



## Study Abroad SIG Newsletter – 2018

Happy holidays from the SA SIG team! We trust you have had a productive, enjoyable year. I (Lyndell Nagashima, Coordinator) am pleased to send you our 2018 Study Abroad SIG Newsletter. I have provided a brief summary of our SIG's activities this year, important 2019 dates and officer introductions.

### 2018 In Review

This year our SIG ran the Study Abroad Conference in September with great success again! Our representation at both PanSIG2018 (May) and JALT2018 (November) were also strong. Well done to those of you who presented and helped out at these events. We look forward to expanding our presence and impact to other SIGs and JALT members in 2019.

Recently we welcomed two new officers, Masaki Seo and Adam Stone as Publicity and IT Chair respectively. On behalf of the SIG, thank you to all our officers who work in various capacities to ensure we run smoothly. As the newly appointed Coordinator, I have been both challenged and inspired by the work involved. Therefore, my appreciation is genuine!

Looking ahead to 2019, we are currently looking for a Program Chair. The role entails organising speakers and other details at JALT-affiliated conferences including our September SA Conference. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please email me: [lyndell.nagashima@gmail.com](mailto:lyndell.nagashima@gmail.com)

I am organising the SA SIG Forum at PanSIG2019 and JALT2019 and trust you will enjoy the topics and speakers. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have a particular subject to discuss or questions you would like answered in our forums. Additionally, we would like to know how we can better serve you. We are open to any suggestions or improvements for the SA SIG. With our team, I look forward to providing you with the resources and support to ensure you and your students' successful study abroad!

## Study Abroad SIG Upcoming Events:

### 2019 JALT Conferences:

### Dates:

***PanSIG2019 Conference***.....May 18 - 19

Konan University, Nishinomiya, Hyogo Prefecture

***Study Abroad SIG Conference***.....September

\*date & place yet to be decided

***JALT2019 Conference***.....November 1-4

WINC AICHI, Nagoya, Aichi

## Study Abroad SIG Officer Introductions:

### ***Publicity Chair - Masaki Seo***



My name is Masaki Seo. I am a lecturer at Ibaraki University and teach Japanese language to international students on campus. In addition, I have been sending Japanese students to Brunei (for a month) and Malaysia (for 3 weeks) to study in an intensive English program. Prior to this position, I taught Japanese at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and I welcomed several Japanese students to our exchange program. I became an officer as I wanted to be more involved in this SIG and know more about SA. I look forward to serving you and the SA community.

### ***IT Chair - Adam Stone***

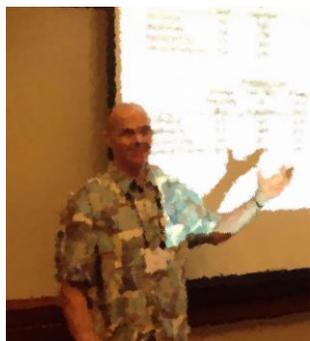


Hello, my name is Adam Stone. I am from New Zealand, currently living near Fukuoka, Kyushu. This is my second year teaching full-time at Kyushu Sangyo University. I love traveling, and my research has allowed me to go to conferences in Tokyo, Finland and Shizuoka this year.

In March this year I was lucky enough to take some students to Los Angeles for a 3-week study abroad trip. I had so much fun, it was so inspiring to see the students make connections with the students in America. Some of them have since visited us here in Japan.

My own current research at the moment is in augmented and virtual realities and so I am also very interested in educational technology. As IT officer I hope I can contribute and learn from those more experienced than me! Yoroshiku onegaishimasu:)

### ***Publications Chair – Robert Dilenschneider***



Hello, my name is Robert (Bob) Dilenschneider. I am from Columbus, Ohio in The United States, but I have been living and teaching ESL in Japan for over 23 years. I currently work at Jichi Medical University in Tochigi Prefecture and for over 11 years I have been involved with an exchange program between my university in Japan and Cornell University in the United States. This experience I has sparked my interest in improving the quality of students' academic and cultural experiences overseas. My motivation to become the Publications Chair for the Study Abroad Special Interest Group stems from wanting to use my academic background to help others in the field as well as to further my knowledge of issues pertaining to students living and studying overseas.

### ***Membership Chair - Russ Hubert***

Russ Hubert has been the membership chair since the SA-SIG formed in 2008. He also works with the publications chair, editing and preparing the Ryugaku journal. Based in Kyoto, he has been working with study abroad program administration and student advisement for the past 18 years. He is looking forward to the continued growth and publication output of the SIG in 2019.

### ***Treasurer - John Charles***



I'm John Charles I've been the Study Abroad SIG Treasurer since 2015. I teach at an EAP program called NIC International College in Tokyo. My school prepares Japanese students to study as undergraduates at American and British universities. I would like to do some long-term study abroad research with the

students from my school. I also teach part-time at Nihon University Bunrigakubun Campus in Setagaya, and at Waseda University Bungaku Bunko Dept. at the Toyama campus.

In the past I've worked closely together with the former coordinator, Paul Horness, to organize the first and second annual Study Abroad SIG conferences. I would like to continue to work with the new Program Chair to organize the 2019 Study Abroad SIG Conference. I look forward to working with the new SIG officers, and I hope we have another successful year.

### ***Coordinator - Lyndell Nagashima***



I have lived and worked in Japan for 16 years, first in Tokyo and now at Kyushu Sangyo University in Fukuoka. During this time, I have been involved in study abroad as an International Education Coordinator, teaching and accompanying students overseas. I am also pursuing a second MA in this field. I hope to use my experience, and passion for Japanese students' overseas education in this role.

All the best for 2019 from all of us!

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