

Last Name	First Name	Highest Degree	Faculty, Admin, or Staff	School or Non-Academic Unit	Department	Destination (City, Country)	Travel Dates	Activity Type	Project Title & Purpose of Travel (Approx. 5 Sentences)
Bliss	Barbara	PhD	Faculty	KSB	Finance	Athens, Greece	June 24-28, 2025	International Conference Presentation, International Seminar/Panel/Workshop (Presenting or Facilitating)	Title: The Value of Beauty: Evidence from Employee Perception and Global Pay Purpose of Travel: International Conference Presentation. In this paper, my coauthors and I utilize advanced machine learning techniques to quantify the beauty of CEOs and examine how the perceived image of a CEO can impact employee job satisfaction and overall company ratings by employees. In addition, our study examines how this can affect overall firm performance and CEO pay. We work on integrating international firms to this study for comparative analyses and to decompose how much of the CEO's "pay for luck" is actually attributed to factors such as "beauty." I am excited to potentially present this manuscript (in June 2025) at the prestigious 2025 EFMA Annual Meeting in Athens, Greece, to gather valuable feedback and insights from experts in the field.
Boersma	Kate	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Biology	San Juan, Puerto Rico	May 17-25, 2025	International Conference Presentation, International Research	Society for Freshwater Science 2025 Annual Meeting and collaboration with Puerto Rican colleagues. I am applying for funding to travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico to meet with collaborators and to present at the Society for Freshwater Science (SFS) Annual Meeting. SFS is the primary professional society in my discipline of aquatic ecology, and I have participated in the Latin American Chapter of SFS for the past 10 years (in association with research projects in Ecuador, Mexico, and Puerto Rico). The conference location this year will allow me to advance a collaborative project on functional diversity with colleagues from the University of Puerto Rico who often find it logistically challenging to attend conferences on the mainland. Finally, attending this meeting is personally meaningful because there will be a celebration of life for my mentee José "Tosti" Sánchez-Ruiz, who passed unexpectedly during his PhD last year.
Boocher	Adam	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Mathematics	Genova, Italy	June 15 - 20, 2025	International Conference Presentation, International Research	Title: Complexity of Symmetries in Algebra and Geometry I will attend the conference "Modules & Rings: Recent Developments in Commutative Algebra, A conference in honor of Marilina Rossi" in Genova Italy. This is a gathering of the world experts in my field, and has a particular focus on my area of expertise. Mathematics is a very collaborative field and each summer there is typically one large meeting where all of the leading experts get together to advance their collaborative research programs. In addition to attending the conference, I will present a poster, and collaborate with colleagues from around the world on my recent work on algebraic symmetries.
Boozer	Leslie	EdD, JD	Faculty	SOLES	Department of Leadership Studies	London, UK	January 1-8, 2025	International Research	Project Title: "Strengthening Community Partnerships: A Comparative Study of Higher Education Engagement Practices in London and San Diego". The purpose of our travel is to collaborate with a London-based higher education institution to conduct a comparative study on community engagement practices. By examining how universities in London connect with diverse and underrepresented communities, we aim to identify best practices that can be adapted to our own institution's efforts in San Diego. This partnership will enhance cross-cultural learning, foster deeper global insights, and contribute to the development of more inclusive, community-centered educational frameworks. The findings will guide us in advancing the role of higher education in addressing social challenges through community partnerships.
Campbell	Colin	PhD	Faculty	KSB	Marketing	London, UK	Spring 2025	International Research	The project, titled "Harnessing Large-Scale Global Data: Unveiling Patterns in Digital Ad Effectiveness," involves analyzing a dataset of over 50 million online advertisements from Sine, a London-based digital advertising agency. Using machine learning, we aim to identify key ad attributes that drive consumer engagement and conversion, while exploring international differences in ad performance. I am seeking funding to collaborate in person with colleagues at King's College London. The proprietary dataset can only be accessed and analyzed on-site in London due to strict NDA requirements from the digital agency. This grant will facilitate critical on-site collaboration with both academic colleagues and Sine's data science team, ensuring effective and timely analysis of the dataset.
del Rio	Esteban	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Communication	London, UK	June 23 - 28, 2025	International Conference Presentation, Research visit to the Stuart Hall Library	Heritages London: Critical Questions - Contemporary Practice conference & Stuart Hall Library. IOG funding will support a presentation at the Amps conference in Maritime Greenwich, London and scheduled research times at the Stuart Hall Library in London. Expenses include hotel, Eurostar travel from Paris to London, and conference registration.
Fabionar	James	PhD	Faculty	SOLES	Department of Learning and Teaching	Madrid and Seville, Spain	January 5-18, 2025	International Research	Title: Archival Research on Spanish Colonial Education in the Philippines Purpose of the Travel: I am submitting this International Opportunity Grant (IOG) proposal to fund archival research on Spanish colonization of the Philippines in national archives in Madrid and Seville, Spain. The proposed project explores early Spanish interaction with indigenous groups in the Philippines. My intention is to contribute to the growing theorizing on decolonizing education by describing the pedagogical thinking of colonial powers in their interaction with and subjugation of indigenous groups. Few researchers in education have explored these dynamics through primary source documents with the goal of linking emergent understandings to discourse on the purposes and practices of contemporary schooling.

Fuller	Martha	PhD	Faculty	HSN	DNP/NP	Mbarara, Uganda	June 5-25, 2025	International Research	"Factors associated with length of stay and patient outcomes at Holy Innocents Children's Hospital". I will partner with Holy Innocents to develop a research protocol to allow them to understand what factors influence patient outcome and length of stay.
Goldych	Alexandra	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Languages, Cultures, and Literatures	Paris, France	June 10-14, 2025	International Conference Presentation	I will be presenting my research paper, "Technology and the Human in Nina Bouraoui's Grand Seigneur" at the Paris Conference on Arts and Humanities. This international conference brings together scholars from my specific field and beyond in order to reflect on issues that are pressing within the realms of Arts and Humanities. My presentation at this conference will further both my research agenda and my pedagogy, which will help me as an individual further the university mission. Moreover, the location of the conference, Paris, France, is an important site for my work, and will allow me access to the national library archives where I can further my individual research work.
Green	Sean	PhD	Admin	SOLES	Dean's Office	London, UK	January 1-8, 2025	International Research	Title - Strengthening Community Partnerships: A Comparative Study of Higher Education Engagement Practices in London and San Diego.  Purpose - The purpose of our travel is to collaborate with a London-based higher education institution to conduct a comparative study on community engagement practices. By examining how universities in London connect with diverse and underrepresented communities, we aim to identify best practices that can be adapted to our own institution's efforts in San Diego. This partnership will enhance cross-cultural learning, foster deeper global insights, and contribute to the development of more inclusive, community-centered educational frameworks. The findings will guide us in advancing the role of higher education in addressing social challenges through community partnerships.
Hynson	Meghan	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Music	Bogota and Medellin, Colombia	June 15-23, 2025	International Research	"The Conjunto de Gaitas: Studying the Origins and Tri-Cultural Heritage of Colombian Cumbia"  As an ethnomusicologist who has been teaching courses in music of Latin America and living near the border of Mexico, I have developed a secondary interest in the transnational musical genre of cumbia, which is originally from Colombia, but is now wildly popular in Mexico, Argentina, and Peru. I would like to write an article on cumbia and I am proposing to travel to Columbia from June 15-23, 2025 to research the indigenous and African roots of cumbia through an ensemble called conjunto de gaitas. I will travel to Columbia with Latin American specialist Dr. Leon Garcia Corona, Associate Professor of Ethnomusicology at University of Southern California, where we will engage directly with traditional musicians, master the instruments used in conjunto de gaitas, and gain a deeper understanding of the cultural origins of cumbia music. Upon our return, we will co-author an article on incorporating cumbia in the music education classroom and submit it to General Music Today or Music Educators Journal.
Jez	Rebekka	EdD	Faculty	SOLES	Department of Learning and Teaching	Johannesburg	January 1-15, 2025	International Research	Translanguaged Children's Books: Implementing Culturally Responsive and Sustaining Inclusive Practices  The purpose of the travel is to publish children's books co-written at the Changemaking Symposium in May 2024 (part of the EDSP 589i course on inclusive education) and to analyze the data from the IRB approved study that aimed to gain insight into the perspectives and experiences of Changemakers (educators and those invested in education) who use engaged pedagogy and the ubuntu philosophy (African term for collaborative communities or I am because we are) within a Changemaking conscious storytelling project. The process included critical self-reflection (and reflexivity), collaborative planning, and creative writing to create interactive texts to teach social emotional learning skills and/or trauma-informed approaches to healing practices to teach and inspire students, families, and educators. The data were collected during a SOLES global course in May and June of 2024.
Johnson	Marilynn	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Philosophy	Paris, France	January 20-28, 2025	International Research	Title & Purpose: "Fashion Research in France"  I plan to conduct research on fashion museums and l'Institut Français de la Mode in Paris, France. Many of the most important design houses in the world are in France. In my past, current, and future research and teaching I discuss these designs found in France. I also intend to meet with international colleagues at l'Institut Français de la Mode (IFM; The French Institute of Fashion). My overall aim with this trip is to visit numerous fashion exhibitions in Paris, France, which will contribute to my future scholarship and teaching.
Kelly	Michael	PHD	Faculty	CAS	Philosophy	Athens, Greece	June 21-28, 2025	International Conference Presentation	To present at the Annual Meeting of the Husserl Circle - the premier meeting of Husserl experts, which is my field of expertise.
LaFleur	Marni	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Anthropology	Antananarivo, Madagascar	June 15- Aug 15, 2025	International Conference Presentation, International Seminar/Panel/Workshop (Presenting or Facilitating), International Research	Madagascar 2025: field research with wild lemurs, supporting Malagasy junior scholars, and attending the International Primate Society Congress.

Malecki	Jeffrey	DMA	Faculty	CAS	Music	Valencia, Spain	June 24-30, 2025	International Conference Presentation	I am working with internationally-recognized composer Kevin Day to expand on a previous solo presentation at a regional Tuba-Euphonium conference, "From Brass to Baton." The expanded presentation will be titled "Brass and Beyond." The presentation is being submitted to the International Tuba-Euphonium Conference hosted by the Palau de la Música in Valencia, Spain. A music-performance heavy conference, our abstract will be more academic and focus on our diverse experiences in the American system of music education as euphonium players, contrast with the Spanish model, and discuss how our experiences inform our current fields of music education, conducting, and composition.
Nadkarni	Vidya	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Political Science and International Relations	Pune, Chennai, and New Delhi, India	January 9-February 24, 2025	International Conference Presentation, International Research, Interviewing scholars	Project Titles: (1) Comparing India's Cold War and Post-Cold War Security Alignments; Cooperation and Competition in the Indo-Pacific. Purpose of Travel: I will be interviewing scholars in Pune (January 20-29) doing archival research in New Delhi, India from roughly January 30 - February 12, 2025, at the Nehru Memorial Library and Archives. (2) I will also be presenting a paper titled "Cooperation, Competition, and Dominance in the Indo-Pacific in the Era of Green Energy," at a conference sponsored by The Peninsula Foundation that will run from February 13-15, 2025.
Nevitt	Turner	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Philosophy	Prague, Czech Republic	June 3-8, 2025	International Conference Presentation	Paper Title: "Immortality and Resurrection in Aquinas's Summa Contra Gentiles." Purpose: I have been invited to present at next year's Symposium Thomisticum to be held June 5-7 in Prague, Czech Republic. The Symposium Thomisticum is an annual international meeting of scholars specializing in the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, one of the most central figures in the Catholic intellectual tradition at the foundation of USD's mission as a Catholic university. I would like to present a new paper on Aquinas's account of human immortality. Presenting at the symposium will be a wonderful opportunity for me to share this new research, receive expert feedback from specialists in my field, and forge new relationships with other Aquinas scholars from around the world. I am very grateful for the IOGs that I have received in the past, and am grateful for your consideration again this year.
O'Shea	Beth	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Environmental and Ocean Sciences	Gold Coast, Australia	January 10-15, 2025	International Research	"Examining mental health interventions employed after natural disasters: Effectiveness, geographic reach, populations targeted, and global research gaps"  The purpose of this international trip is to engage in-person with new research collaborators at Griffith University. Together with my new collaborators Dr. Ernesta Sofija (mental health expert) and Dr. Febi Dwirahmadi (disaster response expert), we are aiming to produce a manuscript for publication while concurrently supervising three master's students and two USD undergrads. This in-person visit allows the relationship to grow while pushing the research forward, which we can't do quite as well with bi-weekly zoom meetings and time-zone constraints.
Ortega	Alma	PhD	Faculty	Copley Library	Copley Library	Ensenada, Mexicali, and Tijuana, BC, Mexico	March to June 2025. One week each month.	International Research	Title: Establishing New Links with Mexican Academic Libraries on the Border with California via In-depth Interviews Purpose: To learn about the impact of retirements and post COVID changes to library services. There is a need for training and collaborations to maintain quality as well as to reestablish relationships with all of the new librarians in the region's university libraries.
Ortiz	Ivan	PhD	Faculty	CAS	English	Genoa, Italy	June 18-20, 2025	International Conference Presentation	I request IOG funds to attend the 2025 Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies (INCS) Conference in Genoa, Italy on June 18-20, 2025. The conference theme is "Speed and Acceleration" and organizers invite papers that explore manifestations of acceleration in literary, artistic, and technological cultures in England in the nineteenth century as responses to modernization. I plan to present a conference paper connected to my book titled "How to Accelerate A Ruin" which will contextualize the Romantic-era fascination with ruins within a larger technological and ecological context. More specifically, I propose that the Romantic aesthetic of the picturesque (landscape painting and poetry) fetishized literary and architectural ruins at the very outset of two major human developments— technological modernity and the Anthropocene, or ecological change and disruption initiated by humans.
Vickers	Darby	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Philosophy	Oxford, UK	March 25- April 1, 2025	International Conference Presentation	The project is titled: "The Virtuous Technologist: what kind of exemplars do we need to train the character of the next generation of technologists?" I would like to present this at the Philosophy of Education Society - Great Britain (PESGB). Unlike the US's PES chapter, PESGB has an AI and education working group and includes many scholars who work at the intersection of AI and Philosophy of Education. I would get quality feedback on this paper from it's target audience of experts at PESGB that I can receive nowhere else.

Willoughby	Randy	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Political Science and International Relations	Huatulco, Mexico	June 1-12, 2025	International Conference Presentation	I would like to present a paper called "Inherit the Wind/The Sun also Rises" that examines the challenges to the rapid expansion of global renewable power to a conference organized by the leading association in international relations (ISA) in conjunction with the Mexican Association for International Studies (AMEI) in Oaxaca Mexico from June 4 to 6, 2025. The venue is particularly auspicious for a presentation on the future of renewable power given the number of international scholars working on the issue and the variety of roadblocks around the world to a more rapid expansion of the technologies. It is also fitting that the state of Oaxaca and its Isthmus of Tehuantepec is renowned for its wind power deployments and potential.
Xu	Min	PhD	Faculty	SOLES	Counseling and Marital and Family Therapy	Guangzhou, China	June 1- 10, 2025	International Research	Title: Community-Based Interventions for Relationship Functioning in Guangdong, China Purpose: This research project aims to understand and learn from community-based programs in Guangdong, China, which support couples during stressful family transitions. These programs incorporate school teachers, who offer couples consultation when children experience difficulties, and social workers, who provide in-home emotional and mental health support during critical family periods, such as the aftermath of national college entrance exams. Guangdong, a province renowned for embracing innovative and creative approaches to citizen welfare, offers a unique opportunity to study how a collectivist culture fosters community-driven interventions. This trip will focus on understanding how these programs reduce relational discord and divorce rates, with the goal of applying these insights to develop a community-based support system in the U.S. that caters to couples' needs during key stress points.
Yanguas	Inigo	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Languages, cultures and Literatures	Tromsø, Norway	June 24-29, 2025	International Conference Presentation	The Impact of Virtual Guided Conversations on Oral Proficiency and Motivation in Intermediate Spanish Learners  I will be traveling from Madrid to Tromsø, Norway, to present my research at the 2025 European Second Language Association (EuroSLA) conference, a leading international platform for second language acquisition research. My study investigates how virtual guided conversations with native speakers impact the oral proficiency and motivation 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 and provide opportunities to collaborate with international researchers. This exchange will allow me to bring new insights into the role of technology in language learning, enriching both my teaching and the student experience at USD.
Yeung	Angela	PhD	Faculty	CAS	Music	Rypin, Poland	March 10-14, 2025	Master musician and guest conductor for the Bel Canto Choir in Rypin, Poland	Master musician and guest conductor for the Bel Canto Choir in Rypin, Poland  The trip is to accept an invitation to give masterclasses and conduct the Bel Canto Choir in Rypin, Poland in spring 2025.