

International Education Week Symposium

Theme 2022: Building Mutual Understanding for a Peaceful World

On November 10, 2022, the Office of International Affairs will host a mini symposium to celebrate International Education Week. International Education week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to “promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences.” The event celebrates the benefits of international education and exchange.

The theme is “**Building Mutual Understanding for a Peaceful World**”.

We invite you to participate in the symposium and submit proposals to present in **one** of the following formats: a five-minute **ted-talk** style presentation, or a **poster** presentation.

This is a formal academic event, which can be added to your resume/CV. Students will gain professional development and public speaking skills and can be mentored by a staff member in preparing for the symposium.

In addition, the two best presentations (poster or ted-talk) voted by the audience will receive a gift card of \$20 each.

Five-minute talk

Please choose one of the following prompts and respond to it.

1. Describe a view that you held before your experience abroad that may have changed during your experience. What led you to change your mind?
2. What kinds of interactions did you have with individuals from another culture during your experience abroad? How might those experiences contribute to a peaceful world?
3. How does language learning lead to mutual understanding? What is an example from your experience abroad?
4. Engaging with your peers in college can broaden your horizons and understanding of those different than yourself. How has your experience at Chatham or in Pittsburgh changed your understanding of world around you?

Guidelines for your talk

The talk should be short (**no more than 5 minutes**), coherent, and inspiring or thought-provoking. If you use PowerPoint, there should be no more than 5 slides. On each slide, there should be no more than 10 words. A member of OIA will be available to help you polish your talk.

Submission guidelines

In your proposal, please submit:

- a title with no more than 10 words
- a draft of your 5-minute talk
- send your proposal to internationalaffairs@chatham.edu by **Tuesday, November 1st**

Poster presentation

Another way to present at the symposium is to submit a proposal to do a poster presentation individually or with other students. In your proposal, please submit:

- a title with no more than 10 words
- a short description of the presentation with no more than 50 words
- send your proposal to internationalaffairs@chatham.edu by **Tuesday, November 1st**

Poster prompts:

1. Describe a view that you held before your experience abroad that may have changed during your experience. What led you to change your mind?
2. What kinds of interactions did you have with individuals from another culture during your experience abroad? How might those experiences contribute to a peaceful world?
3. How does language learning lead to mutual understanding? What is an example from your experience abroad?
4. How do different technologies increase global understanding?
5. Work with one or two partners from another country and compare aspects of your own culture (such as, 'national' character, diversity, religion, government, history, and social issues); through comparing/contrasting, what has your group learned about each other?

You will be informed of the acceptance (or otherwise) of your proposal by November 4th.

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