11th Annual International Education Conference

GLOBALIZING OUR COMMUNITY

Friday, April 11, 2014
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lone Star College-Kingwood
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Ambassador Ebrahim Rasool is South Africa’s Ambassador to the United States of America. Before joining the Embassy, his most recent positions have included Member of Parliament in the National Assembly, Special Advisor to the State President of the Republic of South Africa and Premier (governor of the Western Cape Province).

Ebrahim Rasool has a long history of involvement in the anti-apartheid struggle starting in high school and including leadership in the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the African National Congress (ANC). He has had to make sacrifices like spending time in prison and being under house arrest.

His social and political involvement has consistently been faith-driven. He has been involved in both the Islamic Movement as well as the Interfaith Movement, and has been active in mobilizing Muslims and the broader faith communities for a deeper understanding of Islam and faith under conditions of oppression (under apartheid) and currently under conditions of globalization.

Ebrahim Rasool has built up extensive experience in government having led various departments like health, welfare, finance and economic development. As Premier of the Western Cape, he was instrumental in, amongst others, attracting foreign investment into the province worth R8 billion (approximately $1 billion), having the highest provincial economic growth rate, and making significant strides towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG’s).

For his contribution to South Africa, Ambassador Rasool has been the recipient of a number of leadership awards. In 2008, he was awarded the Visionary Leadership and Public Good Award from the World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and the Award for Commitment and Leadership in Fight Against Crime from Business Against Crime. In 2005, the London Financial Times awarded Ambassador Rasool the Foreign Direct Investment Africa Personality of the Year Award. Mr. Rasool is also the recipient of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights presented to him by the Kaiser Family Foundation in 1998. He is founder of the World for All Foundation – a foundation that rethinks the intellectual tools available to Muslims and faith communities, and that creates cooperative relations between faiths, cultures and communities at a global level. Ambassador Rasool is dedicated to overcoming the potential for conflict in the world.

Ambassador Rasool is a prolific speaker on a range of topics covering politics, governance, religion, Islamic and cultural themes across the world. He received a Bachelor of Arts and a Higher Diploma in Education from the University of Cape Town. He is married with two children.
Luncheon Keynote Speaker
Claudia Kolker
Author and Contributing Editor, Houston Chronicle
Speaking On
“The New Houston: What Immigrants Know about Longer Life and Healthier Families”

Claudia Kolker is an award-winning reporter and the author of *The Immigrant Advantage: What We Can Learn from Newcomers to America about Health, Happiness and Hope* (Simon and Schuster, 2011). Her book was one of *O* Magazine’s “Ten Titles to Pick Up Now,” has been profiled in *The New York Times* and *PBS Newshour*, and was an Amazon’s number one best-seller on immigration in 2013. Kolker worked as a freelancer in El Salvador from 1992-1995, where she covered the Salvadoran postwar recovery and social issues throughout Central America, Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. She later spent four months in India and Pakistan writing on democracy and diversity. In her adopted hometown of Houston, she has worked as Los Angeles Times Houston bureau chief, member of the *Houston Chronicle* editorial board, and deputy director of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Community Health Leaders.

She graduated from Harvard and has studied at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and El Colegio de Mexico. Her work has been published in *O: The Oprah Magazine*, *The Economist*, *The Sunday Telegraph of London*, *The Washington Post*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Slate*, and *Salon*. She is currently a contributing editor for the editorial page of the *Houston Chronicle*, where she first created the immigrant affairs beat in 1997. She lives in Houston with her family.

About her book, *THE IMMIGRANT ADVANTAGE: What We Can Learn from Newcomers to America about Health, Happiness, and Hope*:

“A sparkling debut” – *Kirkus reviews*

“A fabulous, fun, eye-opening read” – Amy Chua, author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*, One of *O Magazine’s* “Ten Titles to Pick Up Now”
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Presentation descriptions can be found online at www.LoneStar.edu/iec

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.  Registration Check-In  
John E. Pickelman Student Conference Center  
Coffee is available in the south foyer of the conference center.

8:30 - 9:45 a.m.  Opening Session  
Welcome  
Master of Ceremonies  
Introduction of Opening Speaker  
Opening Address:
His Excellency Ebrahim Rasool  
Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa  
“Local Courage, Global Impact: The Life and Legacy of Nelson Mandela with Ambassador Rasool”  
Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Houston  
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Dr. Katherine Persson, President, Lone Star College-Kingwood  
Nithy Sevanthinathan, Chief International Officer, LSCS International Programs and Services  
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9:45 - 10:00 a.m.  Visit with our exhibitors during this break  
Student Conference Center East Foyer

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Session I  
Library Building (LIB) & Performing Arts Center (PAC)  
Globalizing Our Community One Student at a Time in 2014: Best Practices for Providing a Quality International Experience Based on Literature  
LIB 204  
Presenters: Katy Lane, Texas A&M University

Global Sports Diplomacy  
LIB 221  
Presenters: Montsé Garcia, University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio and Inessa Stepanenko, Trinity University

Behind the Veil: Artists in Cuba Today  
Music Recital Hall  
Presenter: Deborah Ellington, Lone Star College-Montgomery

The Century of Globalization: The First World War Era and the Breakdown of Western Hegemony  
PAC 116A  
Presenter: Clifton R. Fox, Lone Star College-Tomball

A Postcolonial Examination of Education in a Globalizing World  
PAC 116B  
Presenters: Julia K. Perry, Lone Star College-Tomball; David Cross, Houston Community College and Jeannie Castano, Patterson Elementary School

The View at the Crossroads: When Cultures Meet  
PAC 204  
Presenter: Janice Hartgrove-Freile, Lone Star College-North Harris

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11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Session II  
Library Building (LIB) & Performing Arts Center (PAC)  
Social Media as an International Change Agent  
LIB 207  
Presenter: Tony Fuller, Ph.D., Lone Star College-Montgomery

“Soft Power” Assets that International Students and Scholars Bring to Our Communities  
LIB 221  
Presenters: Adria Baker, Ed.D., Rice University and Mario Sanchez, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Why Castro Communism Failed and the Road to Rejoining the Global Community
Presenter: Carolyn Davis, Lone Star College-North Harris
Music Recital Hall

Globalize Our Communities: An Educational Approach
Presenter: Rami Shafiee, Ph.D., Lone Star College-North Harris
PAC 116A

You + Me = WE: A Cultural Awareness Exercise
Presenter: Barbara Lujan, Lone Star College-Tomball
PAC 116B

Key Problems of Cultural Education in the Period of Globalization
Presenter: Joseph L. Kagle, Jr., Lone Star College-Kingwood
PAC 204

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Visit with our exhibitors during this break
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12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  Luncheon Session
John E. Pickelman Student Conference Center
Performance by Evōk- Eclectic Voices
Directed by Dr. Todd Miller, Lone Star College-Kingwood

Introduction of Luncheon Keynote Speaker
Dr. Katherine Persson, President, Lone Star College-Kingwood

Luncheon Keynote Address:
Claudia Kolker
Author and Contributing Editor, Houston Chronicle
“The New Houston: What Immigrants Know About Longer Life and Healthier Families”

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.  Visit with our exhibitors during this break
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1:45 - 2:30 p.m.  Concurrent Session III
Library Building (LIB) & Performing Arts Center (PAC)
Model United Nations: Student Engagement of Global Problems
in a Real World Context
Presenters: Model UN Joint Delegation: Lone Star College-Kingwood; Lone Star College-Montgomery; and Lone Star College-Tomball
PAC 116A

Cuba: Nature and Culture
Presenter: Gary Clark, Lone Star College-North Harris
PAC 116B

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.  Visit with our exhibitors during this break
Student Conference Center East Foyer

2:45 - 3:00 p.m.  Conference Closing and Raffle Drawing
John E. Pickelman Student Conference Center
Conference attendees will be entered into a drawing for prizes, including an iPad. Must be present to win.
Globalizing Our Community One Student at a Time in 2014: Best Practices for Providing a Quality International Experience Based on Literature

Katy Lane, Doctoral Student, Texas A&M University

The importance of providing meaningful international experiences for both graduate and undergraduate students within our community cannot be overemphasized. Multiple studies have revealed that international experiences can increase “cross-cultural competence” and “global-mindedness.” This presentation will synthesize findings from studies that expose best practices for pre-departure, during the international program, and post-program. The influence of program attributes such as type, length, location and language will be addressed and topics including the role of technology, longitudinal individual outcomes, and overarching factors that influence success will be shared.

Ms. Katy Lane is a doctoral student in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications at Texas A&M University, College Station. She is Program Coordinator at the Center for International Business Studies at Texas A&M and has more than four years of experience in international education.

Global Sports Diplomacy

Montsé Garcia, International Visitor Advisor, International Services, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Inessa Stepanenko, Assistant Director, International Student & Scholar Services, Trinity University

Speakers will provide a brief history and introduction to Sports Diplomacy as a concept as well as its importance and relevance to globalization and internationalization on the state, local, institutional, and personal levels. The speakers will then showcase their own international sports diplomacy experiences as case studies for participants to find ways of engaging in sports diplomacy in their own lives and communities. Participants will leave with an understanding of the importance of sports diplomacy as well as ideas, best practices, and resources to be globally engaged in their own lives and communities.

Prior to working at the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio, Montsé worked as an International Advisor at Trinity University and in graduate student services and admissions at University of Denver. She is a professional gymnastics judge and was an internationally competitive gymnast for a decade.

Inessa was one of only 20 Americans selected to be a National Olympic Committee Assistant to Team USA at the XXII Olympic Winter Games 2014. In addition to 15 years’ experience in international student and scholar advising, she has also worked as a translator for the UN Observer Mission in the country of Georgia.
**Behind the Veil-Artists in Cuba Today**  
*Deborah Ellington, Dean of Instruction, Lone Star College-Montgomery*

Deborah Ellington went to Cuba in March 2014 to visit local artists and their studios. She will discuss the impact on the arts of Fidel Castro’s resignation and subsequent installation of his brother, Raul. Examples of contemporary Cuban artists and their stylistic heritage will be the focus of the presentation along with such questions as stylistic influences, censorship, marketing and economics.

Deborah Ellington earned her M.F.A. from Sam Houston State University and her M.A. from the University of Michigan. Deborah has been an art professor and subsequent Dean in the Lone Star College System for over thirty years. She has exhibited in many solo, juried and invitational shows.

**The Century of Globalization: The First World War Era and the Breakdown of Western Hegemony**  
*Clifton R. Fox, Professor of History, Lone Star College-Tomball*

The understanding of First World War history in the United States on the centenary of the conflict’s outbreak typically focuses on trench warfare in France and Belgium, the submarine war in the Atlantic Ocean, and downfall of the Eastern European empires, including the Russian Revolution. In this presentation, it is argued that the First World War Era should be re-conceptualized as a global phenomenon to more fully represent the era as the first step in the breakdown of Western global hegemony, the collapse of old political structures, and the surge of new nationalist movements, foreshadowed the unfolding of the twentieth century.

Professor Clifton R. Fox has taught history at Lone Star College-Tomball since 1989. He has lectured at many venues on many topics in global history.

**A Postcolonial Examination of Education in a Globalizing World**  
*Julia K. Perry, Professor of Geography and History, Lone Star College-Tomball, San Jacinto College, Liberty University; David Cross, Director, Office of Institutional Equity, Houston Community College; and Jeannie Castano, Principal at Houston Independent School District, Patterson Elementary School*

Globalization is a contemporary term which portends to discuss an ancient cultural process. Globalization in postmodern times, as a process, is changing the ways we identify others, be they others in our own community or others throughout the world. This presentation will discuss globalization and its impacts on topics within education through the lens of Postcolonialism. The presentation will especially focus on the tradition of Postcolonial discourses such as Edward Said, Frantz Fanon and Michel Foucault.

Julia K. Perry is a professor of Geography and History at Lone Star College-Tomball, San Jacinto College-North and Liberty University with six years in the Lone Star System. She is a doctoral candidate in the Ed.D. program at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

James David Cross is a native Texan. He is currently working on his doctorate at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, has a M.Ed. in Educational Psychology/Administration from the University of Houston (1984).

Jeannie Castano is a doctoral candidate in the educational leadership and administration program, University of Houston, Clear Lake. She obtained her M.Ed. from University of Houston-Clear Lake, and graduated from Rice University: Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management in 2005.
The View at the Crossroads: When Cultures Meet
Janice Hartgrove-Freile, Professor of Psychology, Lone Star College-North Harris

Throughout human history, the intersection of different cultural groups has produced conflict, convergence, and change in behavior, language, values, and institutions. This presentation will look at the impact on both individuals and groups at those crossroads in human experience, from key historical cultural convergences to current intersections of culture in the global and local communities and in the lives of individuals. The presentation will consider the contributions of the behavioral sciences to understanding the impact of these events, including results of the presenter's own research on attitude and cultural exposure.

Janice Hartgrove-Freile is Professor of Psychology at Lone Star College-North Harris. She is an International Studies and Honors faculty member, Recycling Coordinator, Faculty Excellence Awards Committee Chair, and sponsor of three student organizations. She has published both fiction and non-fiction.

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSION II

Social Media as an International Change Agent
Tony Fuller, Ph.D., Professor of Speech and Mass Communication, Lone Star College-Montgomery

This presentation examines social media as an agent of social and political change in the international arena.

Dr. Tony Fuller is a professor of speech and mass communication at Lone Star College-Montgomery and media/political consultant. He has taught a wide variety of mass media and other communication courses at University of Houston, Florida State University, and Lone Star College-Montgomery.

“Soft Power” Assets that International Students and Scholars Bring to Our Communities
Adria L. Baker, Associate Vice Provost for International Education, Rice University and Mario Sanchez, Senior International Visitor Advisor, University of Texas Health Science Center

Students from all parts of the globe are attracted to study in the USA at our universities and colleges. They bring, not only cultural and linguistic diversity to our communities, but can serve as a bridge between the USA and their home countries. This session will provide information of the many benefits of international education exchange to our country, city and world, which are tangible and sometimes not quite as obvious at first. Opportunities for engagement will also be discussed. There will be a question and discussion opportunity at the end of the session.

Dr. Adria L. Baker is the Associate Vice Provost for International Education and Executive Director of the Office of International Students & Scholars at Rice University. She also directs the Brasil@Rice Office. She has served in leadership in international education exchange, public policy, US-Korea Fulbright IEA program, publication and presentations.

Mario Sánchez has been working in the area of international higher education since 2007 primarily in the area of academic medicine. He is currently serving as Senior International Visitor Advisor in the Office of International Affairs at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.
Why Castro Communism Failed and the Road to Rejoining the Global Community
Carolyn Davis, Professor of Government, Lone Star College-North Harris

After spending nearly two weeks in Cuba in March 2014, Professor Davis will eagerly discuss where Fidel Castro's version of Marxism went so totally wrong and the steps Cuba must now take to rejoin the global community of nations. Karl Marx's original theory of dialectical materialism will be presented, as well as Castro's interpretation of Communism.

Professor Davis has won the Teacher Excellence Award at Lone Star College-North Harris seven times in her 36 year tenure at the college. She is a dedicated world traveler and frequent public speaker, as well as an active volunteer in community organizations and service.

Globalize Our Communities: An Educational Approach
Rami Shafiee, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, Lone Star College-North Harris

This interactive presentation will demonstrate the economic advantages of globalization for our local communities. Using the fundamentals of economic development the importance educational institutions in globalization of local communities are discussed. Additionally participants are introduced to current regional economic development activities directed toward globalizing our local community.

Dr. Rami Shafiee has been a professor of economics at Lone Star College-North Harris for twenty-five years, and is responsible for the development and instruction of economics courses. He also serves as the Department Chair for Business and Economics. Additionally, he serves as international executive development consultant/trainer with concentration on energy, power and transportation industries.

You + Me = WE: A Cultural Awareness Exercise
Barbara Lujan, Counselor/Professor, Lone Star College-Tomball

This small group exercise will have each person answer questions regarding their cultural heritage and some of their experiences related to their heritage. For example: What is your family’s cultural heritage? How long have you been in the United States? How many generations has your family lived in your home country? What were/are some of your family’s cultural traditions? Are they still followed?

Barbara Lujan has been a Counselor at Lone Star College-Tomball for twenty years. Formerly from Arizona, Barbara received her bachelor and master’s degrees from Arizona State University, with a major in family studies. She was also a chemical dependency counselor and family therapist.

Key Problems of Cultural Education in the Period of Globalization
Joseph L. Kagle, Jr., Professor of Art and Art History, Lone Star College-Kingwood

This presentation takes ten rules and discusses them in light of the situational leadership and cultural education needed in our present global world. In 2003, the Fulbright Association and the government of Georgia asked Professor Kagle to present on global education and cultural leadership in Tbilisi, Georgia. Professor Kagle has updated that presentation due to subsequent experiences with a Fulbright grant to help Mongolia update its university curriculum in 2004 and years of teaching in the Lone Star College System.

Joseph L. Kagle, Jr. has been teaching for 56 years at the college level both in the U.S. and abroad. He has served as a museum director and curator for 52 years. He has been an artist for 73 years since the age of eight. He has received four Fulbright Awards, traveling to Taiwan, Mongolia, and twice to Georgia. He has taught at the University of Guam, Tbilisi, in the Republic of Georgia, and in Mongolia.
Model United Nations: Student Engagement of Global Problems in a Real World Context


This presentation highlights an academic opportunity in global problem solving embarked on by the students of the Lone Star College System. Sixteen current students from three Lone Star colleges will present on a range of global issues as they demonstrate the potential for international communication among the nation states of the world, and attempting to come to grips with long-standing problems that are at the core of globalization.

Alex Paul, Will Howell, Tuesday Kahl, Nicole Sanchez, Muntaha Saleem, and Kaleena Steakle are students at Lone Star College-Kingwood. Kaitlyn Zoeller, David Olivera, Betina Rivera, Rebeca Rivas, Alain Khouri, and Audrey De Ridder are students at Lone Star College-Montgomery. Alan Abbott, Kaylin Arnold, Mikayla Rae Clark, Mark Maina Kinyanjui, and Shannon McCreadie are students at Lone Star College-Tomball.

Faculty advisors: Peggy Lambert is a professor of history at Lone Star College-Kingwood. David Kennedy is a professor of government at Lone Star College-Montgomery. David Birch is a professor of government at Lone Star College-Tomball.

Cuba: Nature and Culture

Gary Clark, Professor of Business, Lone Star College-North Harris

This presentation is an account of the natural history and cultural education tour Professor Clark led to Cuba over the 2013-2014 winter holidays. It includes an overview of Cuba’s cultural system, its economic system, its natural ecosystem, its historic buildings in Havana and Camagüey, and insights about the 1950s Castro/Guevara revolution with photos of Che Guevara’s redoubt in Pinar del Rio and photos of the modern day Bay of Pigs called Playa Girón.

Gary Clark, M.B.A., has been professor of marketing, Dean of Natural Sciences, Dean of Business, Social, and Behavioral Sciences, Vice-President of Instruction, and is currently Professor of Business. He received the Teacher Excellence Award and Star Award. He is a columnist for the Houston Chronicle.
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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

His Excellency Ebrahim Rasool, Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa
Claudia Kolker, Author and Contributing Editor, Houston Chronicle

Lone Star College System would like to extend special thanks to the World Affairs Council of Houston for sponsorship of the opening speaker.

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Evōk- Eclectic Voices and Dr. Todd Miller, Director
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