Follow up Research with IREX Fellow in Vietnam

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Dr. Johnston recently spent 8 days with our IREX Fellow Tran Nguyen in her native home country of Vietnam, conducting workshops on Leadership and Ethics. Here is a recap of the trip!

Tran works for a Community Development Project in the Tieu Can district, Tra Vinh province of Vietnam. In 2015, she attended the Community Solution Program funded by the State Department of the United States and had the chance to work with The Siegel Institute at Kennesaw State University where she developed her follow-up project under the supervision of Dr. Johnston. After 4 months with The Siegel Institute, Tran planned to implement her follow-up project on values and ethics in order to prevent school violence and sexual harassment in Tan Hung and Tap Ngai secondary schools. These are schools faced with underdeveloped facilities, a high student drop out rate, and other issues.

On May 5, 2016, Dr. Johnston traveled to Vietnam to help Tran in facilitating 2 days of training from May 9-10, 2016. The training was held successfully with 30 participants from different schools. The teachers will re-train their students after summer vacation. The new knowledge and skills learned will help the schools in building a friendly and safe environment for the students. While there, Dr. Johnston also did the workshop for the Norwegian Alliance staff and met with the faculty at the Center for Women's Studies at the Ho Chi Minh City Institute of Social Sciences.
16th Annual Phenomenal Women’s Conference Recap

The Siegel Institute hosted the 16th Annual Phenomenal Women’s Conference Friday, March 18, 2016 at the KSU Center, and it was a sold out event. The conference showcased women from all walks of life who empower other women. The theme for this year’s conference was “Transitions in Life.” The PWC is an opportunity for women to come together to talk about both personal and professional issues in a safe environment. This year’s Phenomenal Woman of the Year recipient was Meredith Leapley, the founder and president of Leaplay Construction LLC.

Save the date for the 17th annual PWC!
March 17, 2017

PWC Pre-Conference Workshops

♦ 9/29 - Thriving During Stressful Times with Dr. Roxanne Donovan
♦ 10/20 - Shame: The Secret Emotion with Kimberly Castro Owens
♦ 11/17 - Empowering You To Transform and Execute With Purpose with Angela Sims
♦ 1/26 - Managing with Aloha with Dr. Linda Golian-Lui
♦ 2/16 - S.A.F.E. (Self-Defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange) with KSU Police

Workshops are $25 each or register for all five for only $100! For more information and to register, visit our website: SiegelInstitute.kennesaw.edu.

Registration includes dinner and seats are limited!

Our New Office Space! Town Point Suite 4700
SIERS Presenters

The Siegel Institute Ethics Research Scholars program accepts two cohorts per year, one in the Fall and Spring. Each cohort is comprised of a select number of students and faculty interested in conducting original research on a particular ethical issue. The cohort is a year-long commitment, and results in publications and conference presentations.

The Spring 2016 Cohort’s topic was the Ethics of Clothing. The Spring Cohort has been accepted to present their research at the 2016 Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah in October.

Here is a photo of some of the Spring 2016 Cohort!

From left to right: Alvina Khan, Kesha Lewis, Ebru Pinar, Dr. Linda Johnston, and Crystal Money

Shout out to Shauna Carmichael!

Shauna is taking her talents to Massachusetts, where she will be a Child Welfare Trial Attorney. She is a public defender, but instead of representing the defendants in criminal cases, she will be representing parents and children in child welfare cases.

We are so proud of Shauna and all of her accomplishments!

Shauna will also continue to work with the Siegel Institute on grants research.

ILEC Summer and Fall 2016 Courses

**Sumner 2016 Course Schedule:**
ILEC 8810 - Foundations of Leadership* (3)
ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics (3)

**Fall 2016 Course Schedule:**
ILEC 8800 - Foundations of Ethics* (3)
ILEC 8850 - Ethical Leadership in a Global Context* (3)
ILEC 8920 - Current Issues in Art and Ethics** (3)
ILEC 8900 - Crisis Leadership Communication** (3)

*Online Course
** Hybrid Course
Advisory Board Member Highlight:
Ashley Nealy, M.S.I.S

1. Can you talk a little bit about what you are currently doing for a living and the impact you are making in the community?

I am the Web Team Lead for the United States Department of Treasury in the office of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). I am responsible for providing and leading web and application development services to support the mission which is to protect the integrity of the nation’s taxpayer system. I am also the Founder and Chief Creative Officer of Mindly Maven, LLC., a creative solutions company specializing in web and graphic design.

I’ve made an impact on the community by lending my talents in innovation. All of my service usually has some creative component or involves technology. I’m the Vice President of the Urban League of Greater Atlanta – Young Professionals where a lot of my service derives. It’s an affiliate of the Urban League, the nation’s oldest civil rights organization which provides direct services to the community impacting health, housing, jobs, and education to level the playing field. Personally, I speak to youth in schools to encourage them to consider a STEM Career and I also teach students and adults how to code.

2. What is the Ashley R. Nealy STEM Fund at Kennesaw State University all about?

My fund at Kennesaw State is designed to advance the teaching of science and mathematics in Georgia’s K-12 schools. It supports a fellow in the A.T.O.M.S. Center so that they can learn energizing methods to get our students excited about STEM education.

3. What are the best and worst aspects in regards to web developing?

The best is watching your solution come to life; you’re literally able to build something that didn’t exist before. The worst part is making a mistake with coding, you have to scan down many lines of HTML code to find one mistake, which could be a simple syntax error.

4. What is your key to success?

I try to always have a plan. Before my first day of college, I had my whole course list mapped out for the next 4 years. Of course, things don’t always go as planned, but it helps to have one. When I’m bored, I plan and think about what else I can get involved in to improve myself or my community. I’m constantly evaluating my life and seeing what pieces I can move around to make the biggest impact.

5. What advice would you give female students in the IT field?

Don’t give up! Females are definitely the minority in the IT field. I’m still told by men that I don’t “look like” someone who works in IT. Don’t let the stereotypes get you down. Stay focused, be better than everyone else at your craft, and you will be taken seriously regardless if you’re a female. Join empowering groups such as Women in Technology for a network of other women working in the field. It’s a safe space to discuss your challenges and meet other women who are respected in the field.

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