**Schedule of Events**

Registration 9:00 - 9:15 a.m.
Welcome and Keynote Address
Rotating Session 1
Brunch and International Opportunity Fair
Poster Fair
Photo Contest Voting
Rotating Session 2
Rotating Session 3
Closing Remarks Concludes at 2:45 p.m.

**Keynote Address**

Traveling Down Your P.A.T.H. to Success: Maximizing Your Off-Campus Experience for Personal and Professional Growth

Students participating in off-campus programs seldom maximize the value and utility of their experience. The keynote address will highlight how students can travel further down their Personal Assessment of Traits and Habits (PATH) to success by using their experience to think differently, take action and grow both personally and professionally.

**Keynote Speaker**

Michael Edmondson, Ph.D., is the Director of Marketing and Recruitment for The Philadelphia Center, a 44 year old experiential education off-campus program where students spend a semester living, learning and interning in Philadelphia. Michael is also the author of the popular “Discover Your Value (DYV)” blog series on Go Abroad.com. He and his longtime friend, Dr. Peter Abramo, co-founded MEAPA – a global training company in 2005. He and Peter have co-authored several publications that include The ABCs of Marketing Yourself: A Workbook for College Students and How to Use Your Liberal Arts Degree to Succeed in Today’s Economy. Michael has a BA in History from Cabrini College, a MA in History from Villanova University and a Ph.D. in History from Temple University.

**Directions**

Bethel University Main Campus
3900 Bethel Dr.
Arden Hills, MN 55112

From the North:
Take I-35W south to the County Road E2 exit. Go east to Old S.T.H. 10 (Snelling Ave.), turn right, and take the first left into campus. Or take I-694 east to the Snelling Ave. (Highway 51) turnoff and proceed to campus entrance on the right, one-quarter mile south. Note that Old U.S. Highway 10 connects with I-694 just west of the Snelling Ave. (Highway 51) turnoff.

From the South:
Take Snelling Ave. north and exit at County Road E. Turn left, proceed to Old S.T.H. 10 (Snelling Ave.), and turn right. Campus entrance is on the right. Or take I-35W north to the County Road E2 exit. Go east to Old S.T.H. 10 (Snelling Ave.), turn right, and take first left into campus.

From the West:
Take I-694 east to the Snelling Ave. (Highway 51) turnoff and proceed to campus entrance on the right, one-quarter mile south.

From the East:
Take I-694 west to Snelling Ave. (Highway 51) exit, then make immediate left at the turn-around to go south onto Snelling Ave./Highway 51. Campus entrance is one-half mile on the right.

http://www.mnreturneeconference.org/
Rotating Sessions

You will attend three rotating sessions as part of the conference. Some sessions are very practical in nature while others are more reflective, but each is designed to help you explore a specific re-entry issue more deeply.

Go Abroad Again: Short-term Work & Teaching English Opportunities
Attend this session to learn more about short-term employment and teaching English positions. Because teaching English is one of the most feasible ways to find paid positions abroad, this session will focus on teaching opportunities. You’ll be given an overview of strategies, programs, resources, and things to consider to make your dream a reality. You’ll also have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenter who advises on these opportunities and who has taught abroad in Japan.

Graduate School at Home and Abroad
Are you interested in attending graduate school abroad or staying stateside, but focusing on international issues? This presentation will address many of the common questions associated with applying for graduate school in other countries. In addition resources will be provided about internationally focused programs in the U.S.

Digging Deeper: Stories and Identity
In this session participants will reflect upon their experiences abroad, share stories and ponder questions. Come prepared to listen, think and share with the intent of spending focused time processing your experience and how it has shaped your identity. Participants should bring a picture or artifact that represents a meaningful remnant of their experience.

Go Abroad Again: Volunteer and Community Engagement
Are you looking for a way to go abroad again? There are volunteer and community engagement opportunities available for everyone. Come to learn about some of the different volunteer opportunities you can do abroad.

Craft Your Study Abroad Stories for Interviewing
You studied abroad… so what?! Oftentimes students have incredible, life changing experiences during their time abroad, but when they return and try to describe to others about how important the experience was, they are at a loss for words. During job or internship interviews, there is no time to grapple for the words to describe the transferrable skills that you have learned through study abroad. This session will help you to begin to formulate those anecdotes which will capture the essence of your experience.

International Careers at Home and Abroad
Hear from a panel of experienced professionals who spend time working with global colleagues, travel abroad for a percentage of time, or actually work abroad (we’ll use Skype to conference this perspective in). This panel will represent various industries and careers from for-profit and nonprofit, to education and government. Learn how they started out, what challenges they face, and what they enjoy most about their work.

The ABCs of Marketing Yourself
Based on Dr. Edmondson’s publication The ABCs of Marketing Yourself: A Workbook for College Students, this interactive workshop will help you discover your value to the market place by learning how to assess your personal and professional traits, creating a personal brand and designing a clear, concise and compelling way to communicate your value.

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