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Thursday, November 19:
From Immigration Regulations to Cultural Adjustment: A glimpse into the international student experience at MSU

PRESENTERS: Elizabeth Matthews, Assistant Director in the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS); Skyin (Xiaoyu) Yin, Communications and Experiential Learning Coordinator, OISS; Nicole Namy, International Sponsored Student Coordinator, OISS

11:30am.-1:00pm
MSU Student Union
Mosaic Multicultural Unity Center

Join the conversation, ask questions, LEARN! Everyone’s welcome.

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**Presenter Bios**

**Elizabeth Matthews** serves as Assistant Director in the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) at Michigan State University where she advises international students and scholars and oversees programming, community outreach and communications. Previously, Elizabeth has served as the Director of the International Center at Illinois Institute of Technology and Associate Director of the International Office at Northwestern University. She received her M.Ed. in higher education from Loyola University Chicago and has studied in Ireland, Italy, and Nepal. Elizabeth serves as the Chair-Elect for the Knowledge Community for International Student and Scholar Services for NAFSA: Association of International Educators, a 10,000-member organization, and is a frequent presenter of sessions and workshops pertaining to international student and scholar services. She has also served as a Fellow at the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication in Portland, Oregon in 2014 and was a participant in a comparative international education program called the Baden-Württemberg Seminar in Tubingen, Germany in 2012.

Representing the new wave of international talent in the Greater Lansing region, **Skyin (Xiaoyu) Yin** received her Master Degree in Advertising from Michigan State University in 2013, and is currently the Communications and Experiential Learning Coordinator for the OISS at MSU. Skyin is a life-long global citizen and bleeding green Spartan, a future leader in international exchange, and currently a Michigander from China.

With the background in international business and advertising, she has had global work experience in marketing communication arena. Skyin also enjoys exchanging favorite restaurants in the region with others and sharing her adventures here in Pure Michigan.

**Nicole Namy** is the International Sponsored Student Coordinator at the (OISS) at Michigan State University (MSU). She has a passion for international education, teaching and learning about issues of intercultural communication and social justice with people of all ages and in a variety of educational settings.

Nicole received her B.A at MSU in English and Elementary Education and her M.A. at MSU with an emphasis on P-12 School and Postsecondary Leadership. She has been at MSU for the past seven years, initially as the community outreach coordinator at OISS and most recently, coordinating sponsored programs for the university. Nicole’s interest in international and multicultural education has also allowed her to work coordinating programs that would bring students from diverse backgrounds into contact with each other and make use of cultural differences as an educational resource on campus and in the community.

Most recently, Nicole participated in the Baden Württemberg Seminar, a collaboration between NAFSA and American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) that focuses on German-American educational exchange. The seminar allows American educators to gain knowledge about the German educational system, German-American academic equivalencies, and student exchange between Germany and the U.S.

Nicole has attended the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication (SIIC) to receive professional development within the field of intercultural communication and social justice that has allowed her to work toward promoting intercultural understanding through training workshops geared toward MSU faculty, staff, students and the greater community to promote better cross-cultural awareness.