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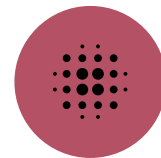
**MARCH 9-10**

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CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

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## At a glance

### DAY 1

*Thursday, March 9th*

- 5:00PM** Downtown Chattanooga Food and History Tour (included in registration fee) beginning at Indigo Hotel; Art and History stroll with four restaurant stops and one cocktail.
- 7:00PM** Reception with light appetizers and drinks at the Walden Club sponsored by Olsen Law Firm

### DAY 2

*Friday, March 10th*

- 8:30-9:00AM** Continental Breakfast, Registration and Exhibit Hall
- 9:00-9:30AM** Welcome and TAIE Meeting
- 9:35-10:25AM** Breakout Session 1
- 10:30-11:20PM** Breakout Session 2
- 11:30-12:00PM** Study TN Meeting
- 12:05-1:10PM** Lunch
- 1:15-2:05PM** Breakout Session 3
- 2:10-3:00PM** Breakout Session 4
- 3:00-3:30PM** Networking and Exhibit Hall

# Session Descriptions

Friday, March 10th

**8:30-9:00AM- Breakfast, Registration and Exhibit Hall (Lobby)**

**9:00-9:30AM- Welcome and TAIE Meeting (HSC 1085)**

Welcome to the TAIE Annual Conference 2023 "Global Express"

**Speaker: Dr. Beth Norton, VP for Academic Affairs, CSCC**

TAIE Meeting

**Dr. Amy Miller, Chair of TAIE**

**9:35-10:25AM- Breakout Sessions- Block 1**

Establishing Sustainable Partnerships Among Higher Education Institutions- A Case Study of Partnerships with Indian Universities (HSC 1083)

An approach to establish sustainable partnerships among Indian and TN Universities will be discussed. Such partnerships will help in enrolling more students, improving quality while reducing cost of education, and increasing research output of TN universities. Role of Global Education Services in establishing and nurturing these partnerships will be explained.

**Dr. Ashok Kolaskar, Senior Advisor, Global Education Services, Inc.**  
**akolaskar@yahoo.com**

Putting Together The Puzzle of A Successful International Student Orientation (HSC 1085)

From admission to first day of class, a successful International Student Orientation is composed of many puzzle pieces. This session will discuss strategies, tools, and best practices at Rhodes College with arrival logistics, moving in, SEVIS check-in, orientation sessions, student employment, social security appointments, and more.

**Rachel Gasser, International Education Advisor, Rhodes College**  
**gasser@rhodes.edu**

Round table discussion on international no-shows: Which strategy is your institution using? (HSC 1087)

Schools are facing a new challenge: a larger number of requests to transfer before attending "initial" SEVIS school. TAIE participants will have the opportunity to discuss what we can do to retain prospective students. Does it have to do with the countries they come from? Could charging an extra fee be the solution?

**Eunice Davis, International Admission and Immigration Advisor, UTC**  
**Yvonne Dunham Slobodenko, ESL Coordinator, UTC**  
**eunice-davis@utc.edu**



## 10:30-11:20AM- Breakout Sessions- Block 2

Can't we all just get along? Utilizing the Enneagram to build better relationships (HSC 1083)

One third of your life is spent at work, but it can be hard navigating relationships with colleagues. In order to build better relationships, it can be helpful to learn more about how you and your colleagues are wired. Come learn more about the Enneagram, how it relates to you, and how it can be used to improve relationships with others.

**Shauna Walsh, Assistant Director of ISSS, Belmont University**  
**Hayley Reed, Assistant Director Study Abroad, Belmont University**  
**shauna.walsh@belmont.edu**

SEVP Update (HSC 1085)

This session will provide the latest in SEVP news, updates, and resources.

**Heather Young, TN Field Representative, SEVP**  
**heather.young@ice.dhs.gov**

Collaboration for Student Engagement, Retention, and Community Building (HSC 1087)

This session will illuminate ways participants can consider and re-evaluate opportunities at their institutions that build collaboration among departments (academic and non-academic) to encourage and increase student engagement while building community for international students on campus.

**Charria Campbell, Director of Student Engagement & Intercultural Affairs**  
**cycampbell@tnitech.edu**

## 11:30-12:00PM- Study Tennessee Meeting (HSC 1085)

Study Tennessee Presentation  
**Stephanie Sieggreen, Chair of Study TN**

## 12:05-1:10PM- Lunch (Lobby)

### **TAIE info**

Website: [www.taie-tn.org](http://www.taie-tn.org)- click "membership" to join  
Facebook: Like us on "TAIE Tennessee Association of International Educators"

### **Study Tennessee info**

Website: <http://www.studytennessee.us/>  
Study Tennessee is an international student recruiting consortium for Tennessee education institutions and organizations.



## 1:15-2:05PM- Breakout Sessions- Block 3

From Ukraine to Chattanooga: Lived experiences of two brave Ukrainian Students and the UTC's global-scale empathy (HSC 1083)

This presentation will enable participants to understand how UTC created the Global Response Assistantship. It will also be an opportunity for participants to meet two Ukrainian students and learn about their lived experiences through the ongoing war and their future.

**Takeo Suzuki, Executive Director of the Center for Global Education, UT Chattanooga**  
**Arsen Martyshchuk and Nina Klimenkova**  
[takeo-suzuki@utc.edu](mailto:takeo-suzuki@utc.edu)

H-1B 101 - How Hard Can It Be? (HSC 1085)

This session will serve as an introductory course to all things H-1B, specifically when transitioning from F-1 or J-1 status. Outsourcing H-1B Change of Status petitions to external law firms can require a large chunk of an institution's budget. This session aims to address the nuances that come with F-1 students and J-1 scholars when transitioning to H-1B and provide the tools necessary to prepare cases in-house to avoid external legal fees. Examples of common situations will be shared, as well as strategies to overcome potential "road-blocks."

**Natalia Bien-Gordy, Sr. Immigration Specialist, St. Jukes Children's Research Hospital**  
**Lisa Gaddy, Manager-Immigration & Visa Services, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**  
[natalia.biengordy@stjude.org](mailto:natalia.biengordy@stjude.org)

Study Abroad Round Table Discussion (HSC 1087)

This session will be a round table discussion about Study Abroad topics: bouncing back post-COVID, staffing solutions and other current study abroad topics.

**Dr. Danielle Walters, Director of International Programs, LMU**  
**Dr. Amy Miller, Assistant Director to the Provost's Office, TTU**  
**Dr. Marissa Chandler, Director of Global Engagement, APSU**  
**Cassie FitzPatrick, Education Abroad Coordinator, APSU**

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## 2:10-3:00PM- Breakout Sessions- Block 4

### Identity & Belonging: Creating a Seat at the Table (HSC 1083)

The session applies a dinner table concept to illustrate a sense of belonging in study abroad by using analogies on how guests are welcomed at the table. The session includes stages of welcoming students to create and sustain community while abroad. By using analogies of planning and hosting a dinner party, participants learn how to facilitate conversations and activities that focus on creating intentional connections where students feel they belong and have a seat at the table.

**Jasmine Marecle, Senior Academic Relations Manager, SAI Programs**  
**jasmine@saiprograms.com**

### Hot Topics for Scholars (HSC 1085)

This presentation will focus on the good (STEM policies, premium processing expansion, etc.), the bad (Visa Bulletin retrogression), and the ugly (long-pending prevailing wage determinations) of scholar immigration. We will also address strategies and best practices.

**Lisa Gaddy, Manager-Immigration & Visa Services, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**  
**Adam Cohen, Partner, Siskind Susser immigration lawyers**

### Advisor Blind Spot: Failure to educate/equip students for tax compliance is risky business (HSC 1087)

By the end of this presentation participants will: 1) Learn the risks and consequences of taxation non-compliance by international students and scholars on campus 2) Begin the process of determining the scope, limits and appropriate boundaries in support that can be provided by International Student and Scholar Services, institutional partners, and external resources 3) Be ready to work in conjunction with institutional partners to create and develop a plan for taxation compliance to support their international students and scholars 4) Learn what levels of communication and education are appropriate for international students and scholars about basic taxation compliance 5) Be able to identify resources for support and referral of students related to annual tax filings.

**Brian Todd, Senior Coordinator ISSS, UTK**  
**Elizabeth Clevenger, Coordinator ISSS, UTK**  
**btodd@utk.edu**

## 3:00-3:30PM- Networking and Exhibit Hall (Lobby)







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## GLOBAL EDUCATION SERVICES



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### CAMPUS SERVICES INCLUDE:

- > Customize tours to interface with leadership, faculty, students, and families
- > Create recruitment pipelines for undergraduate and graduate students
- > Provide joint faculty professional development and research opportunities
- > Expand or initiate new study abroad programs
- > Establish branch campuses abroad to expand access and outreach

### STUDENT SERVICES INCLUDE:

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- > Career and Professional Development
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- > Travel and Tour Arrangements
- > Tests and Assessments Preparation
- > Logistical Services and 24/7 Live Support

GESI is a member of NAFSA and the Tennessee Association of International Educators

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Dr. Amy Miller, Assistant Director, Provost's Office, TTU

## **Chair Elect**

Elizabeth Harrison, International Student Services Coordinator, APSU

## **Past Chairs**

Dr. Marissa Chandler, Director of Global Engagement, APSU

Erik Simons, Assistant Director, International Student & Scholar Services, UTK

## **Secretary/Treasurer**

Chasity Drew, Associate Director of International Student & Scholar Services, ETSU

## **Special thanks to our Chattanooga State Host:**

Mary Knaff, Director of Multicultural and International Student Services, CSTCC

