

Webinar #4, Spring Semester 2018:

Help Wanted: Connecting Study Abroad with Career

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Have you heard this one before? Or anything like it? “Border-crossing skills / intercultural skills / the ability to work effectively across cultures is the key to employability in this globalized 21st Century.” In sending our students abroad and assuring them that the choice to go abroad is good for their career, we are making an implicit promise. How prepared are we to deliver?



In reality the connections aren't always easy to make, and small staffs and budgets and crunched student schedules too often mean that students aren't offered the chance to distill lessons from abroad that might look valuable to future potential employers.



In this session, participants will learn how to apply the LITE process — developed by the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership at International House Berkeley. LITE provides a powerful strengths-based framework for advisors and students to work together to unearth career-relevant learning from abroad, and to help students translate this learning into terms that will be valued by future employers — ultimately leading to enhanced employability outcomes.

Learning Outcomes: Participants will have opportunities to:

- Understand a framework for helping students unearth and articulate their intercultural skills for career development.
- Appreciate students' cultural strengths by reflecting on intercultural success stories and how those strengths can translate to career success.
- Develop strategies for applying a model for intercultural career coaching that supports students' ability to articulate intercultural skills as transferable to the workplace

About the Presenters

Jason Patent, Ph.D., is Director of the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership (CIL) at International House Berkeley. With over two decades of experience in training and facilitation, Jason delivers high-quality intercultural training and coaching to individuals and teams across a variety of sectors. At CIL, Jason is responsible for building I-House's existing training programs and expanding them to meet the needs of increasing numbers of I-House residents, UC Berkeley campus units, and external businesses and non-profit organizations. Fluent in Mandarin, Jason has a BA in East Asian Studies from Harvard, a

Master's degree in the same field from Stanford University, and an MA and a PhD in Linguistics from UC Berkeley. His previous roles include: American Co-Director of the Hopkins–Nanjing Center in Nanjing, China and Inaugural Director, Beijing Center, Stanford Bing Overseas Studies Program.

Lauren Moloney-Egnatios, M.A., is Assistant Director & Intercultural Training Specialist for the Robertson Center for Intercultural Leadership (CIL). With over a decade of experience facilitating, coaching, and consulting in various professional organizations across the U.S. and abroad, Lauren designs and delivers custom intercultural and leadership development workshops and coaching engagements for corporate, non-profit, government clients, as well as, for U.C. Berkeley staff and students. Fluent in Spanish, Lauren worked in Spain as a cross cultural trainer and international program manager. She has also studied Arabic in Lebanon and led organizational shorter term projects in Costa Rica and the Netherlands. Lauren received a M.A. in International Communications from the School of International Service at American University and a B.A. in Organizational Development and Spanish from the University of Michigan.