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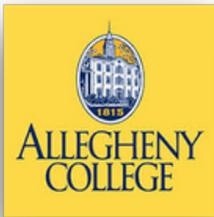
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**FACULTY MEMBER ON
THE STEERING
COMMITTEE, & CO-CHAIR
OF STUDENT SUCCESS
WORKING GROUP
(2020-2023)**

Working in collaboration with other Steering Committee and Working Group members to draft Report for the accreditation process of the college through the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.



**FACULTY CO-DIRECTOR,
GLOBAL CITIZEN
SCHOLARS PROGRAM
(2020-2023)**

Addressing the theme of "Empowering Women Worldwide," we are mentoring students through academic and experiential learning linked to Goal 5 of the United Nations' SDG. Participants develop legacy projects at the local and global levels.



**COMMUNITY-ENGAGED
LEARNING: FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT COHORT
2021-2023**

Part of a faculty team that is developing courses in collaboration with community partners, and integrating community outreach projects into these courses.

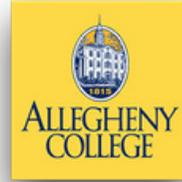


PROVOST'S DIVERSITY LIAISON & FACULTY CHAIR FOR THE SUSTAINED DIALOGUES & CIVILITY INITIATIVE ON CAMPUS (2017-2018)

Organized multiple Sustained Dialogue training workshops for employees (faculty, staff, administrators) led by the Sustained Dialogue Institute on learning how to hold conversations on difficult topics, to create a positive campus climate.



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INSTITUTIONAL FACULTY MENTOR (2013- PRESENT)

Have been serving as mentor for full-time tenure and non-tenure track educators at the college since 2013.

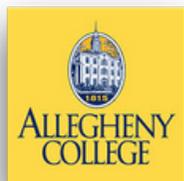
I have the pleasure of regularly meeting with diverse colleagues in various mentoring groups to brainstorm about teaching, research, collaboration, and professional development.



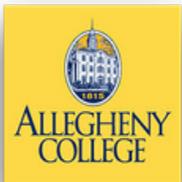
Current faculty advisor for the following student organizations: the Allegheny College chapter of the Rotaract Club, the South Asian Students' Society, & the Allegheny College Orchesis Dance Company.



In this capacity, I help students develop their leadership, programming, collaboration, and team-building skills.



FACULTY MENTOR FOR STUDENT GROUPS



"WARS & WATERWAYS"
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SEMINAR
SUMMER 2023; 4 COURSE CREDITS

My colleague Lauren French (Biology) and I will be taking students across Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos for an interdisciplinary exploration of the histories, ecology, politics, cultures, and water wars linked to the mighty Mekong river.

Website: <http://www.mekong-el.com>



Marisol Santa (Class of '20) received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to participate in an Allegheny College faculty-led study abroad seminar to India in 2019



Bryan Quiroz (Class of '21) was also awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to participate in an Allegheny College faculty-led study abroad seminar to India in 2019

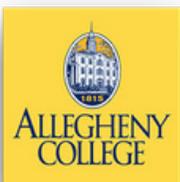


Inez Gilson (Class of '22) is an International Studies/English Lit. double major. As a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar, she has postponed an Allegheny College faculty-led study abroad seminar to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos because of the pandemic.



Cesar Bautista (Class of '21) is Communication Arts Major & Arts & Innovation Minor. As a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar, he was ready to embark on an Allegheny College faculty-led study abroad seminar to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos in summer 2020. Sadly, the travel had to be postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL





CO-PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR, ANDREW W. MELLON GRANT FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION 2015- 2017



- Co-facilitated two Teaching Circles for full-time educators who shared ideas on how to integrate global components and perspectives into the curriculum in meaningful ways within the disciplines and in interdisciplinary ways.
- Received summer funding through the grant to internationalize the courses that I teach.
- Along with the Mellon Internationalization Grant Steering Committee, worked with senior administrators to approve faculty-staff travel seminars with the objective of broadening intercultural awareness on the campus through the ranks of participating employees.



2013-2015

FACULTY

STUDY-AWAY COORDINATOR

- Collaborated with the Study Away and Campus Internationalization Committee to develop Allegheny College's Comprehensive Internationalization and Study Abroad Plans.
- Partnered with the Office for International Education in reviewing and revising the Faculty handbook guidelines for faculty-led Experiential Learning Seminars abroad for academic credit.



Allegheny College

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Spanish Language and Literature
2009 – 2013

Experience



Client Service Associate

Morgan Stanley
Feb 2017 – Present · 2 yrs 7 mos
Greater New York City Area



ESL Teacher

Juan Pablo II
Sep 2015 – Jul 2016 · 11 mos



Math Teacher

NYC Department of Education
Aug 2013 – Aug 2015 · 2 yrs 1 mo

My responsibilities included lesson planning, unit planning and creating activities for bilingual and CIEF students.

Alicia Rivera

Spanish and Black Studies

When Alicia Rivera '13 looks back at her academic career at Allegheny, one of the experiences she will value most is her time spent studying overseas. She lived in the town of Triana, Spain, not far from Seville, during the first semester of her junior year.

"It forced me out of my comfort zone and taught me how to adapt to a new setting," says Alicia, a Spanish major. "Study Away gave me the opportunity to immerse myself in a new country, which was an amazing experience, especially in a society heading toward globalization."

The semester in Spain and an experiential learning trip to India will benefit her personally and professionally as she moves into her career, says Alicia. "Adaptation is a key element while abroad or in any new environment. I learned to adapt to my surroundings and have a positive attitude," she says.

"I am more globally aware and culturally sensitive because I learned to observe and experience a new place rather than judge and compare the differences. I learned that a place isn't better or worse than where I come from. It's simply different from what I think is normal. I learned to embrace the Spanish culture rather than criticize it."

Adaptation, creative-thinking and tolerance — these are among the goals of an Allegheny education. The College's administration sees Study Away as an integral part of that process.

As for Alicia, she says she is a more complete and confident person. "An international experience allows students to gain unique perspectives, experiences and ideas that they will bring back, not only to Allegheny but their future careers."



From Academia to AmeriCorps

By Gabrielle Bradshaw, AmeriCorps VISTA Project Director

What are you doing after graduation? This has become the age-old, sometimes anxiety-producing, question for many graduating seniors as they finish up their final semesters of college. But for five Allegheny College students, the answer was easy — post-graduate service through Lake Effect Leaders AmeriCorps VISTA project.

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) builds capacity in nonprofit organizations and communities in order to help bring individuals out

of poverty. For over 50 years, AmeriCorps VISTA members have served as a catalyst for change, living and working alongside community members to meet our nation's most pressing challenges and advance local solutions.

But what led these ambitious students to sign up to serve the Meadville community? As you will see below, for most, it was their experience in academia that led them to pursue a year of anti-poverty work.

Questions asked to all five members:

1 What was your major/minor at Allegheny?

2 Did your studies at Allegheny influence you in any way to complete a year of service with AmeriCorps? If so, how?

3 What are you hoping to gain by the end of your service year, and how will that influence your career goals?



Arianna O'Connell '18

Volunteer Coordinator and Resident Empowerment VISTA serving at Crawford County Coalition on Housing Needs and Crawford County Mental Health Awareness Program (CCCHN & CHAPS)

Major: Communication Arts
Minor: Psychology

"During my time in the communication arts program, I took a number of classes on issues like

globalization, inequality, and neo-liberalism — all of which deepened my need to give back to my community and my interest in helping others by building capacity. Doing research with Professor Ishita Sinha Roy in 2016 about rural politics and the presidential election allowed me to learn more about this region of the United States and was my inspiration for getting to know the Meadville community better.

Additionally, the research I conducted for an independent study and my senior thesis was framed around Crawford County's political, economic, and social history. It is such a blessing to now be working with two nonprofits (CHAPS and the Crawford County Coalition on Housing Needs) whose goals are to assure that every person in Crawford County has housing and the necessary resources to live a fulfilling life.

FACULTY-STUDENT COLLABORATION AS STARTING POINT FOR CITIZENSHIP

Whether it is coursework or research outside the classroom, I try and make students see how education in the here and now is preparation for getting involved in building better communities and tomorrows. This is also why teaching assessments as a pen and paper exercise matter less to me than the feedback I receive from alumni three or four years after they have graduated. For that is when they start to truly realize the value of an Allegheny College education, and how it makes them students of life, for the rest of their lives.



CONNECTING ALLEGHENY COLLEGE GATORS WITH STUDENTS ABROAD

Above Left: Allegheny students on an EL Seminar to Japan interview Keio University students in Tokyo (Summer 2018)

Below: Students on an EL Seminar to India in 2019 spent a day with high school seniors from International Baccalaureate programs at top-notch private schools in New Delhi, India.



Allegheny students reading to students in a rural classroom in Kenya (Summer 2013)





Dr. Ishita Sinha Roy
Communication Arts &
Theatre



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Our next webinar is right around the corner!

“PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A POST-GROWTH WORLD”

Learn more about the academics at Allegheny by taking a class
with one of our professors!



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Beyond Borders
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Webinar – Contested Bodies: Biopolitical Borders & Reconciliation

Join us in our next conversation on [Contested Bodies: Biopolitical Borders & Reconciliation](#) by Dr. Ishita Sinha Roy, on **Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 12:00 PM EDT**. In this webinar, Dr. Sinha Roy analyzes how women’s bodies, as mediated borders, are subject to physical and symbolic violence in the name of cultural/national purity. Drawing on case studies from India and the U.S., we will explore how the work towards creating social justice and change are complicated by considerations of cultural and historical legacies.