Contributor Biographies

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Lisa Chieffo is associate director for study abroad in the Institute for Global Studies at the University of Delaware. Overseeing a staff of six who manage some 100 global programs enrolling about 1,400 students annually, she is responsible for program development, crisis management, policy development and implementation, and assessment. With more than 20 years’ experience in education abroad, Chieffo has published widely and presented at multiple NAFSA and Forum on Education Abroad conferences. She has served on the Academic Advisory board of CAPA and currently serves on CEA’s advisory board. Chieffo earned her MA in German and EdD in educational leadership from the University of Delaware, studied in Austria as an undergraduate, and studied in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar.

Alexandra Cole is the head of international programs and study abroad at the University of East Anglia (UEA) in the United Kingdom. She has been involved in the design and delivery of short-term programs for more than a decade, leading the way on UEA’s international study programs since 2010. Cole hosted the 2013 U.S. Administrators Fulbright Seminar Series, presented at the annual BUTEX conference in 2014, and initiated UEA’s Partner Days in 2015. Cole brought to fruition UEA’s accredited International Summer School in 2012, designed to strengthen exchange partnerships in the United States. Cole is currently involved in the university-wide process review to strengthen processes related to student mobility, and is tasked with doubling outbound student mobility at UEA by 2020. Cole earned a BSc in business management and an ILM Level 7 diploma in leadership and management.

Bill Frederick is the founder of Lodestone Safety International, a training and consulting company specializing in health, safety, and security for educational organizations operating abroad. Prior to that he held the position of director of safety at the School for Field Studies for eight years and served with Outward Bound for 16 years. Frederick was chair for the Forum on Education Abroad’s pilot incident database and served for three years as co-chair for the Forum Standards Institute: Beyond the Basics of Health, Safety and Security. As a faculty committee member for Wilderness Medical Associates, Frederick designed the travel medicine curriculum and has taught emergency medicine extensively overseas. He has led numerous international safety reviews and has provided risk management training and program development for well over 100 educational and service institutions. He holds a BA from the University of Colorado, an MEd from Harvard University, and a CTH from the International Society of Travel Medicine.

Sora Friedman is professor and chair of international education at SIT Graduate Institute. She started working in international education in 1984, and is now sought out as a peer reviewer, trainer, and consultant on topics including the preparation of new professionals,
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Christopher S. Gunter is a proud University of Delaware (UD) alumnus who holds a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice and sociology. During his tenure at UD, Gunter served as the community relations manager for the Student Support Services Program, president of the Black Student Union (BSU), a general board member for the Presidential Committee for Bias Reporting at UD, and an undergraduate researcher. Gunter has been the recipient of numerous domestic and international scholarships (i.e., Benjamin A. Gilman and Dave Plastino) to help complete his research and social justice work. Gunter’s research examines correctional systems within the criminal justice field. His work explores the impact of police targeting in low-income and inner-city communities as well as the reentry process of African-Americans back into society postcorrections. Gunter’s passion for the law and intrinsic zeal for helping others has motivated him to attend law school. He looks forward to one day being a progressive leader in the field of criminal justice.

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Rich Kurtzman is the founder and director of Barcelona Study Abroad Experience (SAE). Based in Barcelona, Spain, Kurtzman has been working in international education since 1998, and working with study abroad programs in Barcelona since 2002 as director and instructor of several courses on intercultural communications and cultural studies. His current responsibilities include working with a team of dedicated staff to provide study and intern options in Spain, and running a variety of customized faculty-led short- and long-term programs. Kurtzman is known for NAFSA presentations ranging from “Increasing Cultural Awareness in Short-Term Programs” to “Professional and Personal Development Activities for Internships Abroad: A Toolkit.” Kurtzman has been awarded the Regional Highlight award three times at NAFSA regional conferences.
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