Institute for in-country interview team for candidates for the Undergraduate Exchange Program (Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania): February 1999 (Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Uzbekistan): February 2000
Young Researcher Grant, University of Helsinki 1993-94
Fulbright Scholar to George Washington University 1991-92
Lower Court Judge Honor, The Helsinki Court of Appeals Feb. 1991

COMMITTEES & SERVICE

Diversity Advisory Council, University of Montana 2016-present
International Council ex-officio member, University of Montana 2004-present
International Travel Review Committee ex-officio member, University of Montana, 2010-present
Overseas Security Advisory Council Academic Working Group, U.S. Department of State 2015-present
Internationalization Laboratory Task Force, University of Montana 2014-2015
Internationalization Laboratory Student Mobility Subcommittee, University of Montana 2014-2015
Council of Advisors, International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP)
• Elected member for 3 terms 2004-2014
National Selection Panelist, Gilman Study Abroad Scholarship, Institute of International Education
• May 2006 & April 2014
Reader for Critical Language Scholarship Program, Council of American Overseas Research Centers
• Dec. 2008 & Dec. 2009
Membership Task Force, International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) 2004-2007

PRESENTATIONS

Practical Approaches to Education Abroad Crisis management: Recap of spring 2020 response to pandemic and future of student mobility in post COVID-19 world, NAFSA State Virtual Conference, June 2020

Developing Transformative Learning Experiences through Strategic International partnerships. SW Montana Regional Conference, October 2018

Managing Risk while opening Doors to Education Abroad. NAFSA State Conference, Billings, June 2018

How to Integrate ISEP on Your Campus ? Trainer. New Coordinators Workshop. ISEP Conference, Washington D.C. , November 2008

Discipline-Specific Exchange: A Case Study between University of Angers and University of Montana, ISEP Conference, Washington, D.C. , October 2006

Risk Management from the Perspective of ISEP US Host/Home Institution. ISEP Conference, Washington D.C., November 2001 and October 2004

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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| University at Albany, State University of New York, International Education Leadership Institute, International Educators as Leaders of Institutional Transformation in a Post-Pandemic World | July 2020 |
| TerraDotta Software Trainings to manage Education Abroad Programs/Travel Registry | 2011-2016 |
| University Risk Management and Insurance Association, Risk Management Workshop | May 2015 |
| Overseas Security Advisory Council Briefing, Department of State | November 2015 |
| NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Professional Development Program: F-1 Student Advising for Beginners | May 2018 |
| Preparing U.S.-Based Faculty to Direct Programs for U.S. Students Abroad | May 2012 |
| Health, Safety, and Risk Management in Education Abroad | May 2012 |
| Confronting the Stereotype: Managing Risk in “Third World” Study Abroad | May 2000 |
| Foundations of International Education: Education Abroad Advising | May 1997 & Oct. 1997 |

LANGUAGES

Bilingual in English and Finnish, Intermediate skills in German and Swedish
Some Arabic, French, and Spanish

WORK-RELATED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Erasmus Plus Staff Mobility Award

- Portugal

UM exchange partner visits

- Australia, Chile, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, Norway, Portugal, Spain

ISEP Membership Symposiums:

- Italy and Mexico and Study Tours to France, Japan, Korea, and Thailand.

Soros Foundation Open Society Institute in-country interview team for candidates for the undergraduate fellowship program.

- Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, and Uzbekistan.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

NAFSA: Association of International Educators

AIEA: Association of International Education Administrators

OSAC: Overseas Security Advisory Council, U.S. Department of State