## OIS Symposium Schedule

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<td>• Introduction to OIS and Immigration</td>
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<td>• Visa Pathways: Employment in Academia</td>
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<td>• #YouAreWelcomeHere</td>
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OIS Staff
Administration

Delo Blough, Director
Sara Jones, Associate Director
Administration

Rachel Vandevort,
Front Desk Coordinator
Outreach and Assessment

Kati Von Lehman, Assistant Director

Nicole Arms, Administrative System Assistant

Zakaria Miller, Graduate Intern
Employment Team

Brianna Allen, Assistant Director
Cintia Benitez, Immigration Specialist
Branwyn Turnage, Immigration Coordinator
Student Team

Richard Sherman, Assistant Director

School/Department
• College of Business Administration
• Katz Graduate School of Business
Student Team

Caitlin Dawson, Immigration Specialist
- College of General Studies
- Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences
- School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences
- Graduate School of Public Health

Susanna Deemer, Immigration Specialist
- Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
- School of Dental Medicine
- School of Law
- Swanson School of Engineering
- School of Medicine
- School of Pharmacy
Student Team

Jean Wenner, Immigration Specialist
- School of Computing and Information
- School of Education
- School of Nursing
- School of Social Work

Kaylee Rush, Immigration Specialist
- New Students
- Regional Campus Students
**OIS Staff Openings**

**Student Team - New Student Specialist**
- Works with incoming students
- No previous immigration experience necessary
- Currently posted on Talent Center

**Employment Team – Immigration Specialist**
- Works with Departments on J-1s and H-1Bs
- Some immigration experience desired
- Will be posted soon on Talent Center (OIS will announce when it is posted in the OIS Connect)
Total International Population at Pitt

Top Countries
1. China – 2681
2. India – 677
3. South Korea – 143
4. Taiwan – 104
5. Canada – 94
6. Saudi Arabia – 82
7. Brazil – 80
8. Japan – 76
9. Iran – 71
10. Turkey – 63

Total Population – 5009
Number of Countries – 111
International Student Population – Fall 2021

Top Countries
1. China – 1444
2. India – 320
3. Saudi Arabia – 91
4. South Korea – 88
5. Taiwan – 64
6. Germany – 52
6. Iran – 52
8. Brazil – 37
9. Turkey – 32
10. Canada – 29

Total Population – 2696
Number of Countries – 101
Current State of Embassy Closures

- Some Embassies are now open for some visa appointments
  - Examples: Beijing, Shanghai, Rio de Janeiro
  - Preference given to student visas
- Some remain closed for all but emergency appointments
  - Examples: London, Mumbai
  - In most cases, student visas constitute an "emergency" for these purposes
- [https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html)
Current State of Travel Bans

- Covid-related travel bans remain in place if a non-citizen has been in one of 33 countries over the past 14 days
- National Interest Exception is still necessary
  - NIE automatically given to students
  - NIE is routinely granted to J-1 scholars
  - All other nonimmigrant visas still require NIE and the traveler must convince the Consulate that their travel is in the national interest of the U.S.
- The Biden Administration has indicated that this travel ban will be lifted sometime in "early November." No specific date has been given
- NIE is being replaced with a requirement that all travelers provide proof of vaccination AND a negative Covid test