



## Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 2022 International Studies Days Program

Virtual Edition, May 3-7

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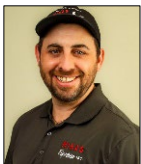
**Thursday, May 5**

**10:00 to 11:30 a.m. CST**

**Panel: The State of Organizations with an International Focus in Our Region**



**Han Ko** is the Founder and CEO of USAKO Group, an international investment company. Based on his education in the high-tech field, including a graduate degree from Washington University, combined with decades of experience, he has successfully launched and operated multiple ventures in the U.S., South Korea, and Middle Eastern markets. His experience includes venture capital and commercial real estate. Recently he brought five South Korean companies to Saint Louis and Southern Illinois under the program “Go Global with USAKO Group,” co-hosted by his company and the South Korean government. He also serves on the boards of multiple nonprofit organizations including the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Illinois Trade and Investment Council, and OCA.



**Bruno Nobre** is the Owner and Operations Director of Minas Espresso. Nobre has been with Minas Espresso since the very beginning, starting the business in 2018 with his father-in-law, Norberto Torres. Nobre started out in the coffee industry very early in life working on his family coffee farm. Nobre’s family is extremely important to him and is the biggest support system he has. His wife, Priscila, has always been there to support his dreams. When he is able to, Nobre loves to explore the world and take time to travel with his family. Nobre’s lifelong passion for coffee has quickly turned into the American Dream, and he cannot wait to see how far Minas Espresso can go.



**Lorna Kurdi** has been working with the World Affairs Council of Saint Louis since June 2020. In her role as strategic administrator of the organization, she has worked with her colleagues and team of interns through the challenging time of the pandemic. She has successfully helped the World Affairs Council of Saint Louis make the transition to the virtual environment, has hosted hundreds of international visitors virtually, and has produced many online webinars for members. In her 17 years as political campaign operative and nonprofit organization consultant, she has supported all kinds of different events. She lives in Tower Grove East with her dog, Dodge.



**Dhiraj “Dave” Kumar** is a Technology Executive and Founder of EAI Vision LLC, a company that provides software solutions to small and large-scale business organizations in finance, banking, airlines, and government across the globe. He has been associated with the Saint Louis Chapter of Asha for Education, a nonprofit organization, for over two decades. Asha for Education engages volunteers in our region and internationally in projects dedicated to change in India by focusing on basic education for underprivileged children, in the belief that education is a critical requisite for socio-economic change. An avid runner himself, Dave also leads the Asha Marathon Program.

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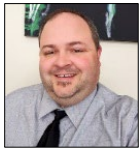
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**Panel: Study Abroad Opportunities at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**



**Ryan Donald** is the Study Abroad Specialist of the Office of International Affairs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He was born in Canada and first came to the U.S. as an international student. This experience, combined with an interest in different cultures and world events, brought him to the field of international education. For over ten years he has worked in higher education and is driven by the challenge of creating opportunities to develop their intercultural competency through meaningful programs and experiences. A certified Cultural Intelligence (CQ) facilitator, he has developed international programs and training for students, faculty, and staff.



**Dr. Johanna Schmitz** is a professor of Theatre History in the Department of Theater and Dance at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She has led seven interdisciplinary summer travel studies to London with excursions to Oxford, Brighton, and Stratford-on-Avon. Her research in Shakespeare studies is centered on cultural tourism, nostalgia, memory and performance, and the use of architectural reconstructions of Tudor and Jacobean playhouses in our time. Since 2006, she has been building an archive collection to preserve the story of the Rose Playhouse (1587-1605) after its discovery in 1989. She received SIUE's Hoppe Research Professor Award 2018-2020 and is preparing for an extended period of field work in London. She would welcome SIUE students to study abroad in London with her during that time.



**Dr. Kevin Cannon** is an associate professor and the chair in the department of Criminal Justice Studies at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. His teaching interests focus on the corrections system, capital punishment, and international and organized crime. His research has been focused on LGBT issues in criminal justice education, publishing in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* and *The Handbook of LGBT Communities, Crime, and Justice*. He has led study abroad trips in Ireland and the Netherlands.



**Dr. Grahaeme Hesp** is the Senior Director of Institutional Relations of the Foundation for International Education (FIE) and is based in the Metro Saint Louis area. In his current capacity, he is responsible for FIE's partner relationship management, new program development, and corporate partnerships. He also serves as the U.S. contact for FIE's GreekConnect programming and the Conflict and the Struggle for Peace summertime program. He is an active member of The Forum on Education Abroad, NASPA: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

