Title
Transformative Servant Leadership Development through Short-term International Cultural Immersion

Description
Global competence is essential for responsible engagement and leadership in the world. Grounded in over 10 years of experience and research, this panel-discussion centers on the value and components of short-term cultural immersion/study abroad to promote transformative servant leadership development. Central to the session is servant leadership development via learning to listen through a cultural lens to challenge assumptions and the development of self-awareness through reflection and feedback. These require taking risks to learn and serve as a leader in “foreign” settings. Ground in research and servant leadership tenants, factors to promote transformation in short term immersions will be highlighted.

Panel Overview/Bio
The panel will include professionals who engaged in a short-term China based study abroad/cultural immersion as part of their graduate studies. Panel members represent a broad array of backgrounds and disciplines, as well different years of participation. Yet, they share in their experience of servant leadership transformation that has impacted their leadership and life journey. The panel will highlight tenants of servant leadership linked to their immersion, which included “building” a library in a rural school. They specifically will address how they “unleashed the energy” in the rural school children, as well as classmates through learning to coach not control and changing the pyramid as each took risks to step into multiple leadership roles before, during and after the immersion. The session will be facilitated by the program developer, Dr. Kelly Ottman, who has experience in servant leadership development through international service learning in academic and corporate settings.

Panel Members

Jesse Broaddrick – Senior Manufacturing Engineer at Brady Corp
(Master of Science in Engineering Management 2019)
Casey DeLaO, MSN, MBA, BSN, BS, RN. - Assistant Nurse Manager at Froedtert Health
(Master of Science in Nursing, 2018)

Stacey Driftka, PHR – Director of Faculty Affairs at the Medical College of Wisconsin
(Master in Business Administration, 2016)

Mason Khan - Global Product Manager at Rockwell Automation
Board Member/Director at Wisconsin Conservatory of Music
(Master of Science in Engineering Management, 2011)

Keelan Runnalls - Technical Writer-MR, GE Healthcare
(Master of Business Administration, Entrepreneurship and International Business, 2017)

Mandy Runnalls - Senior Campus Recruiter at Deloitte
(Master of Science, 2017)

Kevin D. Zeinemann, P.E. Corporate Director Engineering at Curt G. Joa, Inc.
(Master of Business Administration, 2015)
Panel Moderator

C. Kelly Ottman, PhD – Professor at Milwaukee School of Engineering University
Owner of Leadership Portals, LLC

Dr. Ottman developed the Milwaukee School of Engineering University Doing Business with China graduate program in 2009, which partners with over 20 companies and has a signature Servant Leadership project in rural China. Over 100 individuals have participated in this program. Alumni serve as ambassadors of the program and help mentor incoming participants.