



Study Abroad SIG Newsletter

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Conference

November 12-
November 15

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Dear SIG Members,

I am pleased to send you our second newsletter for 2021. This issue covers the Study Abroad (SA) SIG Conference schedule from Saturday, September 4. A big thank you to Masaki Seo, Program Chair, who created the schedule, arranged this year's speaker, and organized student volunteers as online room hosts. The whole day went so smoothly and that is credited to Masaki's organizational skills – thank you.

I would also like to thank everyone on our team for your efforts and contributions this year. I appreciate you making the time to connect, the tasks you handle in your respective roles, and the work you do for our SIG to function. It is a pleasure working with you.

I look forward to seeing you at the JALT2021 International Conference online. Our SIG has full conference fee waivers for the 4-day conference! Please contact me (lyndell.nagashima@gmail.com) for information.

All the best with your presentation preparation and or scheduling to attend. We hope your participation is both enjoyable, and contributes to your professional goals.

Two of our officers are stepping down, the Membership Chair and Program Chair, detailed below. As you can imagine, it takes a team of people to ensure our SIG remains viable. Therefore, we would really appreciate anyone interested to volunteer. No prior experience is necessary.

Thanks, and all the best as the year comes to an end.

Lyndell Nagashima
SA SIG Coordinator

SA SIG Conference 2021



We organized the JALT Study Abroad SIG Conference 2021 on Saturday, September 4 with the support of the Center for Global Education, Ibaraki University. Due to the spread of COVID-19, we held the conference online, the same as last year.

This year, we welcomed Professor Keiko Ikeda as our plenary speaker and gave a plenary on “Language Learning Focused COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) as a New Gateway for Inclusive International Education”. In addition to the plenary, there was a panel presentation, and a total of 30 presentations throughout the day with 157 registered participants.

You can watch some of the presentations on our website.

<https://www.sa-sig.org/news/selected-presentations-from-the-2021-jalt-study-abroad-sig-conference>

Masaki Seo
Program Chair



Our Program Chair, Masaki Seo, and his team at Ibaraki University deserve another huge round of applause for hosting and running yet another successful conference. Here is some feedback from some of the participants:

- This is the best SA SIG event I have ever attended. The wealth of experience reflected by the presenters (especially those presenting in Japanese) and the variety of SA experiences discussed was world-beating, both practical and theoretically sound.
- Well-organized, high level presentations which were professional and informative.
- I really liked the idea that we uploaded our presentations and then had a live Q&A. From what I could see, the time-keeping was good too.
- I really enjoyed the option of pre uploading the presentation and then answering questions. It was very well organized and everyone was positive and encouraging. Well done on a successful conference. And thank you.
- The conference was well organized and the easy to navigate the various Zoom meetings. There was a real sense of community among the participants as everyone seemed keenly interested in understanding and improving their students' SA experience.
- The talk on COIL was, of course, excellent. Exchanging information about study abroad programs was useful but would have more time to hear talks from other speakers.

Officer Openings

We have some open positions in the SIG leadership. For those interested in getting more involved in the SIG, obtain additional skills or just meeting new people, please read the descriptions below and contact Lyndell Nagashima:

lyndell.nagashima@gmail.com.

Membership Chair

The Membership Chair checks the SIG membership list each month and sends out welcoming messages to new members. Other duties include maintaining the contact list of current members, and sending notifications of membership related issues and other SIG related information requested by officers. Basic duties take about one hour per month. More time may be required for assisting with SIG related events and conferences in the spring and fall.

Program Chair

The Program Chair supervises the planning and organizing of annual SIG programs, and provides necessary information to SIG officers and JALT-related sections as needed. The major SIG events are the Study Abroad SIG Forum at the PanSIG Conference (May/June) and the JALT International Conference (November), and the SA SIG Conference (September). The Program Chair solicits presentation proposals from SIG members and arranges vetting. In addition, the Chair contacts presentation speakers to arrange schedules for these JALT events.

JALT2021 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2021



The annual JALT2021 International Conference is quickly approaching. As always, the SA SIG will have a forum (see below), as well as individual member presentations. Please check the website and schedule for updates.

New Perspectives of Study Abroad

Date: Sunday, November 14

Time: 14:45-16:15

<https://jalt.org/conference>

Also, the SA SIG will provide full conference waivers for those unable to attend otherwise. Please contact Lyndell Nagashima (lyndell.nagashima@gmail.com) if you are interested.



Call for Submissions

The Journal of World Education is always ready to consider authors' contributions for our publication. We understand that SIG members may be presenting at the JALT2021 International Conference next week, and we are therefore looking forward to receiving submissions from our membership.

Paul Bird
Publicity Chair



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