Study Abroad Revisited: Purpose, Promise and Participation

Monday, October 20th, 2014
11:00am-1:00pm
Lake Huron Room, MSU Union
Lunch will be provided

Presenters:
Susan Twombly, Professor of Higher Education and Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Kansas
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Moderator:
Brett Berquist, Executive Director, Office of Study Abroad

Over the past year, responding to a call from Provost Youatt to rethink study abroad at MSU, wide ranging campus discussions have focused on envisaging what study abroad, a staple of the MSU brand, should look like in the future. These conversations have taken place in the context of President Simon’s Bolder by Design initiative, which has focused campus discussion on student success and an enhanced student experience, and in the national context of Generation Study Abroad, an initiative designed to harness national energy to double outbound student mobility by 2020. The recent publication of a comprehensive monograph on the state of study abroad in U.S. higher education (Study Abroad in a New Global Century: Renewing the Promise, Refining the Purpose (2012). S.B. Twombly, M.H. Salisbury, S.D. Tumanut, and P. Klute (2012); ASHE Higher Education Report; Wiley), has helped guide campus discussion on topics ranging from the history and changing purposes of study abroad, to program types, participation statistics, and learning outcomes. The volume provides critical perspectives on current practice and offers a series of actionable recommendations to increase participation and fine-tune learning outcomes. Join us today for a kick-off seminar with the monograph’s lead authors, who will provide context for and an overview of their book, followed by an open discussion. The seminar is co-sponsored by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education (APUE) and will be followed later in the year with sessions focusing specifically on the question of increasing participation among underrepresented demographics (see below and in the Spring brochure).

Registration is required and free.