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GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT STUDIES INSTITUTE
offered by Northwestern University



WELCOME BACK!
FINAL REFLECTION SUMMIT

DIRECTIONS FROM HOSTEL TO CLASS

Point A.

Hostelling International Chicago (HI-Chicago)

24 East Congress Pkwy, at the corner of Congress Pkwy and Wabash (one block east of State Street, and the Harold Washington Chicago Public Library on Congress; one block west of Michigan Ave on Congress Pkwy)

Point B.

Weiboldt Hall, Northwestern University

339 E. Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60611

Transit directions (Bus 3):

Allow approximately 30 minutes to get to class. In other words, you should leave the hostel no later than 9:00am to get to class by 9:30am.

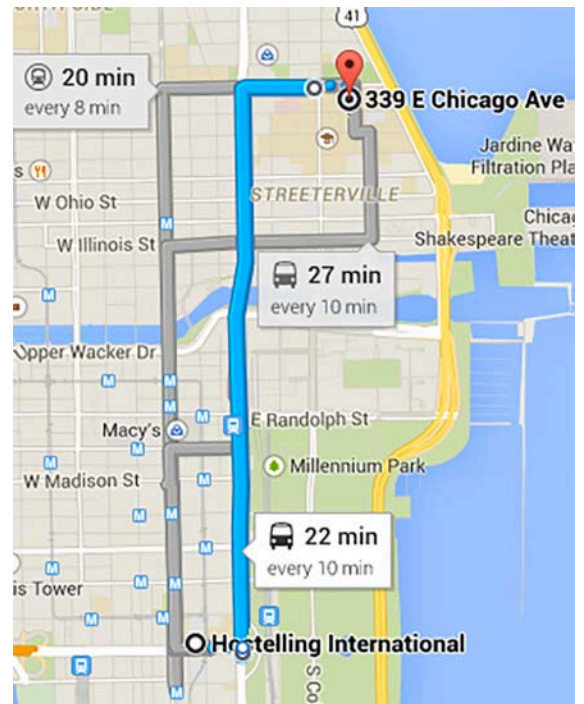
(Tip: Earlier buses will be less crowded).

1. Walk to Michigan & Congress
About 3 mins (0.1 mi)
 - A. Head east on E Congress Pkwy toward S Wabash Ave

- B. Turn right onto S Michigan Ave
 2. Take Bus 3 headed north toward Michigan/Chicago
Stop ID: 14485 (17 mins, 13 stops)

 3. Get off bus at Chicago & Fairbanks
Stop ID: 582

4. Walk to 339 E Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611
About 1 min (295 ft)
 - A. Head east on E Chicago Ave toward N Fairbanks Ct



****GESI Classrooms are on the 7th floor****

BREAK-OUT ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Bolivia: Room 709
Costa Rica: Room 710
Ghana: Room 714
Guatemala: Room 702
Uganda: Room 701
Vietnam: Room 713

Main Room: 703-704

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 21		Guiding Theme: Emotional Development & Reflection
Welcome Back (and coffee!) 9:30am-10:00am	Let's ease back into the classroom with coffee and some catch up. At 10am we'll begin class. Instructions: Pick up your packets, grab a cup of coffee or tea, catch up with friends, and see if you can be the first to yell "Bingo!" Objectives: a) Get caffeinated. b) Play post-GEI Bingo.	
Emotional Mapping 10:00am-10:45am	After giving you a warm welcome, we'll be starting the day with a personal reflection exercise designed to help you chart your own personal journey in-country. This is an individual activity in a communal setting -- you will not be required to share your personal reflection. Objectives: a) Outline the objectives of and set the tone for the Final Reflection Summit. b) Provide space for you to identify the issues you want to discuss during our remaining days together. C) Create space for reflective practice, which will continue throughout Final Summit.	
10:45am-11:00am	Break	
International Studies Session One 11:00am-12:30pm	What did you learn about the reasons that the problem our organization works on exists? What are the scope and causes of the problem, the role of political power and structural violence in reproducing the problem and making change difficult, the theory of change and core development assumptions made by your organization and made in your work? How are community members thought about and encouraged to participate in the issue or initiative your organization is working on, and what do you make of this framing? Related content: Adam Burtle, What is Structural Violence?	
Lunch and Walk and Talk 12:30pm-2:30pm	Instructions: After lunch, take a walk with another person in the program and begin unpacking the summer together. Identify: 1) one of the things you are struggling with most at this point, 2) one of the most important things you learned about yourself, and 3) one of the ways you were able to find common ground with people you worked with/ in your host community. Objectives: a) To reflect on your personal growth process over the summer, what you learned about yourself and others through your GEI host organization/community. b) Consider ways you found common ground in your group and/or with your host organization. c) Prepare to enter into storytelling sessions with an attitude of openness.	
Communication Studies Session One: <i>Stories we tell ourselves and each other: From hopelessness to hopefulness</i> 2:30pm-4:30pm	What are your stories from your summer abroad? What stories did you hear from the people you worked with? What stories did you collect? What are the impact of the stories that we hear and the stories that we tell? Related Content: Marshall Ganz, From Self to Us to Now.	
Prep for Story Slam and Dinner 4:30pm-5:00pm	Grab dinner and flip through your Field Notes (mentally or in-person!) to prepare for tomorrow's Story Slam.	

Wednesday, August 22		Guiding theme: Intellectual Development & Reflection
Coffee and Mingle 9:30am-10:00am	Ease into the day with some coffee and catch-up.	
Communication Studies Session Two 10:00am-12:00pm	Instructions: Using your Final Summit Summary abstract as a guide and the Ganz chart in your course-pack, think through and write down how you'll present your summer work in a five minute time period, providing the most relevant details and information. Don't assume you'll be speaking to people who know anything about your work, country, organization, etc. In groups, each student has five minutes to present his/her work verbally, and for Q & A. Objectives: a) Practice explaining your work in five minutes to an audience unfamiliar with the program/your work. b) Share your stories with those not on your team or in your country group.	



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Wednesday, August 22 (Continued)	
Lunch	12:00-1:30pm
International Studies Session Two: <i>Identity and Your Re-Integration Journey with SJE</i> 1:30pm-3:30pm	Let's revisit the dynamics observed in Barnga and how they played out in-country. We will reflect on how those dynamics may change coming back by unpacking any shifts in understanding your identity while abroad, gaining an awareness of how social identity impacts the re-integration process, and naming resources/next steps that can be supportive of your re-integration journey.
Break	3:30pm-4:00pm
International Studies Session Three 4:00pm-5:30pm	After your GESI experience, what is your assessment of participatory, community-based development as an approach to development and social change, and particularly how your role in-country informs your perspective? What did you do well? What was difficult, and what would you do differently? In this session we'll explore these questions, as well as the ecosystem impacting the community served by your hosting NGO.
Dinner	5:30pm-6:00pm
Dinner & Story Slam 6:00pm-7:00pm	Settle in to share some stories from abroad. Using your Open Letter prompts, laughable or difficult, we'll take some time to decompress and share.

Thursday, August 23	Guiding Theme: Practical/Professional Development & Reflection
Coffee and Mingle 9:00am-9:30am	Ease into the day with some coffee and catch-up.
Communication Studies Session Three: <i>Personal Strengths and Weaknesses</i> 9:30am-10:30am	Objectives: a) Identify the personal strengths and weaknesses that emerged during GESI. b) Describe how group members' strengths compensated for other's weaknesses. c) Reflect on how these emergent strengths and weaknesses can be utilized and transformed in future change efforts.
Break	10:30am-11:00am
Advocacy and Organizing for Social Change - Alum Panel 11:00am-12:30pm	Hear from GESI alums about their experiences in advocacy and organizing, and their work in social change since their time in GESI. Learn some personal stories about how some alums channeled their interests and passions into involvement post-program both locally and abroad.
Lunch	12:30pm-1:30pm
Next Steps Writing & Reflection 1:30pm-2:30pm	This is a time for personal reflection on what your hopes and plans are for the future. How do you plan to engage the learning you did this summer in the future in tangible ways? Your writing will be personal, but the group will collectively share thoughts and ideas at the end of the session.
Break	2:30pm-3:00pm
Communication Studies Session Four: <i>Emergent Competencies</i> 3:00pm-4:00pm	To identify and affirm new and enhanced developmental and decision making scripts for all actors involved in the GESI program.
Final Thoughts & Announcements 4:00pm-5:00pm	Objectives: a) Help you process major takeaways and next steps. b) Explore opportunities to stay involved with Buffett and GESI, and ways we can continue to support you. c) Discuss opportunities available through our partners. d) Hand in your journals, other documents, and say bye!



IMPORTANT INFO

Credits

GESI coursework are offered as Northwestern classes; they will show up directly on your Northwestern transcript.

Transcripts

Please note that the GESI office does not handle transcripts or transcript requests.

Order online:

https://exchange.parchment.com/send/adds/index.php?main_page=../index&s_id=nB1EnkHHARysgVDO

Transcripts costs \$8-\$10 each.

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Syllabi

Syllabi for GESI courses are available on Canvas and the GESI website:

<http://gesi.northwestern.edu/logistics/academics/>

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Program Evaluations

All GESI students MUST complete and submit a GESI 2018 Program Feedback

form before their credits can be awarded. This evaluation is intended to give you the opportunity to provide critical feedback on your experiences before, during, and after your time in the field, which helps us make improvements for future years.

You must complete the evaluation by

Monday, August 27, 2018!

At the conclusion of the Final Summit, you can find the evaluation at these links (check your email for your specific link), but make sure the header includes the correct partner organization!:

Bolivia and Uganda (FSD):

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4659023>

Costa Rica (ICADS):

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4659024>

Ghana (Amizade):

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4659018>

Guatemala (SEC):

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4659021>

Vietnam (Kaya):

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4659026>

Useful Re-Entry Info

Northwestern Study Abroad Office: Page for Returning Students

Variety of resources from Frequently Asked Questions to returnee pizza party.

www.northwestern.edu/studyabroad/returnees/index.html

FSD's Re-Entry Resources

Includes the "Handout For Friends and Family" to help you re-adjust and the "Re-Entry Handbook," a fantastic guide to dealing with reverse culture shock, sharing your experience, and navigating the changes you notice in yourself.

<https://www.fsd.org/2018/05/re-entry/>

Middlebury's Re-Entry Resources

Online bibliography of re-entry books, articles, and websites to help you understand the intellectual, emotional, and cultural dynamics of your return.

http://www.middlebury.edu/international/sa/returning/reentry_resources

Study Abroad Returnee Conferences

Interested in connecting with other study abroad alums? Study abroad returnee conferences are held all over the country. Learn more about future conferences in your area (updated in winter).

<http://www.lessonsfromabroad.org/>
and

<http://conference.diversitynetwork.org/global-student-leadership-summit/>

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