

**National Career Development Association (NCDA)
International Students and Scholars Committee (ISSC)
Mid-Year Report 2021-2022**

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- **Co-Chairs:** Arame Mbodj, arames@stanford.edu, and Ivette Mekdessi, ifm2@rice.edu.
- **Members:** See list of 40 members attached chart on pages 2 & 3

Committee Activities to Date:

Increased the visibility, participation, and leadership of diverse members

- Held three General Meetings (October 14, December 8, and February 10), addressing the needs, thoughts and feelings of diverse members.
- Hosted more than 40 meetings over the last five months through 4 sub-team working groups.

Increased the number of articles addressing diverse populations

- Identified current members' additional professional affiliations to send out invitations and promotional information of our work to possible prospective members and collaborate with associations.
- Current and former leaders of the Committee published [Advocating for International Student Wellbeing and Career Development in the Pandemic](#) on Career Convergence on March 1, 2021.
- The **Research and Writing Team** has focused on three projects: 1) finalizing the manuscript for the research project on multicultural, social justice, and advocacy competencies; 2) finalizing the YouTube video project based on past research results and implications; 3) solidifying the variables and research questions for a new mixed-method study on international students' career needs, and planning for IRB writing and data collection; 4) planning for presenting virtually at NCDA's conference ("Cultivating Career Adaptability and Resilience: Cross-Cultural and Global Justice Perspectives").
- The **Social Media Team** is increasing the number of articles addressing diverse populations in our publications and social media, while also expanding our social media presence by successfully creating and publishing 9 videos on our NCDA ISSC YouTube Channel, generating over 400 views. The highlight videos of NCDA ISSC Mini-conference and NCDA ISSC Member Spotlight further amplified the work of our committee among career development professionals. Additionally, we strategically increased engagement in our LinkedIn Group (established in 2012) which has surpassed 700 members in this online community.
- The **Resources Team** is finishing up the first draft of our new and improved NCDA ISSC Resource Guide. The project is being managed by a collaborative team-wide approach with individual goals to be completed by each member according to a strategic timeline. Three sub-team working groups have been created with ISSC members working on each section of the guide. The projected completion date for the guide is April followed by a final review process to be completed by May.
- The **Mini-Conference Team** is working to provide free interactive workshops in Zoom addressing social justice and career development of international students and to offer CE credits opportunities.

Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30:

- Host 2022 ISSC Mini-Conference (August 5 & August 12) virtually.
- Continue to grow the ISSC Youtube Channel with ISSC content geared towards career practitioners working with international students.
- Offer a presentation at the NCDA National Conference based on the work of the committee members to recruit diverse members to join the group.
- Publish a Career Convergence article to introduce ISSC and its projects/accomplishments.
- Implement succession plans for outgoing co-chair and sub-group leads and co-leads.

Member List

Name	Institution/organization	Job Title
Aishwarya Joshi	Idaho State University	Doctoral Candidate/ LPC
Amanda Machonis	West Chester University	Assistant Director of Career Development
Arame Mbodj	Stanford University	Assistant Director of Career Catalysts
Beth Bernhardt	Yeshiva University Career Center	Assistant Director, Wasserman Center for Career Development
Breanna Gallagher	Oklahoma State University	Career Consultant
Caleb Yu	Cornell University	Graduate and International Student Career Coach
Dr Anupama Malik	Mind Connect	Director
Elif Balin	San Francisco State University	Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for the Career Counseling Master's Program
Ellen Zold Goldman	Northeastern University, Boston, MA	Senior Associate Director
Eunhui Yoon	Florida State University	Assistant Professor
Gaeun Seo	Princeton University	Senior Associate Director, Graduate Student Career Development
Hongshan Shao	The Pennsylvania State University	Doctoral Candidate, Career Counseling Graduate Assistant
Ivette Mekdessi	Rice University	Assistant Director
Jane Sitter	UMN - TC	International Career Consultant
Jason Rickey	Shorelight	Program Manager, Career Accelerator
Jeongwoon Jeong	Fort Hays State University	Instructor
Jisu Kim	Cleveland State University	Graduate Research Assistant
Joana Scharinger	Golden Gate University	Career Counselor
Jonnie Lane	Serenity Lane Counseling & Supervision	practitioner
June Hyun	Seattle Pacific University	Associate Professor
Kelly Roberts	Fordham University	Assistant Director
Kelly Woods	Mount Holyoke College	Associate Director
Leigh Mason	Carnegie Mellon University, Silicon Valley	Assistant Director of Career Services
Lisa Andrews	American University	Assistant Director of Career & Professional Development
Lynette Hepburn-Richardson	Valdosta State University	Student Career Counselor
Maggie Luo	ChampAmerica	Career Counselor
Paula Lazarim	University of Tennessee	CMHC; Ph.D. Counselor Education Student
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Sharena Payne	American University	Associate Director of Employer Relations

Sojeong Nam	Western Michigan University	Assistant Professor
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Vivi Hua, Psy.D.	U.S. Academic & Career Coaching LLC (DBA: Dr. Vivi Coaching)	International Student Success Coach & Licensed Psychologist
Xi Zhang	Vanderbilt University	master's student
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Yasir Kurt	Purdue University	Associate Director-Career Development
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