

Future Focus Series—Spring 2018

A Campus of Difference

Anti-Bias Workshop

Wednesday, February 28

1:30–3:00 p.m., Martin Colloquium Center, Seminar Room 4127, Sennott Square

To register, use the following link: [Anti-bias Workshop](#)

Microaggression Workshop

March 12

3:00–4:30 p.m., Martin Colloquium Center, Seminar Room 4127, Sennott Square

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The Dietrich School's Office of Graduate Studies is partnering with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to offer two educational sessions for graduate students. "A Campus of Difference" is a curriculum developed by the Anti-Defamation League, whose mission it is to fight hate, build hope, and safeguard liberty. A microaggression workshop will enable participants to identify microaggressions, their impact on the recipient, and response strategies. The workshop will also explore ways to be an ally of marginalized groups. The anti-bias session will introduce participants to concepts and language that assist us in understanding what bias is and how it affects us.

3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Information Session

March 13, 2018

12:00-1:00 p.m., Martin Colloquium Room, Fourth Floor Sennott Square

Hear from previous participants and judges about they approached the 3MT competition. Bring your questions!

Strategies and Resources for International Travel

April 18, 2018

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., 310 William Pitt Union

Many of you travel as part of your time in graduate programs at Pitt — to international conferences, for study abroad periods, and for long-term research in the field or in archives overseas. In response to student requests, and partnering with Pitt Study Abroad/UCIS, the Dietrich School is pleased to offer this workshop. The university has many resources to help you prepare and plan for travel, as well as support services to ensure all goes well during your time abroad. This session will cover pre-travel preparation (including medical, legal, documentation, and technology), strategies for remaining healthy and safe while abroad, and who to contact within the university for advice and assistance should something go wrong. Whether you are traveling for the first time since arriving at Pitt, or are a seasoned research traveler, this session will offer valuable advice about using university and other free resources for a safer, healthier, and more successful time abroad.

Presenters:

Vanessa Sterling, Associate Director of Pitt Study Abroad: Vanessa has worked in Study Abroad for more than 10 years as a Program Manager, Assistant and Associate Director. Her portfolio includes risk management and preparation for students who decide to travel abroad while at Pitt.

Tiffany Martin, Assistant Director of Pitt Study Abroad: Tiffany has spent the entirety of her career at Pitt Study Abroad, working from the Resource Area to her current post. She is primarily responsible for program development and the preparation of students who have not traveled abroad in the past.