

Fulbright Gateway Orientation



Kennesaw State University
August 6-10, 2017

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This activity is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

The Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program is a benefit made available to foreign Fulbright student grantees arriving in the U.S. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as part of its flagship Fulbright Program, and designed by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The 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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Kennesaw State University**

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Sunday, August 6, 2017

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. Participants arriving after 6pm should check into the hotel and meet program staff the next morning for program 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.

Monday, August 7, 2017

7:00 am – 8:30am **Registration at the Springhill Suites Hotel for Late Night Arrivals**

Program staff will be at the hotel beginning at 7am to check in participants arriving after 6pm on Sunday, August 6th.

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

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

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

Prillaman Building: HS1101

Getting to Know Your Fellow Fulbrighters

Dr. Sabine Smith
Professor of German
Department of Foreign Languages
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

Prillaman Building: HS1101

Cross Cultural Understanding & Adjustment Workshop

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 am – 12:45 pm

Prillaman Building: HS1101

Fulbright Gateway Orientation Group Photo

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

The Commons

Lunch

You will walk to the Commons for lunch.

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Prillaman Building: HS1101

Appropriate Interpersonal Relationships

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.

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm **Understanding U.S. Academic Culture**
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

This session 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.

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 – 8:30 pm **Community Immersion Experience and Dinner**
Downtown Marietta Square

You will break into groups of 8-10 to eat with a KSU faculty member, staff, or student at different local restaurants on the quaint traditional Marietta Square. A list of available restaurants and cuisine will be made available. You will also have the opportunity to walk around Marietta Square after dinner. .

8:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Optional - Wal-Mart/Town Center Mall Shopping**

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

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 – 10:15 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 am – 1:00 pm **Lunch**

The Commons

You will walk to the Commons for lunch.

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Atlanta’s Role in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement**

Prillaman Building: HS1101

Dr. Seneca Vaught
Associate Professor of History

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

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:
<http://fluidsurveys.com/s/fulbright-evaluation/>

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**
KSU Gazebo

Celebrate a successful orientation program with your fellow Fulbrighters, KSU faculty and staff, and members of Atlanta's international community.

Thursday, August 10, 2017

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.

Logistical Arrangements [For proposal purposes only]

Housing

KSU will house participants at hotels that are either within walking distance or within a 10 minute shuttle ride of campus, depending on availability. Tentatively, KSU anticipates housing the participants at the Springhill Suites across from campus as in previous years. All participants will be housed in double occupancy rooms with other participants of the same gender. Based on previous rates the Springhill Suites has offered, KSU is budgeting \$116 per room, which is within the allowable federal per diem rate of \$140 per night.

Meeting Facilities

All meetings will take place on KSU's campus, which is located on 384 acres 25 miles northwest of Atlanta, GA. The campus includes 19 classroom buildings, and includes a variety of classroom spaces ranging from computer labs and seminar rooms to lecture halls. Audiovisual equipment includes computer projection capabilities. This year, KSU will ensure the availability of coffee and refreshments during the day in a space adjacent to the classroom space being used for the Gateway Orientation sessions.

Transportation

KSU will contract with a shuttle service vendor, Econorides, for the airport transfers. KSU has used Econorides for frequent group and VIP airport pick-ups in the past, and has always been impressed by the flexibility and efficiency of the vendor.

KSU will charter its own Big Owl Bus (BOB) for travel to each dinner location. BOB is responsible for KSU campus shuttles in addition to providing charter services for the campus community.

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.

Vivian Bonilla

Executive Assistant to the Chief International Officer & Vice-Provost and International Visitors Bureau Coordinator, Division of Global Affairs

Vivian Bonilla-Cruz joined the Institute for Global Initiatives at Kennesaw State University in 2007 as the assistant to the Executive Director. In her current position, she is responsible for the overall office management and executive level support for the Vice Provost for Global Affairs / Chief International Officer for KSU. Vivian also facilitates visits by high-profile international visitors for the benefit of the entire campus community through the International Visitors Bureau Initiative and Grants Programs within DGA. She holds a degree in International Affairs from Kennesaw State 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. Nyasha M. GuramatunhuCooper

Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies

Nyasha M. GuramatunhuCooper holds a Ph.D from Gonzaga University in Leadership Studies, with a focus on leadership in Southern African armed liberation movements. She has lived in Zimbabwe, Germany, and the United States, as well as traveled to 20 countries around the world. These travels inform her work and passion: examining leadership as a culturally and socially mediated practice. Additional teaching and research interests include examining current events and global issues to understand the historical, cultural, social, and

political contexts of leadership and the lived experiences and identities of leaders and followers.

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.

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 25 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. Sabine Smith

Professor of German and Community Engagement Coordinator

Department of Foreign Languages

Sabine's academic work is focused on learners' development of linguistic and (inter)cultural competences through experiential learning including study abroad and internships. Among her recent publications is the book chapter "Staking the Ground for the 'Third Place': Fostering Intercultural Competence in Foreign Language Students at an American University" (2014), the co-authored articles "Integrating Intercultural Communicative Competence Into the Curriculum of a Department of Foreign Languages: An Exploratory Case Study" (2013) and "Streets in the Sky: The Balconies of Lima and the Road to Intercultural Competence"(2012), and the co-edited essay collection *Bridging Cultures: International Women Faculty Transforming the US Academy* (2011). A native of Germany, Sabine earned her Ph.D. at UC Davis and has lived and worked in the US since 1989.

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. Seneca Vaught

Associate Professor of History

Seneca Vaught is an associate professor of History & Philosophy at Kennesaw State University in Georgia where he also holds joint appointments in African and African Diaspora Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies. His research investigates intersections between race, policy, and technology in strategies for social change and community engagement. Additionally, he is editor of Afro-Americans in New York Life and History and

has served as director of Information and Technology for the Africana Cultures and Policy Studies Institute.

Dr. Thomas Yannuzzi
Executive Director, 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

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Participants

[To be included in final agenda to participants]

Last Name	First Name	Home Country	Field of Study	U.S. Institution
Last Name	First Name	Home Country	Field of Study	School Name

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.