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Career/Education Background:

BA in Religion from Emory University

MA in Higher Education Administration from NYU

1 Year of Graduate Studies in Religion and Society at Harvard University

Academically, as someone who focused on the study of religion, I was typically less interested in religious or societal dogma and more intrigued by how people “do” religion and perform culture. As an undergraduate, I studied abroad in Jerusalem and experienced how palpable religion is for many people in that particular city, and how religion permeates many aspects of everyday life. In my time working at NYU, a significant focus for each of my positions has been creating opportunities for students to examine their own backgrounds and identities through experiences that challenge assumptions and that allow for significant reflection.

Why do you think students should study abroad?

Studying abroad is one of, if not the best, experience a student can have in college. Going abroad exposes students to another culture, it allows for tremendous self reflection, it provides an opportunity to gain proficiency in a language, it puts students in a place to recognize the interconnectedness of our global community, and much more! Go abroad!!

What advice do you have for students who are about to study abroad?

Become familiar with the culture before going overseas: read on-line newspapers, watch films from that country, read books, eat foods native to the area, and start to learn the language.