

## Webinar #1, Fall Semester 2017:

### Developing Self Awareness and Reflection: Applications in Education Abroad

Dr. Steven Duke

Friday September 15, 2017, 2-3 pm Eastern time

Dr. Steven Duke will kick off this webinar series with a review of research on the importance and process of developing self awareness and reflection as key elements of intercultural competence. Many study abroad students lack a deep understanding of their cultural identities and values. As a result, they make assumptions about the actions, intentions and cultural values of people in their host culture. This webinar will translate some of these research findings into practical actions that can help education abroad professionals and faculty program leaders in their efforts to guide study abroad students during pre-departure, while abroad, and reentry phases of their cross-cultural experience.



#### Learning Outcomes: Participants will have opportunities to:

- Learn about key theoretical perspectives and research on the importance of self awareness and reflection
- Identify at least three activities education abroad program leaders can do with students before departure to help them become more aware of their cultural values, habits and perceptions
- Identify at least three activities education abroad program leaders can do with students while abroad to enhance their intercultural learning
- Recognize opportunities to continue reflection and learning after returning from abroad

#### About the Presenter

Dr. Steven T. Duke is Assistant Vice President for Global Strategy and International Initiatives at the University of Nebraska and President of the Institute for Cross-Cultural teaching and Learning. With a PhD in history from Indiana University, Steve has taught Russian, European and world history courses at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Wake Forest University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Brigham Young University, as well as cross-cultural engagement courses at Wake Forest University. He is a frequent presenter at regional, national and international conferences on international education and at workshops for faculty and international education professionals. He created and led the award-winning WISE conference on intercultural learning in education abroad from 2008 to 2015. His publications include *Preparing to Study Abroad: Learning to Cross Cultures* (Stylus, 2014) and "The Importance of Intercultural Learning in Study Abroad," in Tammy Milby and Joan Rhodes, eds., *Advancing Teacher Education and Curriculum Development through Study Abroad Programs* (IGI Global, 2015), pp. 73-88.