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ISSS Staff Spotlight - Amber Cordell, Associate Director for Programming & Support

Hometown: Greenville, Mississippi

Hobbies: singing and playing guitar, traveling, playing with her dog Jolene, and hiking

Education:

- M.A in Religion (specialization in Buddhist studies)
- B.A. in Psychology and Religion & Philosophy

International Experience: taught English and conducted research in Japan from 2001-2004, traveled extensively in Asia, Europe, South America, and North America.

Interesting Fact: singer-songwriter who plays gigs around Atlanta.

Start Date in ISSS: June 18th 2018

In International Education Since: 2005 (previously at Michigan State University and University of Kansas Medical Center)

News & Updates

Emory International Council (EIC)

Apply to be in the first cohort of the



Join the Emory International Council!

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is excited to invite international students to apply to be part of the brand-new Emory International Council (EIC). The EIC will meet monthly with ISSS senior staff as representatives of international students to generate new program ideas that will support international students and foster connections between US and international students. The EIC will provide suggestions and input on ISSS programs and offer new ideas about the types of support and services that will help international students have a fulfilling and successful Emory experience. For more details, [click here](#).

[Apply by November 29, 2020](#)

Spring 2021 COVID-19 DHS Policy Guidance (not yet)

As of today, Thursday, November 19, the US Department of Homeland Security has not released their COVID-19 policy guidance for the spring 2021 semester. We are hopeful that either the [Fall 2020 guidance](#) that permitted distance learning will continue or the rules for Spring 2021 will be even more flexible.

Rest assured, as soon as spring 2021 policy guidance is available, we will analyze it and share the information with you.

EmoryTogether Fund now accepting applications

The [EmoryTogether Fund](#) will begin accepting applications for fall semester and winter break assistance to help students experiencing financial hardship directly related to the impact of COVID-19. The fund was created to help degree-seeking undergraduate, graduate, and professional students who meet the eligibility requirements.

For eligibility requirements, application, deadlines, and more visit the [EmoryTogether Fund website](#).

Considering traveling internationally over the upcoming breaks?

If you are considering international travel during the fall semester or over winter break – even if you are taking a brief trip to Canada or Mexico or have a valid travel signature – you should take the following steps before leaving:

- Complete the Travel Information Update e-form in [ISSS Link](#).
- While completing the e-form, you will be guided to review your [immigration documents](#) to make sure they are valid for re-entry.
- Review our [travel checklist](#).

COVID-19 resources - Stay up to date on COVID-19 travel restrictions and guidance:

- [COVID testing requirements](#) for travel within the US and outside the US
- Considering international travel over break? Visit the [ISSS COVID-19 travel restriction website](#) for more information.
- Check our [Frequently Asked Questions: Immigration & COVID-19 page](#) for information and updates related to government announcements.

November University Closures

As a reminder, Emory University will be closed for Thanksgiving. The University and ISSS will be closed November 26-27, 2020. [University Academic Calendar >>](#)

Culture & Conversation Thanksgiving



Culture and Conversation: Thanksgiving Recording Available!

Did you miss the "Culture and Conversation: Thanksgiving" event? No worries! You can still learn about this delicious US holiday by checking out the video recording online! Go to our [virtual events page](#) to find recordings of many of our past programs!

Upcoming ISSS Events

International Coffee Hour

Conversation | Connection | Culture

Fridays 11:30 am on Zoom

International Coffee Hour

Don't miss our final International Coffee Hour of this semester on November 20th!

Hosted by ISSS and the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life, **International Coffee Hour** is an opportunity to meet students and scholars from around the globe, learn more about on- and off-campus resources, and feel part of the Emory community no matter where you are in the world. Login to Zoom to enjoy conversation and stay connected. For more information, visit our [Virtual Events](#) page.

Fridays 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Quicklinks



[OPT Workshops via Zoom](#)



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[ISSS Virtual Events](#)

Reach your ISSS Office

ISSS advisors are here to support you. Our team will continue to be available to you through virtual one-on-one appointments and virtual walk-in advising. Our [adjusted service offerings](#) are designed to accommodate your unique needs and to take into account a variety of time zones.



[Schedule an Office Visit](#)



[Schedule a Virtual Advising Appointment](#)



[Virtual Walk-in Hours](#)

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International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) serves Emory's international students, scholars, and hosting departments through immigration support and international university life. ISSS is a unit of Emory University's **Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives (GSI)**.

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