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EdAbroadCon!

EAC SCHEDULE**

TUESDAY FEB 23RD

9-10: SIT Open House – Nepal:
Geoscience in the Himalaya
10-11: Making Study Abroad
Affordable with USAC
10-11: CEA Global Dialogue Series:
Recent Unrests: Civil Rights and
Nationalism
11-12: Western Abroad 101 Info
Session
2-3: Passport Party
3-4: The African American Journey:
Race in Zora Neale Hurston
5-6: Wildlands Studies Information
Session
7-8: Global Ambassadors Games
Night

WEDNESDAY FEB 24TH

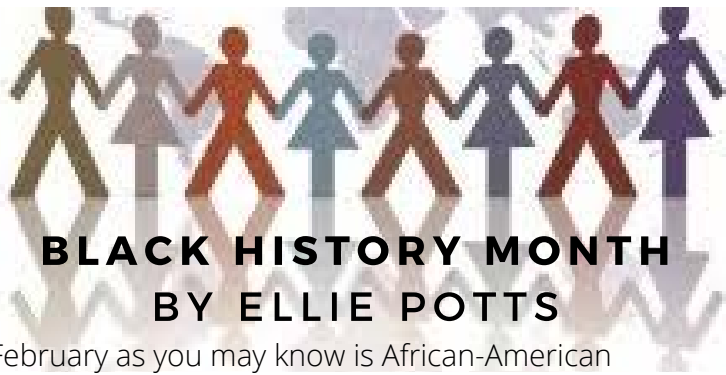
9-10: Real Talk with ISA: See Your
Own Identity Abroad
10-11: API Information Session:
Study Abroad in Italy
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ED-ABROADCON FEBRUARY 23RD-25TH

The Education Abroad office is partnering with study abroad providers, support offices, and departmental academic advisors to offer themed content sessions highlighting resources, opportunities, and programs for particular areas of study and identity groups. This conference will feature some of the opportunities WWU students and faculty have to participate in education abroad, and resources available to help facilitate their international experience.

Visit this link to learn more and sign up for email updates!

<https://studyabroad.wvu.edu/edabroadcon>



BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY ELLIE POTTS

February as you may know is African-American history month. Incorporating Black History is essential to fully understanding the context of American History, and is often overlooked in the predominantly white narrative of education. Around the world and throughout centuries, black activists have shaped and corrected our society to become more socially just, and the fight continues today. Below are some brief biographies of black activists around the world, as well as some links, documentaries, and books to continue your learning of Black History and unlearning of systemic racism.



IJEOMA OLUO IS A NIGERIAN-AMERICAN SEATTLE BASED WRITER, AND THE AUTHOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLER *SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE*. SHE WRITES AND SPEAKS ABOUT RACISM, INTERSECTIONALITY, FEMINISM, LGBTQ+, PARENTING, ECONOMICS, THE BLM MOVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. IN 2018, SHE WAS NAMED ONE OF THE 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN SEATTLE AND RECEIVED THE FEMINIST HUMANIST AWARD. SHE HAS TWICE BEEN ON THE ROOT 100 LIST OF MOST INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND IN 2020 RECEIVED THE HARVARD HUMANIST OF THE YEAR AWARD. SHE GRADUATED FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (YES, YOU READ THAT RIGHT!) IN 2007 WITH A BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. IJEOMA SPOKE AT THE MLK DAY SPECIAL EVENT, "AWAKENING THE LEGACY" THIS YEAR, ON THE 18TH OF JANUARY. HERE IS A LINK TO THE RECORDING OF THE EVENT: [HTTPS://WWW.WWU.EDU/MLK](https://www.wvu.edu/mlk) , HER TWITTER: [@IJEOMAOLUO](https://twitter.com/IJEOMAOLUO) , AND HER WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.IJEOMAOLUO.COM/](http://www.ijeomaoluo.com/)



EAC SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY FEB 24TH

10-11: The Pragmatic Use of Gestures in Italian: How to Survive in Italy Using Your Hands
1-2: Alumni Perspectives on the SIT Study Abroad Experience
1-4: Huxley Environmental Career & Internship Fair
2:30-3:30: Institute for Shipboard Education | Semester at Sea®
4-5: Scholarships & Financial Aid for Study Abroad

THURSDAY FEB 25TH

10-11: Translating your Study Abroad into Careers with the U.S. Department of State
10-11: Cooking Class: "Upside Down" with SIT Jordan
12-1: Virtual Global Internships: Access to Resume Builders!
2-3: Teach Abroad Opportunities and Benefits
2:30-3:30: SIT Study Abroad & Critical Language Scholarships
4-5: Peace Corps: Work for the World

**To obtain more details about all of these events, and how to register, please visit the Ed-AbroadCon website. Link for that is on the previous page. This is not a full list of events. Visit website for full list of events. There are also asynchronous resources available to read and watch on your own time.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH - CONTINUED

NELSON MANDELA (1918-2013) IS WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS SOCIAL RIGHTS & ANTI-APARTHEID ACTIVISM. IN 1939, MANDELA ENROLLED AT UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE, WHERE HE WAS INVOLVED IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT, PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN CIVIL SERVICE. HE LATER ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSTRAND TO STUDY LAW. IN 1942, HE JOINED THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, AND FOR OVER 20 YEARS, MANDELA DIRECTED DEFIANCE AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S RACIST POLICIES. IN 1956, HE WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED FOR TREASON. MANDELA WAS IMPRISONED FOR 27 YEARS, AND THEN ELECTED AS THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM 1994-1999. HE HAS WON A NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AND WROTE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY TITLED *LONG WALK TO FREEDOM*. A QUOTE FROM HIM: **"I LEARNED THAT COURAGE WAS NOT THE ABSENCE OF FEAR, BUT THE TRIUMPH OVER IT...THE BRAVE MAN IS NOT HE WHO DOES NOT FEEL AFRAID, BUT HE WHO CONQUERS THAT FEAR."**



RENI EDDO-LODGE IS A BRITISH AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST, AS OF JUNE 16TH 2020, SHE BECAME THE FIRST BLACK BRITISH AUTHOR TO TOP UK'S BESTSELLER LIST, WITH HER TRIPLE AWARD WINNING 2017 BOOK *WHY I'M NO LONGER TALKING TO WHITE PEOPLE ABOUT RACE*. HER WORK FOCUSES ON FEMINISM AND STRUCTURAL RACISM IN EUROPEAN CONTEXTS. SHE WAS RAISED IN LONDON BY HER NIGERIAN MOTHER, AND STUDIED ENGLISH LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE, SHE PARTICIPATED IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT, AND BECAME INVOLVED IN FEMINIST ACTIVISM IN THE 2010 STUDENT PROTEST MOVEMENT. HER TWITTER IS **@RENIRENI**. HERE IS A SHORT CLIP WITH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RENI'S BELIEFS AND HER EXPERIENCES OF CONVERSATIONS ON RACE:

[HTTPS://WWW.PBS.ORG/NEWSHOUR/BRIEF/235136/R
ENNI-EDDO-LODGE](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/brief/235136/RENI-EDDO-LODGE)



JAMES BALDWIN (1924-1987) WAS AN AMERICAN ACTIVIST, WRITER, AND EXTRAORDINARY ARTIST. HIS WORKS EXPLORE THEMES OF SEXUALITY, RACE, MASCULINITY, AND THEIR CONTEXT OF CLASS DISTINCTIONS IN WESTERN SOCIETY. BALDWIN MOVED TO PARIS AT AGE 24, AS HE WANTED TO WRITE OUTSIDE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONTEXT, AND BELIEVED HE WOULD EXPERIENCE A LESS-PREJUDICED SOCIETY OUTSIDE OF AMERICA AS A GAY BLACK MAN. HE LIVED IN SWITZERLAND AND TURKEY, TRAVELING THE WORLD, AND LECTURED ACROSS THE AMERICAN SOUTH ON HIS VIEWS OF RACIAL INEQUALITY. BALDWIN DIED FROM STOMACH CANCER IN FRANCE, AND WAS BURIED IN HARTSDALE, NEW YORK. HE INFLUENCED THE WORK OF MANY ARTISTS AND POLITICAL ACTIVISTS, INCLUDING NINA SIMONE, LANGSTON HUGHES, LORRAINE HANSBERRY, AND MAYA ANGELOU. THE 2016 DOCUMENTARY *I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO* EXPLORES BALDWIN'S UNFINISHED BOOK, AND HIS STORIES WITH MEDGAR EVERS, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., AND MALCOM X. IT IS CURRENTLY ON NETFLIX AND PRIME VIDEO.

SOURCES: [HTTPS://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/IJEOMA_OLUO](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ijeoma_Oluo) [HTTPS://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/RENI_EDDO-LODGE](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reni_Eddo-Lodge)
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OFFICER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Some of our beloved officers are graduating, and we are in need of new people to fill positions! This is a great opportunity to bolster your resume with major-related officer roles. The following roles are available:

Social media manager (needed fall 2021)

- Post on social media consistently to boost awareness of club
- Make sure all events are advertised on Instagram
- Come up with creative ways to use social media platforms (lives, social media takeovers, officer highlights, etc.)

Outreach and Communications officer (needed ASAP)

- Send out club related emails in a timely manner to WIN roster
- Collect student information at club events
- Coordinate with design manager to get posters created

Secretary (needed ASAP)

- Keep track of minutes during club meetings
- Make sure notes get uploaded to google drive
- Keep google drive organized and easy to navigate

Event Planning Specialist

- After brainstorming what events we want to do each quarter, this officer will be in charge of planning the logistics + making our ideas come to life
- Tasks include but are not limited to: reaching out to clubs or offices we want to collaborate with, renting out spaces for our events, schedule with catering

Newsletter and Editorial Manager

- Work with the president to help create Globetrotter newsletter
- Assist in organizing newsletter, brainstorm stories, reach out to students to interview, etc.
- Keep in contact with study abroad office to feature their upcoming events

*Note: Officer roles are subject to change based on club needs

If you have strengths that do not show up in these officer roles, then you can also BROT (bring your own title), and we will make it work. So, if you are interested in filling any of these roles, please attend the Officer Interest Meeting on March 2nd at 4 pm. The zoom link is in the email you received the Globetrotter in. If this time does not work, or you need access to the zoom link, please email caldeij@wwu.edu. We hope to have you aboard soon!



OFFICER SPOTLIGHT --ELLIE POTTS--

Hello!! My name is Ellie Potts and I am from Olympia, Washington. I am a junior in the Honors Program at Western studying Environmental Economics with minors in International Studies, Spanish, and French.

In summer of 2019, I went to Ecuador with the Honors Program. I miss speaking Spanish with locals, learning about the Indigenous cultural traditions in the Amazon region, the delicious food, and exploring the biodiversity of the Galápagos Islands. I am thankful for professors Scott Linneman and Kirsten Drickey who made our program truly unique, fulfilling, safe, and exciting. I am so thankful for the Honors community of students and faculty I formed irreplaceable relationships and experiences with.

More recently, in spring of 2020, I studied abroad with the Semester at Sea (SAS) program. In early January, over 500 students from all over the country (and globe) embarked onto the World Odyssey and sailed across the world. We took classes while at sea, with stops in Hawaii, Japan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Mauritius, and South Africa, where we departed in mid-March (my photo above is from Stellenbosch, near Cape Town!). Due to the Coronavirus, our stops of China, Malaysia, India, Ghana, Morocco, and the Netherlands disembarkation in late April were cancelled, and we had re-routes in the double digits. However, this program gave me resilience, defined my characteristics as a global citizen, and I made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. I look forward to returning as a graduation gift to myself in Fall 2022. (As a Student Ambassador of SAS, I would love to talk to any prospective voyagers with questions about the program!)

My favorite part about being in the Global Ambassadors Club is having a community who can relate to my passions and international-focused mindset. We all bring our own stories and excitement to the club, and I made friends so quickly when I first joined my freshman year.



IMPORTANT DATES

GA Games Night

Feb 23rd, 7 pm

Join Global Ambassadors and International students as we play a variety of online games, including Among Us, Jackbox, and more!

Officer Interest Meeting

March 2nd, 4 pm

Interested in becoming an officer? Come to the interest meeting to learn more about available officer roles and how you could fill them! This is a great opportunity to bolster your resume and work with a fun group of people! Email caldeij@wwu.edu if you have more questions, or would like the zoom link to attend!



JEREMY'S BUCKET LIST --PEACEFUL PATAGONIA--

With a population density of 5 sq/mile, **Patagonia**, a region spanning the southern reaches of Argentina and Chile, is one of the most isolated places in the world. Miles and miles of roads crisscross through the elevated plains to the east of the **Andes**, but the highlights of this region are found in the rugged beauty of the world's longest mountain range.

There are a plethora of national parks that protect the beauty of this region, and attract adventure seekers to this isolated corner of the world. **Torres del Paine** and **Los Glaciares** are home to the famous jagged peaks and pure blue glacial lakes seen above. The wildlife of the area, such as the flightless **Rhea**, the **Andean Condor**, and the **guanaco** are also of interest. For one interested in the extremes, the southernmost reaches of Patagonia is **Tierra del Fuego**, through which Ferdinand Magellan sailed. You can claim to have visited the end of the world, while walking amongst **King Penguins**, and relaxing in the world's southernmost city, **Ushuaia**.

Regardless, **Patagonia** is not a place you should skip out on, especially for a fan of the great outdoors.

There are dozens of programs available in Chile and Argentina, the gateway to Patagonia. For more info, use the advanced search tool on the WWU EdAbroad website.



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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello readers,

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Globetrotter, the last for winter quarter. Next time we release this, it will hopefully be warmer than it was last week!

Please take special notice of the Ed-Abroad Con event, as this is your chance to learn everything you could ever need to know about studying abroad, which may hopefully re-start in more places as soon as this fall!

Also, if you are interested in becoming an officer, please do come to the interest meeting to learn more, as we can use all the help we can to keep this club running smoothly with fun events for every Global Ambassdaor.

Safe Travels,

Jeremy Caldeira

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