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Reentry: Creating Opportunities for Reflection, Growth, and Applications after Study Abroad

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In the past decade discussions on the topic of Reentry after study abroad have grown exponentially among study abroad professionals. However, even though there is widespread consensus that (1) the return home can have major impacts on students and that (2) reentry can be a time of additional intellectual and intercultural growth, reentry courses and activities have not expanded as significantly as one might expect. Bruce La Brack, a recognized expert and author on the reentry process, will review why reentry can be an extraordinary opportunity for additional student learning and insights, and offer suggestions about how faculty can involve them in reentry activities.



Learning Outcomes: Participants will have opportunities to:

- Understand the process of reentry and be able to identify why this stage can be of critical importance within the cycle of international educational exchange
- Identify the positive and negative aspects of reentry as they commonly impact returning students
- Learn what reentry research has concluded about how to maximize benefits of study abroad upon return while minimizing undesirable outcomes
- Identify experiential and cognitive activities designed to assist students at various stages of the reentry process, including training tips and exercises appropriate to their needs
- Identify additional training resources and internet resources that can support student's reentry efforts, including bibliographic references and venues designed to help educators design and offer their own reentry courses or programs.

About the Presenter

Dr. Bruce La Brack, Professor Emeritus, School of International Studies, University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, an anthropologist by training, created their innovative and integrated study abroad training program for orientation and reentry to support international educational exchange. These courses are the oldest, continuous, cross-cultural orientation courses in America, and include the first required, credit-bearing reentry courses in the US. Bruce is the primary author and editor of "What's Up With Culture?" (<http://www2.pacific.edu/sis/culture/>), a free, self-guided, self-paced, and self-

assessed Internet resource for preparing U.S. American study abroad students. For over two decades, Bruce served as a senior faculty member at the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication, Portland, Oregon. In 2012, he was presented the Teaching, Learning and Scholarship Award for Innovative Research and Scholarship in Internationalization by NAFSA. His numerous publications include two recent chapters in *Student Learning Abroad* (2012) and another in *International Higher Education's 'Scholar-Practitioners': Bridging 'Research' and 'Practice'* (2016).