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The Fulbright Gateway Orientation is intended to address two main components: 1) the participants’ roles and responsibilities as Fulbrighters and 2) skill development for successful academic and professional lives in the U.S.

As Fulbrighters: The Gateway Orientation Program provides an overview of the Fulbright Program, administration of grants and students’ rights and responsibilities as exchange visitors. The Program also aims to provide professional development activities and leadership training to Fulbright students.

As foreign students: Participants should receive an introduction to the U.S. academic system and culture as part of the overall goal of promoting mutual understanding and to assist with their entry into their U.S. academic programs. Gateway Orientations are an opportunity for Fulbright grantees to experience and learn about regional culture and highlights.
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**Monday, August 8, 2016**

**All Day**

**Airport Transfers**

KSU staff will arrange pick-up times for you according to individual flight arrangements. Econorides, a local airport shuttle company, will provide the airport transfers. For those arriving at the Domestic Terminal, Econorides will meet you at the ground transportation area just outside the exit for the MARTA rail station. For those arriving at the international terminal, they will meet you at the main lobby/exit area.

**All Day**

**Check in at the SpringHill Suites Marriott Hotel**

SpringHill Suites Marriott is located adjacent to KSU’s campus. KSU Staff will be available to help Fulbright participants check-in at the hotel and register for the Gateway Orientation. Participants will receive arrival packets and information at registration.

**6:00 pm**

**Optional Dinner**

KSU staff will meet with you in the Springhill Suites Hotel lobby and escort you to one of two local restaurants that are within easy walking distance of the hotel for dinner (Mellow Mushroom and Jimmy John’s), if you are interested. If you wish to eat later, you will be provided with a map of local dining options as well as a list of restaurants that will deliver food to the hotel. This optional meal will be at the expense of each participant.
Tuesday, August 9, 2016

7:00 am – 8:30am  Breakfast at Springhill Suites Hotel

8:30 am  Depart for KSU Campus

You will walk to Prillaman Hall.

9:00 am – 9:45 am  Welcome Remarks and the Current State of American Higher Education: Challenges and Solutions

Prillaman Building: HS1101  

Dr. Lance R. Askildson  
Chief International Officer & Vice-Provost for Global Affairs  
Executive Director of the Division of Global Affairs  
Kennesaw State University

Welcome to Kennesaw State University! This session will provide you with a brief overview of KSU, and orient you to the campus and local community. In addition, this session will provide an overview of current themes and debate surrounding the American higher education system.

9:45 am – 10:15 am  Fulbright Remarks and Overview

Prillaman Building: HS1101  

Institute of International Education

10:15 am – 10:30 am  Agenda Overview

Prillaman Building: HS1101  

Dr. Daniel J. Paracka  
Director, Campus Internationalization  
Division of Global Affairs  
Kennesaw State University  

Ms. Peggy Kiernan  
Grant Operations Manager  
Kennesaw State University

This session is a brief overview of the orientation agenda and why each session is important for you and the realization of program goals. Questions regarding program activities will also be addressed.
10:30 am – 11:15 am  Getting to Know Your Fellow Fulbrighters  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*

Dr. Daniel J. Pracka  
Director, Campus Internationalization  
Division of Global Affairs  
Kennesaw State University

Are you a peach or a coconut? Do you pour your heart out to make or keep a friend? Through a series of engaging icebreaker activities designed to help participants meet and get to know one another, this session will also help participants begin the process of identifying their own cultural communication styles and expectations. Objectives for this session include networking and collaborating with group members, as well as developing an appreciation for tolerating ambiguity in intercultural interactions.

11:15 am – 12:30 pm  Cross Cultural Understanding & Adjustment Workshop  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*

Dr. Daniel J. Pracka  
Director, Campus Internationalization  
Division of Global Affairs  
Kennesaw State University

Dr. Nyasha GuramatunhuCooper  
Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies  
Department of Leadership and Integrative Studies  
Kennesaw State University

This interactive session will help participants understand and adapt to U.S. culture generally, while highlighting the myriad subcultures in the country. Participants will learn about U.S. cultural norms and etiquette while also engaging in interactive simulations designed to heighten and strengthen your intercultural awareness. You will be introduced to the latest literature on major theories and models related to the development of intercultural competence and will be provided with the necessary tools to engage successfully in intercultural contexts.

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm  Fulbright Gateway Orientation Group Photo  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*

We will take a group photo to commemorate the official start of your Fulbright experience. The photo will be sent to you electronically.

12:45 pm – 2:00 pm  Lunch  
*The Commons*

We will walk to the Commons for lunch.
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Appropriate Interpersonal Relationships  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*  

Dr. Michael Sanseviro  
Associate Vice President for Student Success  
and Dean of Students  
Kennesaw State University  

This session will introduce you to acceptable behavior in various social, academic and professional situations. KSU staff specializing in campus security, counseling services, and resident life will introduce participants to the facts, myths, and resources for dealing with sexual harassment, stalking, and sexual violence. Participants will learn about the seriousness and potential consequences of sexual harassment, including how participants’ behavior may be misconstrued as inappropriate or harassing. You will think through short critical incident scenarios and learn what to do when you feel as if a line has been crossed.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Understanding U.S. Academic Culture  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*  

Catherine Odera, Assistant Director of International Student Retention & Part-Time Instructor of Education  

A panel of KSU graduate students at both the doctoral and Master’s levels will provide you with an overview of academic culture in the U.S. and help you develop strategies to adjust to a potentially unfamiliar academic system. Topics include: the U.S. grading and credit hour systems; class types (such as seminars, lectures, and workshops) and the types of student participation expected in each; and the culture of informality in U.S. graduate classes, as well as the limits of informality in faculty-student relationships. The session will introduce you to the types of people with whom you will regularly interact (such as faculty, administrators, and fellow students); explain key dynamics in the advising relationship; describe U.S. concepts of academic integrity; and discuss the importance of academic integrity in the university environment and beyond.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
Break  

You will have free time to relax and socialize before dinner. If you have forgotten to pack any essentials, this is a good opportunity for you to visit Walmart using the BOB shuttle.

5:30 pm  
Meet in Hotel lobby to go to dinner  

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Community Immersion Experience and Dinner  
*Downtown Marietta Square*  

Students will be given vouchers for dinner and the chance to select among numerous different local restaurants on the quaint traditional Marietta square.

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
Optional - Wal-Mart/Town Center Mall Shopping
Wednesday, August 10, 2016

7:00 am – 8:30 am  Breakfast at Springhill Suites Hotel

8:30 am  Depart for KSU Campus

You will walk to Prillaman Hall.

9:00 am – 10:15 am  Fulbright Grant Benefits and Responsibilities

Prillaman Building: HS1101

IIE Program officers will discuss grant responsibilities, benefits, and other important information related to the Fulbright grant.

10:15 am – 10:30 am  Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm  Fulbright Graduate Student “Talk Show” Discussion

Prillaman Building: HS1101

Facilitators:

- Todd Harper
  - Associate Professor of English
  - Department of English
  - Kennesaw State University

- Chien-Pin Li
  - Professor of Political Science
  - Department of Political Science & International Affairs
  - Kennesaw State University

2nd Year Fulbright Students:

In this moderated “talk show style” group discussion session, you will have the opportunity to hear from and speak with current Fulbright Foreign Students entering their 2nd year of study in order to ask questions and discuss issues related to acclimation and adjustment in American graduate school.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Lunch

The Commons

You will walk to the Commons for lunch.
**Atlanta’s Role in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement**

*Prillaman Building: HS1101*

Dr. Jennifer Dickey  
Coordinator of Public History  
and Associate Professor of History  
Kennesaw State University

Dr. Jennifer Dickey will introduce you to Atlanta’s pivotal role in the U.S. civil rights movement providing context for our afternoon trip to civil rights sites in Atlanta. You will explore Atlanta’s role as a spiritual center for the civil rights movement, serving as the meeting place for civil rights leaders and organizations including the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Congress of Racial Equality.

**2:00 pm**  
Depart for Atlanta

You will depart from KSU Campus to the MLK Jr. Center.

**2:30 pm – 5:30 pm**  
KSU for MLK Jr. Center, Atlanta

Dr. Daniel J. Paracka  
Director, Campus Internationalization

You will visit the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change. The objective for this trip is to gain a first-hand and nuanced understanding of the U.S. civil rights movement.

**5:30 pm**  
Depart for Dinner

You will depart from the MLK Center by the KSU BOB bus to go to dinner.

**6:00 pm**  
Dinner in Atlanta  
Mary Mac's Tea Room  
224 Ponce De Leon Ave. NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Mary Mac’s Tea Room is the last of sixteen tea room in Atlanta. Fulbrighters will experience Southern cooking at one of Atlanta’s well-known restaurants, which has been officially declared to be Atlanta’s Dining Room by the Georgia House of Representatives.

**7:30 pm**  
Return to Kennesaw

Participants will return to Kennesaw by 8pm.
Thursday, August 11, 2016

7:00 am – 8:30am  Breakfast at Springhill Suites Hotel

8:30 am  Depart for KSU Campus

You will walk to Prillaman Hall.

9:00 am – 10:30 am  U.S. Politics and People  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*

Dr. Kerwin Swint  
Professor of Political Science and  
Chair of Department of Political Science and  
International Affairs  
Kennesaw State University

Dr. Kerwin Swint will introduce the basic structure, function, and challenges of the U.S. political system providing a historical context to the development of founding principles and institutions. Participants will learn about American political culture, its development, and its historical progression. Discussion topics will include the U.S. presidential election, political parties, and current issues of interest.

10:30 am – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm  Teambuilding with KSU Student Leadership  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*

Judy Craven  
Director of Leadership Development & Part-Time Instructor  
of Education  
Center for Student Leadership  
Kennesaw State University

Dr. Thomas J. Yannuzzi  
Executive Director & Part-Time Assistant Professor of  
Education  
Center for Student Leadership  
Kennesaw State University

Staff from the KSU Center for Student Leadership will introduce Fulbright students to a variety of leadership skills to enhance teamwork and development. These include promoting positive communication, acting with integrity, defining personal leadership roles, and respecting difference in others.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch  
*The Commons*
You will walk to the Commons for lunch.

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**  
**Leadership Workshop**  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*

Dr. Linda Johnston  
Executive Director and Professor, Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Character  
Kennesaw State University

Facilitated by the teaching staff of KSU’s Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Character, this workshop will familiarize participants with the principles of ethics, inform participants about the research on ethics and professional success, determine ways in which leaders can make informed ethical decisions, learn ways in which to communicate values through our work, examine ethical decision making models, and utilize case studies to understand ethical principles.

**3:00 pm – 3:30 pm**  
**Coffee Break**  
*Prillaman Atrium*

**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Becoming an Ambassador by Personalizing your Fulbright Goals - Wrap Up Session**  
*Prillaman Building: HS1101*

In this informal discussion session, you will have the opportunity to reflect on the topics discussed during the orientation and create personal and professional goals for your Fulbright experience in the U.S as well as consider how the knowledge, skills and awareness you develop can be applied upon return to your home country.

You can also access and submit your Fulbright Gateway Orientation evaluation on-line at:  

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**  
**Break**

You will have free time to relax and socialize before dinner.

**6:00 pm**  
**Meet in Hotel lobby to go to dinner**

**6:30 pm**  
**Farewell Dinner**  
*Jolley lodge*

Celebrate a successful orientation program with your fellow Fulbrighters and KSU faculty and staff participants while enjoying a variety of cuisine prepared by our award winning School of Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality.
Friday, August 12, 2016

All Day

Airport Transfers

KSU staff will arrange drop-off times for you according to your individual flight arrangements, and will use a local airport shuttle company to provide the airport transfers. You will be provided with information regarding your airport transfer on Thursday by lunch.

11:00 am

Hotel Checkout

You will be required to check out of your hotel by 11am. If your flight does not depart until later, you have the option to either possibly arrange a late checkout time with your hotel, or wait in a designated lounge space.

All meals on this day will be at your own expense.
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Lance R. Askildson
Vice-Provost for Global Affairs and Chief International Officer

Dr. Askildson is an interdisciplinary scholar of second language acquisition, language program administration & assessment, language learning technology and international studies. He has published numerous books, articles and edited volumes within these areas of research and has served as the managing editor of multiple academic journals. Dr. Askildson is also the former Executive Secretary of the International Association for Language Learning Technology as well as a current trustee and board member of the Center for the Advanced Study of International Education, and an advisory board member of the federally funded Title VI National Foreign Language Resource Center on Language Assessment & Evaluation based at Georgetown University.

Judy G. Craven, M.S.
Director of Leadership Development, Center for Student Leadership

With over 30 years of professional experience in higher education, Judy brings a high level of commitment to providing intentionally engaging environments for college students to explore leadership development. Prior to joining the CSL team, Judy spent nine years as a personal counselor in the Kennesaw State University Counseling Center and coordinated the new student orientation program as part of her responsibilities.

Dr. Jennifer Dickey
Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Public History Certificate Program

Dr. Jennifer Dickey has a Ph.D. in public history from Georgia State University. She is the author of A Tough Little Patch of History: Gone with the Wind and the Politics of Memory and the co-editor of Museums in a Global Context: National Identity, International Understanding. She has also worked as a historian for the National Park Service.

Dr. Nyasha M. GuramatunhuCooper
Assistant Professor of Leadership

Dr. GuramatunhuCooper received her PhD in Leadership Studies from Gonzaga University. Previously she has worked as the community development neighborhood coordinator for the City of Spokane.

Dr. M. Todd Harper
Director of KSU Programs in Tuscany and Associate Professor of English

In 2003, Dr. Harper received a Fulbright-Hays grant to teach and research at Ionian University in Corfu City, Greece, and in 2005, he received a Rotary grant to teach at Middle East Technological University in Ankara, Turkey. Since 2005, Dr. Harper has been leading students from the University System of Georgia to Greece, Turkey, and Italy. As Director
of KSU Programs in Tuscany, he oversees the development of study abroad programs at Kennesaw's first international facility. Dr. Harper's research interests include the History of Rhetoric, the History of Writing, Rhetoric and Philosophy, Rhetoric and Ritual.

**Dr. Linda M. Johnston**  
Executive Director and Professor  
Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics, and Character

Dr. Johnston's current research interests include sports-related conflict, bullying, and ethics. She teaches at the UN School of Peace in Costa Rica and the Dag Hammarskjöld Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies in Zambia. She has also done work in Ukraine, Republic of Georgia, Barbados, Nigeria, Egypt, Mongolia, and Ecuador.

**Peggy Hu Kiernan**  
Grant Operations Manager  
Division of Global Affairs

Peggy Kiernan is a Grant Strategy Specialist in Kennesaw State University’s Division of Global Affairs. In this role, Peggy identifies and pursues opportunities for external funding, in addition to helping manage and administer awarded grants. Prior to joining KSU in 2012, Peggy worked at the Center for Civilians in Conflict in Washington, DC and also spent a year studying Mandarin Chinese in Taipei, Taiwan. Peggy holds an M.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame.

**Ms. Catherine Odera**  
Assistant Director, International Student Retention Services

Catherine Odera received her Bachelor of Education in English and Literature from Kenyatta University in Kenya. She received her Master of Education in Education Administration and College Student Personnel from Kent State University in Ohio in 2001. She is also currently enrolled in KSU’s International Conflict Management PhD program, and her dissertation uses African Feminism as a lens to interrogate the creative ways in which women organize themselves into agents of peacebuilding within contexts of conflict and displacement.

**Dr. Chien-Pin Li**  
Associate Dean for Curriculum and Technology and Professor of Political Science

Chien-Pin Li received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Iowa. He was an Associate Research Fellow at Academia Sinica (Taipei, Taiwan), a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States (Washington, D.C.) and a Research Fellow at the Pacific Cultural Foundation (Taipei, Taiwan). He taught at the National Taiwan University and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, before commencing his tenure at Kennesaw State.
Dr. Daniel J. Paracka, Jr.
Director of Campus Internationalization, Division of Global Affairs

Dan Paracka holds a Ph.D. from Georgia State University in International Education Policy. He has previously served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone and an English Teacher in China. He was Chair of Region VII NAFSA: Association of International Educators (2003-2005) and has presented widely at the state, regional, national, and international level. Dr. Paracka regularly teaches courses aimed at helping students develop strategies to internationalize their college experience and reflect on today’s complex interdependent world. Since 2004, he has coordinated KSU’s award-winning annual country study program. With more than 20 years of international education experience, Dr. Paracka’s scholarship focuses on intercultural competency and global engagement.

Dr. Michael Sanseviro
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

Over the past 25 years, Dr. Sanseviro has worked on college campuses big and small, in Georgia, North Carolina, Florida, and New York. He is the advisor for the KSU Chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society, and serves on the Golden Key International Council of Advisors representing the southeast. He was honored as the Regional Advisor of the Year in 2010, and has been awarded international travel grants to attend the 2016 International Summit in Gold Coast, Australia, the 2013 Asia-Pacific Conference in Adelaide, Australia, and was the sole participant from Georgia in the ACUHO-I Global Housing Summit in Hong Kong, China in 2009. He is also a published author, and was nominated for Author of the Year in 2011 by the Georgia Writers Association.

Dr. Kerwin Swint
Chair, Department of Political Science and International Affairs
Professor of Political Science

Specializing in Campaigns and Elections, Mass Media, and Political History, Dr. Swint or his work has appeared in a number of national and international media, including CNN, FOX News, the BBC, the ABC program The View, The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, NPR, The Toronto Star, The Daily Mail (UK), National Journal, The Chronicle of Higher Education, and numerous other media. He is the author of four books, including the recently released The King Whisperers: Power Behind the Throne from Rasputin to Rove. He was the recipient of the College of HSS Distinguished Professor Award in 2011. He has also frequently taught abroad with KSU’s education abroad programs.

Dr. Thomas Yannuzzi
Executive Director & Part-Time Assistant Professor of Education
Center for Student Leadership

Dr. Yannuzzi received his PhD in Education, Culture, and Society from the University of Pennsylvania, and also holds an MA in Communication and Rhetorical Theory from Temple University as well as a BA in Communication & Rhetorical Theory from California State University-Fullerton. Dr. Yannuzzi is a creative thought leader with years of experience and a proven track record of developing, consulting, and coaching international professionals.
with the goal of raising the performance standards of individuals and organizations, as well as to create frameworks toward growth and sustainability.

2ND YEAR FULBRIGHT STUDENTS
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U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT
TBD

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
TBD
Emergency Information

If you require immediate emergency medical assistance and cannot locate a staff member, please either:

* Go to the nearest hospital: WellStar Kennestone Hospital
  677 Church St NE
  Marietta, GA 30060-1101
  770-793-5000

  Emergency Department: WellStar Urgent Care In Kennesaw
  Specialty: Urgent Care Center
  3805 Cherokee St NW
  Kennesaw, GA 30144-2085
  770-426-5665

OR

* **Dial 911** on the telephone for an emergency operator who will send medical assistance should you need it.

If you are unable to locate a staff member during the conference, in the event of a medical emergency, please call Vivian Bonilla (cell# 404-680-5612) or Dan Paracka (cell# 706-506-1756).

In case of any other emergency, please follow any instruction provided by event venues or any law enforcement and emergency personnel. Please take note of the emergency exit routes posted in your hotel room.

In case of emergency that does not require exiting the building, please relocate to a public area.

In case of emergency that requires leaving the building, meet at either the Springhill Suites Hotel or the KSU Division of Global Affairs Office at 3391 Town Point Drive, Suite 2800, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

If you are unable to locate the group, please call Vivian Bonilla (cell# 404-680-5612) or Dan Paracka (cell# 706-506-1756).

For non-emergency assistance, please call the DGA Main Office at 470-578-2368.