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PROFILE SUMMARY

Highly accomplished administrator, practitioner, and researcher in global education and internationalization of higher education. Skilled in global education strategic planning, partnerships abroad and at home, intercultural competencies, and global engagement. Expertise in international students and scholar services, study abroad, international recruitment, internationalization of the curriculum, global virtual exchange, and comprehensive internationalization of higher education.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Assistant Dean, Honors College

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA January 2022 – present
Coordinate Honors study abroad and global initiatives. Serve as faculty advisor and/or readers for Honors Capstone Project. Teach and provide coordination, recruitment and support for the Global Citizenship and Diversity, Leadership and Community and Civic Engagement Area of Emphasis. Coordinate Honors scholarship and grants opportunities and serve as liaison to the Office of Fellowships and Awards for National Scholarships. Support Honors DEI efforts and initiatives.

Senior Associate Executive Director, Center for Global Engagement

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA July 2019 – December 2022
Responsible for the university's global partnerships and internationalization strategies. Provide leadership in CGE's Global Virtual Exchange initiatives, training, and fellowship. Develop and advance CGE's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts and strategies. Provide support and guidance to International Student and Scholars Services, including International Student Center and international recruitment. Monitor study abroad trends, expansion, best practices, and risk management efforts. Represent CGE in various universities committees and task forces.

Associate Executive Director, Center for Global Engagement

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA July 2015 – June 2019
Administered partnerships across divisions, colleges, and departments for the Center for Global Engagement. Represented CGE in university committees and initiatives. Managed and identified global partnerships and collaboration opportunities for the university. Monitored future trends in global education and best practices in internalization of higher education. Provided advice and developed global strategies to ensure JMU's global involvement and presence. Served as primary liaison for the International Network of Universities (INU). Pursued grant and funding opportunities to promote international education at home and abroad.

Director of Incoming Freshman Study Abroad Program in the Dominican Republic

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA July 2017 – present
Responsible for the management and coordination of the Incoming Freshman Program. Oversee program budget and operations. Conduct pre-departure orientation and prepare students for travel and cultural adjustment. Serve as liaison between JMU, onsite support team, local NGO, and community for the service-learning opportunity.

Director of JMU Internship in Spain

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

July 2014 – present

Responsible for the management and coordination of the Internship in Spain program. Oversee program budget and operations. Serve as liaison between JMU and Valencia placement office. Conduct pre-departure orientation and prepare students for the Spanish workforce. Administer placement and language evaluation.

Director of Semester in Salamanca

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

August 2004 – present

Responsible for the management and coordination of the Semester in Salamanca program. Oversee program budget and operations. Serve as liaison between James Madison University and the University of Salamanca in curriculum design, student support, and risk management. Conduct pre-departure orientation, coordinate academic support and cultural adjustment, and provide advice on post-study abroad opportunities. Supervise onsite staff with responsibilities in host family management, cultural events, and excursions.

Director of Study Abroad, Office of International Programs

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

August 2003 – June 2015

Directed and promoted study abroad experiences for JMU faculty, staff and students. Prepared and trained faculty interested in leading a study abroad program. Publicized international study opportunities through various media. Acted as liaison between CGE and university departments, global partners, and external communities to promote and facilitate international education opportunities. Identified and developed non-traditional study abroad locations to diversify JMU's study abroad offerings. Promoted and coordinated efforts to increase underrepresented students in study abroad. Coordinated study abroad assessment procedure. Trained and administered risk management efforts. Presented workshops in best practices and strategies in study abroad on campus, professional organizations, and conferences. Co-directed International Student Leadership Conference.

Assistant Director, Center for Multicultural/International Student Services

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

August 2001 – July 2003

Administered international student support through "Transitions" orientation, cultural events, and integration programs. Developed programs to promote intercultural learning in the Madison International Learning Community. Taught international student academic success seminar. Served as a liaison for multicultural/international students in regards to special developmental issues and concerns. Served on the JMU Diversity Initiative Team. Provided training and development for global awareness for the campus. Coordinated and implemented International Week celebration at JMU. Advised culturally based student organizations. Served as a resource for minority students studying abroad opportunities. Directed a service-learning program through Alternative Spring Break in the Dominican Republic.

Assistant Director, International Admissions

Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC

January 2000 – July 2001

Recruited international students for the university both within the U.S. and overseas. Created, reviewed, and maintained applicant files. Advised students for study abroad opportunities. Coordinated and counseled international students and scholars concerning all Immigration and Naturalization Service documentation matters. Processed F-1 (student) and J-1 (scholar) visas.

Assisted international students with their cultural and social adjustments to the university and the U.S. Planned, coordinated, and conducted social events and activities for international students. Conducted international student orientation and managed the international student center. Supported international visiting scholars and faculty with travel and integration into Campbell and surrounding areas.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lecture, Honors College

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA August 2012 – December 2022
Serve as a lecture for the Global Studies area of emphasis under the Honors College. Provide support and strategies to advance Honors College's global mission. Train and facilitate faculty interested in enhancing Honors teaching through "High Impact Practices" such as intercultural and global experiences. Teach Honors 200 and 300 seminars during the academic year. Lead a study abroad program to the Dominican Republic as part of the Global Studies curriculum.

Visiting Professor

Romania American University, Bucharest, Romania May 2018
Lectured undergraduate and graduate students on the topic of "Global Engagement and Citizenship."

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education and Internationalization

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Milan, Italy
November 2013 – March 2018

Master of Education

Concentration: College Student Personnel Administration

James Madison University
Harrisonburg, Virginia
January 2005 – May 2010

Master of Business Administration

Campbell University
Buies Creek, North Carolina
September 1998 – December 1999

Bachelor of Business Administration

Campbell University
Buies Creek, North Carolina
September 1995 – August 1998

LANGUAGE

Fluent in English (reading, writing, and speaking), Spanish (reading, writing, and speaking), and Mandarin Chinese (reading and speaking).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION & WORKSHOPS (selected)

- Wang, F. (2021). *Cultivating Cross-Cultural Understanding and Competencies through Exploration of the Self, Others, and Larger World*. Virtual workshop for students in Japan and Singapore at Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Plus Program, Kansai University, Kansai, Japan.
- Wang, F., Gordon, A., Lee, M. & McQuaid, M. (2021). *Confronting Anti-Asian Racism as International Educators*. Webinar presentation at Diversity Abroad and Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) Community Discussion.
- Wang, F., Ammigan, R., Roberts, T., Perez, J., Wiley, J., & Msengeti P. E. (2021). *Movements in Global Education, Engagement and Virtual Exchange*. Virtual presentation at African, African American & Diaspora Studies (AAAD) Conference, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- Wang, F., Korn, J., & Shambley, L. (2021). *The Future of Study Abroad: Exploring the Role of Virtual Program Components*. Virtual presentation at Virginia International Educators Conference.
- Wang, F., Gordon, A. & Delaloue, S. (2020). *Racism, Xenophobia and the International Student Experience*. Virtual presentation at Think Forward Summit, Diversity Abroad.
- Wang, F., Yang, E., & Hu, Y. (2020). *History, Politics, and Cultural Relations Between China and Taiwan*. Virtual presentation to faculty and students at Universidad Tecnológica de Bolivar, Colombia.
- Wang, F. & Hart, V. (2019). *Internationalization of Higher Education: Preparing Global Citizens for the 21st Century*. Presentation at Leadership Conference, Pristina, Kosovo.
- Wang, F. (2018). *Internationalization of Higher Education and Assessment of Global Learning Experiences*. Presentation to faculty at South Central University for Nationalities, China.
- Wang, F. & Wiley, J. (2017). *Developing global studies that develop self-awareness and emotional attunement*. Presentation at the Summit on Globalizing the Sustainable Self, James Madison University, Virginia.
- Staton, A. R., Grande, S. E., Sternberger, L., & Wang, F. (2017). *Preparing International Leadership for Turbulent Times: Best Practices for Educators*. Presentation at the International Leadership Association Global Conference, Brussels, Belgium.
- Wang, F. & Good, J. (2016). *Enriching the Diversity of Campus Through an Effective Re-Entry Process for Study Abroad Students*. Presentation at JMU Diversity Conference, Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- Wang, F., Khanye, K., Nishitani, H. & Staton, R. (2016). *Enhancing Study Abroad Recruitment and Advising Efforts for Underrepresented Students*. Presentation at European Association for International Education Conference, Liverpool, United Kingdom.
- Wang, F. (2015). *Studying Abroad: The Pathway to Global Citizenship*. Presentation to students and faculty at National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan.
- Wang, F., Nishitani, F. & Tao, C. (2014) *Short-term Programming for Long-term Multi-lateral Partnerships*. Presentation at European Association for International Education Conference, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Wang, F. (2014). *Strengthening Global Engagement through University Consortia Membership*. Presentation at Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

- Wang, F., Shealy, C., Sternberger, L. & Spaeth, J. (2014). *Student Identity Development through International Experiences: What We Learned from the Forum BEVI Project*. Presentation at Diversity Abroad Conference, San Diego, California.
- Sternberger, L., Pysarchik, D., Grande, S., Wang, F., Iyer, C. & Shealy, C. (2014). *Global Education in Learning Communities: Comparative Assessment of Transformative Learning Among U.S. and International Students*. Presentation at Forum on Education Abroad Conference, San Diego, California.
- Wang, F., Nishitani, H. & Susanti, I. (2013). *Cooperation for Competition: Why Joining International Networks Make Sense*. Presentation at Asian-Pacific Association for International Education Conference, Hong Kong.
- Wang, F., Marina, C. & Singhateh A. (2012). *Finding the Right Fit: Best Practices in Network Membership*. Presentation at European Association for International Education Conference, Dublin, Ireland.
- Wang, F. & Wilhelm, B. (2011). *Breaking Barriers: Education Abroad and Students with Disabilities*. Presentation at NAFSA Region VIII Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Wang, F., King, T. & Davenport, S. (2011). *Risk Management in Study Abroad: What a Band-Aid and Handbook Won't Fix?*. Presentation at NAFSA Region VIII Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Wang, F. (2005). *International Issues in the Workplace*. Presentation to faculty and staff at Training and Development Workshop, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- Wang, F. (2004). *Traveling abroad, challenges and opportunities*. Presentation to students and faculty at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- Wang, F. & Castaneda, R. (2002). *Diversity in Latin America*. Presentation to students and faculty at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.
- Wang, F. (2000). *The International Student Experience*. Presentation to faculty at Campbell University, Buies Creek, North Carolina.

PUBLICATIONS

- Wang, F., Pait, K., Acheson, K., Sternberger, L., Staton, R. & Shealy, C. (2020). Beliefs, Events, Values Inventory Assessment of Global Identity: Implications and Applications for International, Cross-Cultural and Transformative Learning. In J. Frawley, G. Russell, & J. Sherwood (Eds.), (2020). *Cultural Competence and the Higher Education Sector: Australian Perspectives, Policies, and Practice*. Singapore: Springer Open
<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-981-15-5362-2>.
- Wandschneider, E., Pysarchik, D., Sternberger, L., Ma, W., Acheson, K., Baltensperger, B. Good, R., Brubaker, B., Baldwin, T. Nishitani, H., Wang, F., Reisweber, J. & Hart, V. (2016). The Forum BEVI Project: Applications and Implications for International, Multicultural, and Transformative Learning. In C. Shealy (Ed.), *Making Sense of Beliefs and Values: Theory, Research, and Practice* (pp. 407-484). New York: Springer Publishing Company.
- Sternberger, L. & Wang, F. (2015). The International Network of Universities: Strengthening Global Engagement Through University Consortia Membership. In J. Jooste, H. de Wit & S. Heleta (Ed.), *Higher Education: Partnerships for the future* (pp. 83 - 93). Port Elizabeth, South Africa: Unit for Higher Education Internationalisation in the Developing World, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

THESIS AND CAPSTONE COMMITTEES

Committee Faculty Advisor

- Bruce, M. (2021) *Examining the Effects of Federal Immigration and Refugee Policies on the Harrisonburg Community*. Honors Thesis, Honors College. James Madison University.
- Ashley, M. (2019) *Children of Milagros: Bringing Aid to a Community of Need*. Honors Thesis, Honors College. James Madison University.
- Hawkins, M. (2018) *A Comparative Study of Foreign & Native Language Education in the United States of America, the Dominican Republic, & Spain: Access, Implementation, & Resources*. Honors Thesis, Honors College. James Madison University

Committee Reader

- Ghiz, O. (2019) *Latinx Students in Study Abroad*. Master of Education in Spanish Language and Culture for Educators, College of Education. James Madison University.
- Yingling, L. (2018) *Student Attitudes and Perceptions of Technology in the L2 Spanish Classroom*. Master of Education in Spanish Language and Culture for Educators, College of Education. James Madison University.
- Rafferty, M. (2018) *Study Abroad & Track II Diplomacy*. Honors Thesis, Honors College. James Madison University.
- Swartley, M. (2017) *6th Grade Students' Perception of the Lack of Mirrored Diversity Among the Faculty*. Master of Education in Spanish Language and Culture for Educators, College of Education. James Madison University.
- Allorto, A. (2016) *The Use of Games in the Foreign Language Classroom*. Master of Education in Spanish Language and Culture for Educators, College of Education. James Madison University.
- Power, R. (2016) *The Impact of Traumatic Brain Injury on Romantic Relationships*. Honors Thesis, Honors College. James Madison University.
- Wright, L. (2015) *No Soy de Aquí, Ni Soy de Allá: How Stateless Individuals in the Dominican Republic Construct National Identity*. Honors Thesis, Honors College. James Madison University.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

University Services (selected)

- Member, Racial Narrative Planning Committee, 2021 – present
- Member, Task Force on Racial Equity, 2020 – present
- Co-chair, Engaged Learning Consortium, Engagement Advisory Group, 2020 – present
- Member, Task Force on Pandemic-Related Learning and Innovation, 2020 – 2021
- Member, Kenya and Zambia Working Group, 2019 – present
- Member, Rwanda Working Group, 2019 – present
- Member, Centennial Scholars Program Interview Committee, 2019 – present
- Member, Provost Diversity Council, 2019 – 2021
- Member, Academic Affairs Strategic Planning, 2019 – 2021
- Member, President's Task Force on Inclusion 2017 – 2018
- Member, Dingleline Scholarship Selection Faculty Panelist, 2015 – present

- Chair, South Asia Collaborative, 2015 – present
- Member, Graduate School Strategic Planning, 2015 – 2016
- Madison Future Commission, 2012 – 2014
- Member, Employee Advisory Committee, James Madison University, 2010 – 2013
- Member, University Pandemic Task Force, 2010 – 2016
- Member, University Leadership Program IMPACT, Cohort 6, 2009 –2010
- Co-facilitator, Madison Teaching Fellows, James Madison University 2008 – 2009
- Member, Residency Appeals Committee, James Madison University, August 2008 – 2017

Professional organizations

- Member, Diversity Abroad Conference Committee, 2013 – 2014
- Member, International Advisory Council, GlobalLinks Learning Abroad, 2012 – May 2014
- Member, Standard Institute Planning Committee, Forum on Education Abroad, 2010 –2011
- Member, Advisory Board, CEA Global Education, 2005 – 2007

Student organizations

- Advisor, Chinese Students & Scholars Association, James Madison University, 2012 – 2019
- Advisor, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, James Madison University, 2012 – 2017
- Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta Phi Sorority, James Madison University, 2011 – present
- Advisor, Golden Key, James Madison University, 2011 – 2013
- Advisor, International Student Association, James Madison University, 2001 – 2004

Campus and Community organizations

- Chair, Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA), 2021 – present
- Member, United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, 2020 – present
- Member, Madison Hispanic Caucus (MHC), 2018 – present
- Member, Virginia Asian Advisory Board, 2009 – 2012

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Association of International Educators (NAFSA)
- European Association of International Educators (EAIE)
- Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA)
- Diversity Abroad
- Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Co-Director, *Madison Trust* (2021), \$4,400, James Madison University.
- Principal Investigator, *Youth Ambassador Program* (2019), \$33,394, Georgetown University, U.S. State Department.
- Principal Investigator, *English for Mexican Learners and Teachers at JMU* (2016), \$27,880, Coordinación General Proyecto 100,000, México.
- Provost Award for Excellence in Honors Teaching and Service (2015), James Madison University.