

Last Name	First Name	Highest Degree	Faculty/Admin/Staff	School	Department	Destination (City, Country)	Travel Dates	Activity Type	Project Title & Purpose of Travel
Arcia	Adriana	PhD	Faculty	HSN	Nursing	Vienna, Austria	November 1-8, 2025	International Seminar/Panel/Workshop (Presenting or Facilitating)	IEEE VIS 2025 The purpose of travel is to present a methods tutorial at the premier international data and information visualization conference, IEEE VIS. The hands-on interactive tutorial, entitled Preparing, Conducting, and Analyzing Participatory Design Sessions for Information Visualizations, supports attendees as they practice developing design session prompts, giving and receiving feedback on visualization prototypes, and extracting actionable insights from the data collected in a mock design session. The promotion of participatory design is important because rather than making assumptions about what will or will not work, the method centers the linguistic and cultural perspectives of the intended visualization viewers.
Barton	Thomas	PhD	Faculty	CAS	History	Barcelona, Spain	July 1-15, 2025	International Seminar/Panel/Workshop (Presenting or Facilitating), International Research	Project Title: Presenting at a Memorial Research Symposium in Barcelona and Taking Photos in Catalonia, Valencia, and Aragon (Spain) for Two Forthcoming Monographs Purpose of Travel: The purpose of this travel will be two-fold. First, I will present my research on late medieval Spanish cities in a workshop symposium (to which I have already received an official invitation) with colleagues from the US, Canada, Spain, and the UK. Second, for the remainder of the trip, I will venture through Catalonia, Valencia, and Aragon to visit ten churches and monastic complexes that are featured in my two forthcoming monographs from University of Pennsylvania Press and Penn State Press on the politics of medieval diocese restoration and the quest for episcopal power in medieval Spain (11th-13th centuries). These visits will enable me to take photos that will be published within the books. The meetings and work I will conduct during this trip will enable me to participate in this important international gathering while reconnecting with an international group of colleagues and offer me vital support for these book projects, all of which will serve to enhance USD's reputation.
Cravens	Ronnie	M Ed	Staff	SOLES	The Black InGenius Initiative (BiGI)	Durban, South Africa	August 12-16, 2025	International Conference Presentation	Project Title: Empowering Future Leaders: The Impact of the BiGI Summer Academy on Academic Motivation, Civic Engagement, and Cultural Identity in 6th Grade Students Purpose of Travel: To present results of purposed study at the International Association for Research on Service-learning and Community Engagement 2025 Conference
Daspro	Eileen	PhD	Faculty	KSB	I3 Interdisciplinary	Copenhagen, Denmark	July 25-29, 2025	International Seminar/Panel/Workshop (Presenting or Facilitating)	Experience Matters: Enhancing Management and International Business Education through Experiential Learning
Finestone	Kobi	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Philosophy	London	July 15-19, 2025	International Conference Presentation, International Seminar/Panel/Workshop (Presenting or Facilitating)	PPE Research and Pedagogy I have submitted two proposals for the PPE Society London international conference. One proposal deals with the theoretical limits for analytic research in the interdisciplinary subfield "PPE" (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics) by examining the informational function of social institutions. For the second proposal, I am a part of a "pedagogy panel" discussing how best to design a PPE gateway course in which I intend to discuss my current teaching practices in the USD course "PPE101".
Goldschmied	Nadav	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Psychological Sciences	Cologne, Germany	November 23-December 1, 2025	International Seminar/Panel/Workshop (Presenting or Facilitating), Writing a book on international sport psychology	Collaborating with international colleagues abroad on internationally-focused book (publisher Cambridge University) + Delivering an academic talk to the faculty of the German Sport University Cologne.
Gross	Aaron	PhD	Faculty	CAS	THRS, Food Studies Program	Chennai, India	June 25 - July 5, 2025	International Conference Presentation, International Research, course development	"Transforming Global Food Systems to Combat Climate Change" The purpose of this travel is to present a keynote address at a conference in Chennai (Tamil Nadu, India) and revive research in the nearby Gudalur district with the intent of internationalizing my "Religion and Food" class, developing a study abroad program in the region for USD students, and supporting the international growth of USD Center for Food Systems Transformations's new "Scope 3 Campus Network."
Guerrieri	Kevin	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Languages, Cultures and Literatures	Lima, Perú	July 13-20, 2025	International Conference Presentation, International Research	Decolonization in Peruvian Literature - I will be traveling to Lima, Perú to present a paper at the 45th International Conference of the Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana (IIL) to be held at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, July 16-19, 2025. My proposal, "Cuerpo, archivo y obra: la descolonización en Huaco retrato (2021) de Gabriela Wiener," has been accepted. In addition to my research focused on Latin American literature and cultural production in general, this project is related to decolonizing and repatriation efforts of cultural heritage materials and ancestors of Indigenous communities. I also plan to conduct research in/on museums, galleries, cultural centers, and other key sites while in Peru.
Jacobitz	Frank	PhD	Faculty	SMSE	Mechanical Engineering	Göttingen, Germany	July/August 2025	International Research	Title: Flow over a Roughness Element: Comparison of Simulation Results with Experimental Observations Purpose: I propose to travel to the Göttingen campus of the German Aerospace Center (DLR) in order to advance an ongoing research project (please see the proposal description and results from previous IOG funding). The trip would allow me to coordinate the simulation work with experiments performed by our collaborators, discuss and interpret results, and plan for next steps in the research process.

Jimenez-Luque	Antonio	PhD	Faculty	SOLES	Leadership Studies	Prague, Czech Republic	October 15-18, 2025	International Conference Presentation	Teaching and Practicing Global Leadership Critically: Acknowledging Context and Power in an Intercultural Dialogue for Social Change
McGorty	Ryan	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Physics and Biophysics	Monterrey, Mexico and Mexico City, Mexico	July 26 - August 4	International Research	Soft Matter Research in Mexico: Strengthening international collaborations in preparation for an international research grant from the NSF Purpose of travel: The purpose of this travel will be to strengthen research collaborations with two professors in Mexico. I will be traveling to Monterrey, MX to meet with Manuel Ávila López, a professor of Chemical Engineering at Tecnológico de Monterrey (Tec Monterrey). I will then visit Mario Sandoval Espinoza, professor of Physics at the Metropolitan Autonomous University (UAM) in Mexico City. These visits will establish stronger collaborations that will be essential as I prepare a grant proposal for a National Science Foundation (NSF) International Research Experience for Students project. As part of this planned project, six students from USD (as well as neighboring community colleges and PUIs) will be supported to conduct research full-time for a summer at one of the labs of these collaborators.
Meter	Alejandro	Ph.D.	Faculty	CAS	Languages, Cultures, and Literatures	Gijón + Madrid (Spain)	July 2-14, 2025	Photo Exhibit at Gijón Literary Festival and Book Presentation at Sefarad Center in Madrid	Gijón Photo Exhibit +Madrid Talk and Book Presentation: I will travel first to Madrid to give a presentation on my book, Postcards from Confinement, at the Centro Sefarad Israel in Madrid on July 3, 2025. From Madrid I travel to northern Spain to attend and participate in my solo exhibit at the Semana Negra de Gijón, the world's most prestigious crime fiction festival in Spanish language. I will be present at my exhibit inauguration and participate in talks and media interviews.
Myers	Perla	PhD	Admin	SOLES	Jacobs Institute for Innovation in Education	Durban, South Africa	August 12-16, 2025	International Conference Presentation	Our team submitted proposals for a couple of presentations: 1) Carson Family STEAM Initiative: Catalyzing K-12 Service-Learning Through Collaborative Community Engagement 2) "Near-Peer Mentorship as a Pathway for Equity in STEAM: Productive Struggle, STEM Identity, and Community Building" This is an opportunity to collaborate with people from different parts of the work to advance knowledge on Community Engagement and Service Learning.
Parkinson	Jennifer	Ph.D.	Faculty	CAS	Anthropology	Kampala, Uganda	July 10-29, 2025	International Research	Project Title: Museum analysis of artifacts documenting human evolution from Nyabusosi archaeological site, Albertine Rift Valley, Uganda This funding will allow me to pursue archaeological research documenting human evolution at Nyabusosi – a little explored region in the Rift Valley in Uganda. It will also allow me to maintain my international research collaboration with colleagues from the Uganda Museum who participate in this project. The goal of this research is to determine how changing environments over time affected the early stages of human evolution (4–1.5 million years ago). In particular, this research will address how environmental change may have shaped key human adaptations such as bipedal gait, increased brain size, and elaborate technological and social behavior. Funding will be used to travel to the Uganda Museum in Kampala to analyze fossils and artifacts that my team excavated in 2024.
Repinecz	Martin	PHD	Faculty	CAS	Languages, Cultures and Literatures	Barcelona, Spain	Nov. 11-16, 2025	International Conference Presentation	I am applying to present a paper at the "International Conference on Black Spain and Black Europe" at the IMF-CSIC in Barcelona on Nov. 13-14, 2025. The tentative title of my paper is "El Ejido as Afro-European Memory Site."
Silvaggio	Danielle	M.Ed	Staff	SOLES	The Jacobs Institute for Innovation in Education	Durban, South Africa	August 12-16, 2025	International Conference Presentation	I submitted proposals for two research presentations titled: 1) "Empowering Future Leaders: The Impact of the BIGI Summer Academy on Academic Motivation, Civic Engagement, and Cultural Identity in 6th Grade Students" 2) "Near-Peer Mentorship as a Pathway for Equity in STEAM: Productive Struggle, STEM Identity, and Community Building."
Velo	Ani	PHD	Faculty	CAS	Mathematics	Novi Sad, Serbia	July 2-6, 2025	International Conference Presentation	Project Title: Markov and Signed Markov Matrices for Impact Problems in Layered Elastic Media Purpose of travel: a) Conference presentation of my USD research with a student co-author. b) Professional development opportunity.
Weatherdon	Meaghan	PHD	Faculty	CAS	Theology and Religious Studies	Ottawa/winnipeg	July 9-16, 2025	International Research	Spiritual Power and Powwow Politics: Negotiating Claims to Place and Community on the Grounds preliminary research visit / community engagement trip
Wissman	Nichole	PhD	Faculty	KSB	Management, Law & Ethics	Athens, Greece	July 1-7, 2025	International Conference Presentation	Emplacing Climate Adaptation: How Marginalized Communities Navigate Risk And Challenge Dominant Adaptation Processes

Xu	Min	PhD	Faculty	SOLES	Counseling & Marital and Family Therapy	Guangdong, China	July 25-August 25, 2025	International Research, Field observation and engagement	<p>Title: Community-Based Mental Health Interventions in Collectivist Cultures</p> <p>Purpose: This research builds upon my prior work in Guangdong, where I established strong collaborations with social workers and non-profit agencies to understand community-driven mental health support systems. The proposed trip aims to further examine how collectivist cultural values shape mental health interventions and relational well-being, with a focus on publicly available resources and professional discussions. These insights will contribute to the development of culturally informed mental health support frameworks that could be conceptually adapted for communities in the U.S., especially those with a more collectivist culture. By engaging with community centers and observing public programs, I aim to refine my comparative framework for analyzing how collective support models can enhance mental health outcomes.</p>
Yanguas	Inigo	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Languages, Cultures, and Literatures	Medellin, Colombia	September 3-5 2025	International Conference Presentation	<p>The Impact of Virtual Guided Conversations on Oral Proficiency and Motivation in Intermediate Spanish Learners.</p> <p>I will be traveling from Tijuana International Airport (TIJ) to Colombia to present my research at the V Congreso Internacional de Investigación Lingüística: retos y perspectivas en la alfabetización académica, organized by El Grupo de Estudios Lingüísticos Regionales (GELIR). This conference provides a distinguished platform for discussions on academic literacy, reading, writing, and oral communication in disciplinary contexts. My study investigates how virtual guided conversations with native speakers impact the oral proficiency and academic literacy development of USD students in intermediate Spanish courses. By using a Service-Provider Virtual Exchange (SPVE) program, a platform that connects students with international speakers, my research inherently fosters cross-cultural interaction and internationality on campus. Presenting these findings to an international audience will deepen my engagement with global perspectives on academic literacy practices and provide opportunities to collaborate with international researchers. This exchange will allow me to bring new insights into the role of technology in academic communicative competence, enriching both my teaching and the student experience at USD.</p>