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# Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives

The Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives (GSI) is dedicated to the support, promotion and expansion of Emory's engagement worldwide through implementing creative global programs, fostering cross-unit collaboration and championing a culturally vibrant and diverse campus. To learn more about Emory in the world, visit global.emory.edu to subscribe to the GSI newsletter. Send all newsletter submission requests to global@emory.edu.



Peace Cyebukayire, a first-year student from Rwanda, receives the prestigious 2023-24 Georgia Rotary Student Program scholarship, celebrating her commitment to education, community service, and fostering cross-cultural connections.

#### International Student and Scholar Services Introduces Student Leadership, Intercultural Programs for 2023-24

ISSS selected students for the 2023-24 cohorts of two programs: the Emory Intercultural Leadership Program (EILP) and the Emory International Council (EIC). Both programs aim to promote leadership development, intercultural understanding, and community building among students. Participants in EILP focus on inclusivity and global leadership skills, while EIC members serve as ambassadors for international students, fostering connections between domestic and international peers. The programs provide transformative experiences through monthly seminars, service-learning projects, and opportunities for self-discovery. Learn more about the programs here.

Global Safety and Security Hosts Workshop to Enhance

#### **Diversity in Global Education**

In collaboration with the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, GSS organized a workshop, "Centering Inclusivity to Diversify International Education," with over 30 faculty and staff members from various departments. The workshop, led by Devin Walker, focused on creating an inclusive environment for diverse backgrounds in international education. Key aspects included building trust, addressing biases, and promoting global skills development. The initiative aims to break silos on campus, enhance support for diverse students, and collaborate with more units to provide a more inclusive global education experience for students. <u>Read</u> <u>more here</u>.



#### 2023-24 International Awards Winners

Every year, GSI presents three awards to recognize the commitment of Emory's faculty and staff in advancing the university's global engagement and acknowledging the accomplishments of our esteemed international alumni. The recipients for this year are:

- Marion V. Creekmore Award for Internationalization (Faculty): Solveig Argeseanu Cunningham, Professor of Global Health in Rollins School of Public Health
- Sheth Distinguished International Alumni Award: Faizat Badmus-Busari 20L, Head of Programmes for the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA) Network
- International Outreach Award (Staff): The Venerable Priya Sraman, Buddhist Chaplain of Emory in the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life

An awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 29 from 4-6 p.m. in Convocation Hall, <u>RSVP here</u>. Read more about the winners <u>here</u>.

### Global Engagement Map

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Explore Emory's updated global map, now on our <u>website</u>! The refreshed map showcases seven engagement categories including faculty, international students, scholars, alumni, agreements and partnerships, and introduces the new student global experience data. Utilizing updated 2023 data, the map allows easy filtering by country and offers downloadable visualizations and data for comprehensive insights. It can be used in a number of ways, including understanding Emory's global footprint or connecting with faculty involved in global initiatives, this map serves various purposes. For inquiries, comments, or suggestions regarding the map, please e-mail natalie.cruz@emory.edu.





#### Emory International Student Awarded 2023-24 Georgia Rotary Student Program Scholarship

First-year Emory University student Peace Cyebukayire from Rwanda has been awarded the 2023-24 Georgia Rotary Student Program (GRSP) scholarship, emphasizing education and cultural enrichment for global peace. Sponsored by the Atlanta West End Rotary Club, Cyebukayire was recognized for her extensive volunteer work, excellent academics, and commitment to community service. Emory's International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions collaborated to nominate her for the scholarship, highlighting her exceptional achievements and dedication to fostering crosscultural connections. Cyebukayire expresses deep gratitude for the "lifechanging opportunity," emphasizing the power of education to bridge gaps and create a more peaceful world. <u>More here</u>.

#### Intercultural Communication and Leadership Training

International Student and Scholar Services is offering an engaging intercultural communication three-part series for faculty and staff, aimed at developing critical intercultural skills. The first session, "Cultural Self-Awareness," encourages participants to explore their own identities, values, privileges, and perspectives to navigate intercultural interactions effectively. Subsequent workshops, including "Understanding Others" and "Developing Intercultural Competencies," build upon this foundation, addressing cultural value differences and providing insights into effective communication across diverse cultures. <u>Click here to learn more and register.</u>



Monday, March 4, 2024 9:30 – 11 am Part 1: Cultural Self-Awareness

Monday, March 18, 2024 9:30 – 11 am Part 2: Understanding Others

**Monday, March 25, 2024** 9:30 – 11 am

Part 3: Developing Intercultural Competencies



#### **Global Experience Student Spotlight**

Explore the global experiences of Emory Class of 2024 student Rikki Thomas in a captivating Q&A. Rikki spent six transformative weeks in Tarija, Bolivia, conducting research on Chagas disease and exploring cultural perspectives. She details how the global education program significantly contributed to her personal and academic growth, providing hands-on experience in global health collaboration and cultural immersion. Rikki shares insights into women's rights issues, challenges faced during her international study trip, and how the experience prepared her for future career opportunities and cross-cultural collaboration. To delve into Rikki's impactful journey, <u>visit our website for the full</u> <u>Q&A</u>.

#### International Student Spotlight

Discover the insightful journey of Emory Class of 2024 international student Freya Li through a compelling Q&A. Freya shares her motivations for choosing Emory University, memorable cultural exchanges, and the support she received during her transition to a new cultural and academic environment. She highlights the campus resources, student organizations, and her contributions to the diversity and inclusivity of the Emory community. To delve deeper into Freya's experiences and future plans, <u>read the complete Q&A</u>.





#### Global Faculty Advisory Council

The Global Faculty Advisory Council advises the Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives on key global strategy issues, initiatives, and partnerships to increase Emory's global engagement and visibility. Faculty council members are key leaders in shaping the global footprint of the university and facilitating connections between Emory's individual schools/colleges and university-wide initiatives. Learn more about the council here.

Maren Adams, Michael J. Broyde, Natalia Bueno, Michael Chung, Jacob Kariuki, Brian Mitchell, Christine Moe, Jeffrey Staton, Jonathan Strom, Gozalo Vazquez-Prokope

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Events	
February	Incident Response 101: Taking the Call
28	9 a.m 12 p.m. I Operations Training and Education Center
February	2024 International Awards
29	4 p.m. ET   Convocation Hall - Community Room
March	AGREC Info Session
7	10-11 a.m.   Zoom
March	Global Festival
29	6-9 p.m.   McDonough Field
April	Save the Date: Turkish Lecture
15	12-2 p.m.   Emory Conference Center Hotel - Silverbell Pavillion
April	Global Solutions Forum
17	All day   TBD
May	Africa Critical Inquiry Programme Deadlines
1	2025 ACIP Workshop & Ivan Karp Doctoral Research Awards
May	International Student Graduation Reception
8	4:30-6:30 p.m.   Miller-Ward Alumni House

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