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Moderator Bio

Kenneth Munroe, *Manager of Finance and Accounting, MBA, MS*

Kenneth holds bachelor's degrees in sociology and anthropology from Swarthmore College and received his MBA in Accounting from Temple. He also holds an MS in Organization Development & Leadership from St. Joseph's University. For his capstone project, Ken conducted research for his paper entitled "Global and Brotherly Love: Understanding Philadelphia-Area Higher Education Institutions' Strategic Initiatives to Promote Diversity within Their Study Abroad Programs".

Ken's passion for cross-cultural exchanges began while attending high school at Phillips Exeter Academy, when he had the opportunity to perform volunteer work in Guanajuato, Mexico. As a sophomore in college he returned to Mexico as a supervisor with the same organization. Kenneth also studied abroad in Sydney, Australia during his undergraduate career and participated in a faculty-led study abroad tour to Italy while at St. Joe's.

Panelist Bios

Jennifer Hall is a senior psychology major, graduating in May 2021. Jennifer spent the spring semester of her junior year at Temple University Rome and participated in the Culture and Identity Envoy Program. She currently serves as a Peer Advisor in the Education Abroad Office.

Zaria Glenn is a senior English and Spanish double major with an ethics certificate. Zaria participated in the LASS program in Ecuador in Spring 2019, as well as the Spanish Studies Abroad program in Alicante, Spain in Spring 2020. Zaria currently serves as a Study Abroad Ambassador for Education Abroad and is the Chief Judge of Temple Student Government.

Olivia Newsome is a junior international business major with a specialization in Spanish and Latin American business. Olivia spent the spring semester of her sophomore year at Temple Japan learning the basics of the Japanese language while working at a marketing internship. She currently serves as a Peer Advisor in the Education Abroad Office.

David Ford graduated from Temple in 2018 with a degree in history. While at Temple, David studied abroad on the Temple Summer in Jamaica program in 2017, and then returned as a teaching assistant for the same program in 2018. David now works as a music teacher at Cornerstone Christian Academy, and runs *Learning Service Through Music*, a community service initiative he founded that advocates for music education for underrepresented students.

Amir Methvin is a sophomore psychology major with a minor in dance and a certificate in gender, sexuality, and women's studies. An international student from South Africa, Amir serves as vice president of Babel poetry collective, dances for Dynamic Afrique, and serves as a Peer

Advisor in the Education Abroad Office. Amir is planning to attend the summer 2021 Temple in France program.

Jada Barnes is a senior psychology major and criminal justice minor. Jada studied abroad on the Temple Exchange program in Norwich, England at the University of East Anglia in Fall 2019. Jada currently serves as a Study Abroad Ambassador, works as an intern in the Research in Spatial Cognition (RISC) lab, and is a member of Psychology Majors of Color at Temple. Jada hopes to pursue a master's of social work and become a Licensed Professional Counselor working in U.S. prison systems.

Olayele Suara graduated with a BS in microbiology from Obafemi Awolowo University before coming to Temple to obtain his MBA from Fox. An international student from Ibadan, Nigeria, Olayele serves as a board member for the International Student Advisory Board (ISAB) while also working as a social media manager for a digital agency and brand analyst for a pension fund administrator.