

SCOTLAND



International Perspectives on Disability

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program

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Course Overview

- PSYCH 490P: International Perspectives on Disability (4 credits)
 - Elective or seminar requirement for Psychology major
 - Elective for Psychology minor
- Course components
 - Weekly, 2-hour seminar in Spring 2019
 - Two weeks of travel: August 3-17, 2019



Spring Seminar

- Cannot register through Spire
 - Apply through IPO
 - Once approved, we enroll you
- Spring Seminar
 - Friday 2:30-4:30
- One Course: Spring seminar and August travel
 - You cannot take only the spring seminar
- Provides foundation in disability
 - No prerequisites or background knowledge required



Spring Seminar

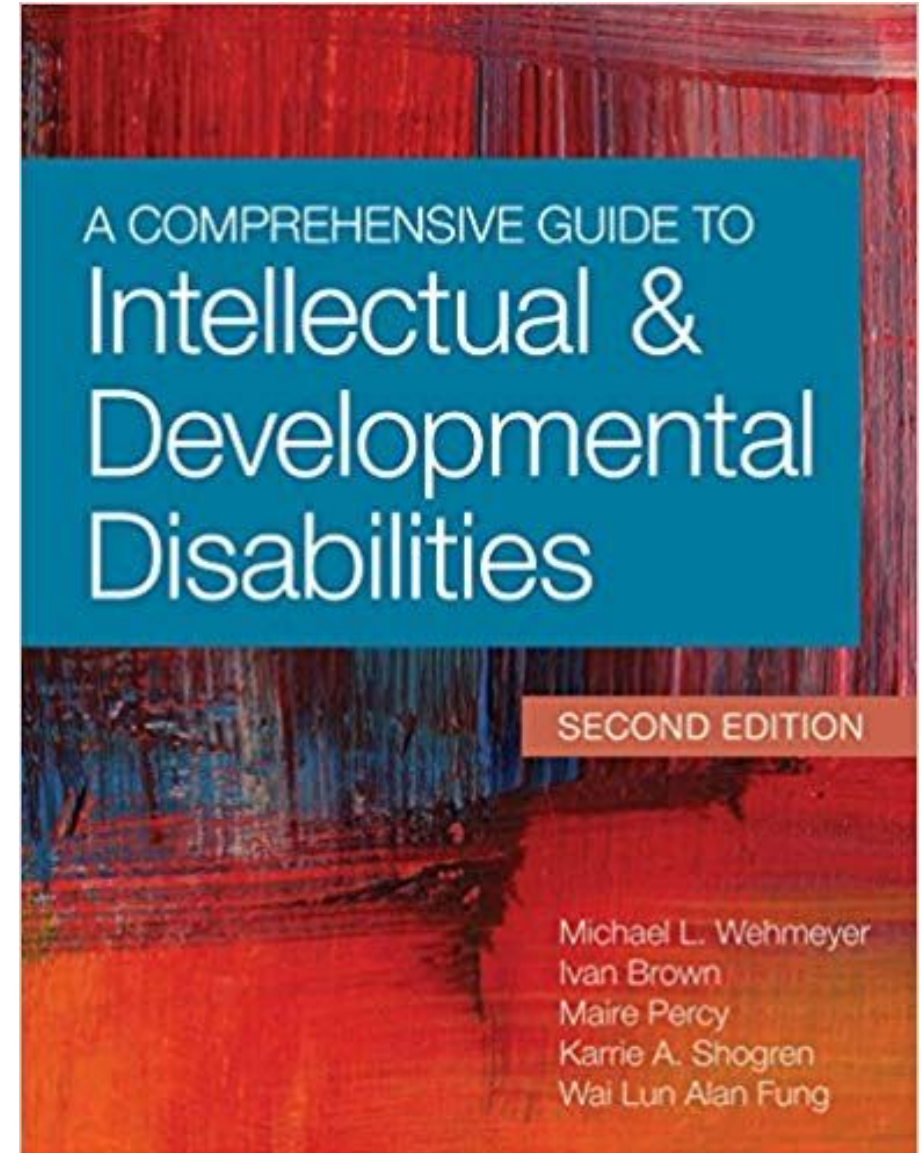
- The purpose of this course is to introduce students to international perspectives on disability
- This course will discuss conceptualization of disability across diverse cultures, laws and social policies that affect the lives of people with disability, and systems of support for people with disabilities across the globe
- There will be a focus on human rights for people with disabilities, as outlined in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



Spring Seminar

All readings will be provided on Moodle

- Wehmeyer, M., Brown, I., & Percy, M., Fung, A. & Shogran, K. (Eds.) (2012). *A comprehensive guide to intellectual and developmental disabilities*. Baltimore, MD: Paul Brookes Publishing Company.
- The United Nations Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Selected Readings from Various Sources



Spring Seminar Tentative Outline

- Week 1: Introduction and Definitions of Disability
- Week 2: Human Rights and Advocacy
- Week 3: History of Disability Rights in the United States
- Week 4: International Trends in Disability
- Week 5: Site Visit: Toward Independent Living and Learning (TILL)
- Week 6: SPRING BREAK
- Week 7: Family
- Week 8: Education
- Week 9: Employment
- Week 10: Aging
- Week 11: TILL Visits UMass
- Week 12: Scotland Prep: IPO Rep and Student Panel





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TILL Travel

TILL Travel offers people with learning differences the opportunity to gain interpersonal and social skills through the transformative experience of world travel. Through our well-planned, pre-travel curriculum, travelers are taught the skills needed to have a successful and rewarding journey. TILL Travel can customize the travel experience for your group or provide a supplementary learning experience to enhance curriculum goals, socialization and independent living skills.

The Journey begins with learning and preparation... *before you leave on your Adventure*

- Bond with fellow travelers through shared experiences
- Anticipate new experiences and different cultures.

Tentative Guest Speakers

IASSIDD

Phil Davidson - President-Elect



Dr. Phil Davidson

President-Elect

2017-2019



Jan Blacher

Distinguished Professor & Associate Dean

Graduate School of Education

UC Presidential Chair

**Director of the SEARCH
Family Autism Resource Center**

Dr. S. Anthony Thompson

Associate Professor
Educational Psychology



**Research Focused on
Inclusive Education**

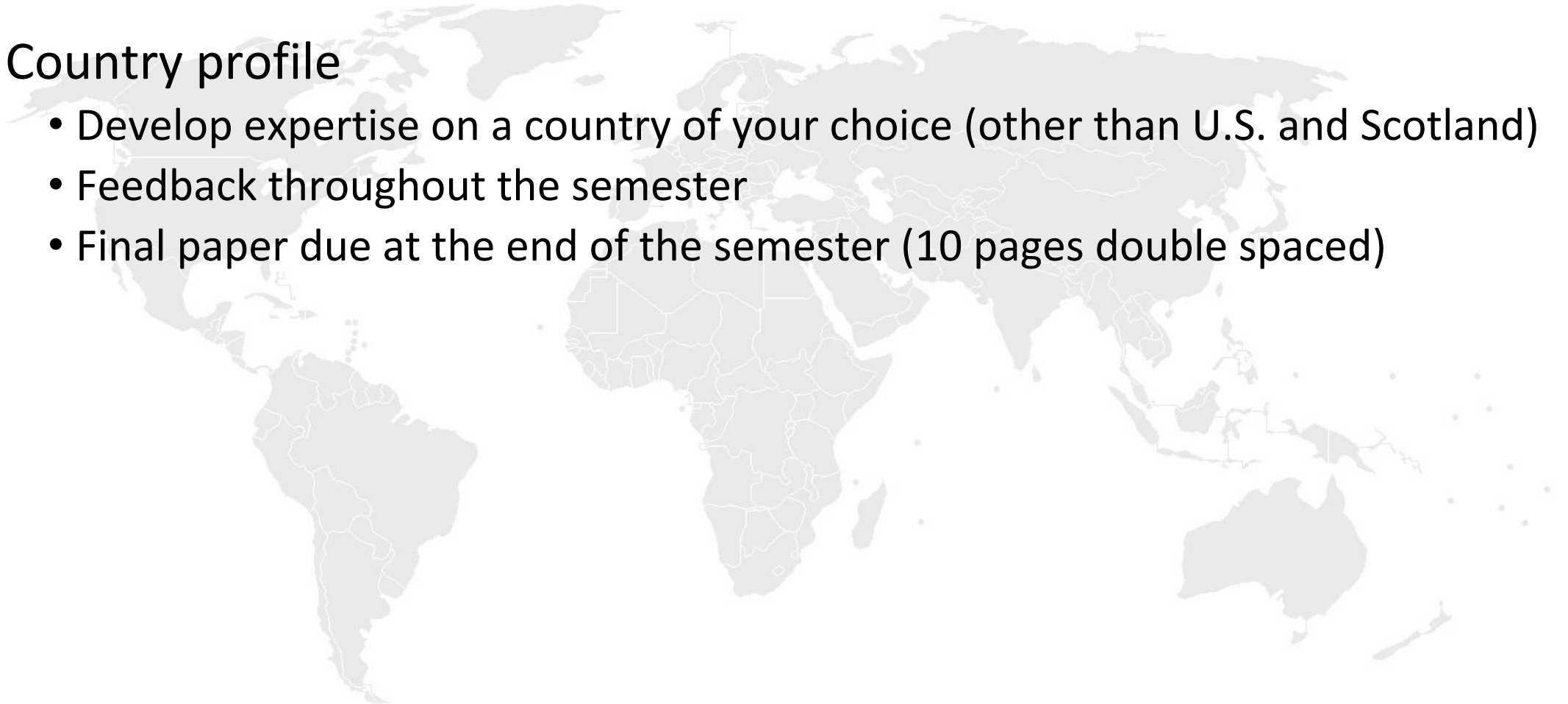
Spring Seminar

- Attendance
- Participation
- Reading quizzes
 - Weekly, multiple choice
- Country Profile



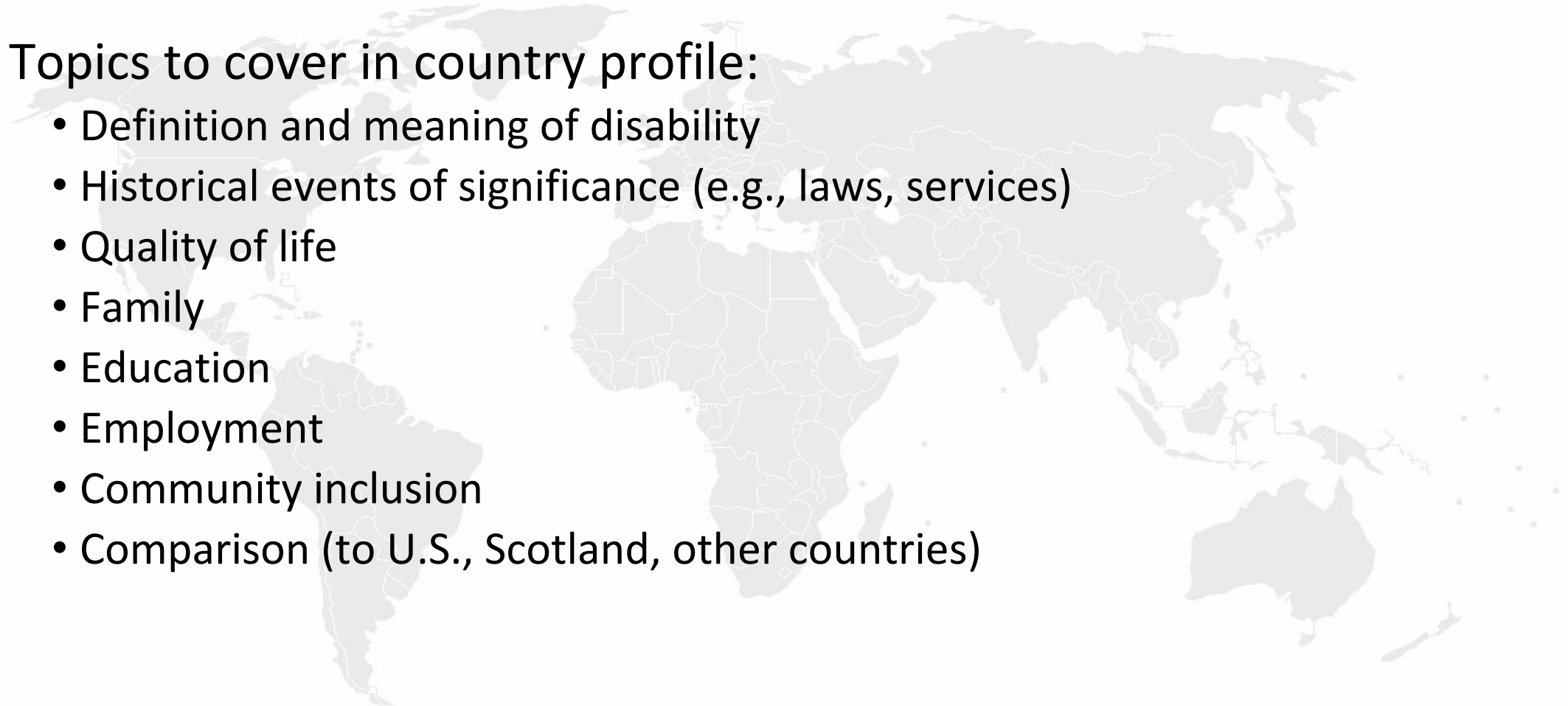
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- Country profile
 - Develop expertise on a country of your choice (other than U.S. and Scotland)
 - Feedback throughout the semester
 - Final paper due at the end of the semester (10 pages double spaced)



Spring Seminar

- Topics to cover in country profile:
 - Definition and meaning of disability
 - Historical events of significance (e.g., laws, services)
 - Quality of life
 - Family
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Community inclusion
 - Comparison (to U.S., Scotland, other countries)



Spring Seminar – Scotland Assignment

- Blog posts
 - Completed while in Scotland
 - Post to the group blog at least twice per week (100 words minimum)
 - Accessible to UMass community and your friends and family



International Perspectives of Disability Ireland 2017



Family Group Conferencing

Posted on June 25, 2017 by sbrawley

Family Group Conferencing is a concept I had heard of before. Jolijn's mentality of changing the argument was inspiring. Instead of writing law about when to use forced treatment, she thought we should be focusing on alternatives to forced psychiatry. I think this idea has existed for a long time. The idea that figuring out the solution to an issue can be seen with a better outcome with more people involved because of different perspective. I like the idea that "Family Group Conferencing" focuses on one issue and tries only solve that, it's like taking one step at a time. I think that it is practiced in the US but without a label. I think this is the main dynamic of how my

International Perspectives of Disability Ireland 2017



Observations

Posted on June 25, 2017 by Faye

When we first got to Galway I noticed that there were a lot of life ring stations along the water. I found this interesting because I am not used to seeing them (at least not as many as I saw in Galway) along water areas close to me. I noticed on the side of the boxes that held the life rings, there was a sticker that had the Samaritans number along with statement that read something like "talk to us". At first I thought that someone had just stuck a sticker on the particular box that I was looking at. I then noticed the same sticker on another box and made a point to look at more boxes, low and behold, the stickers were on the side of every box. I had originally thought

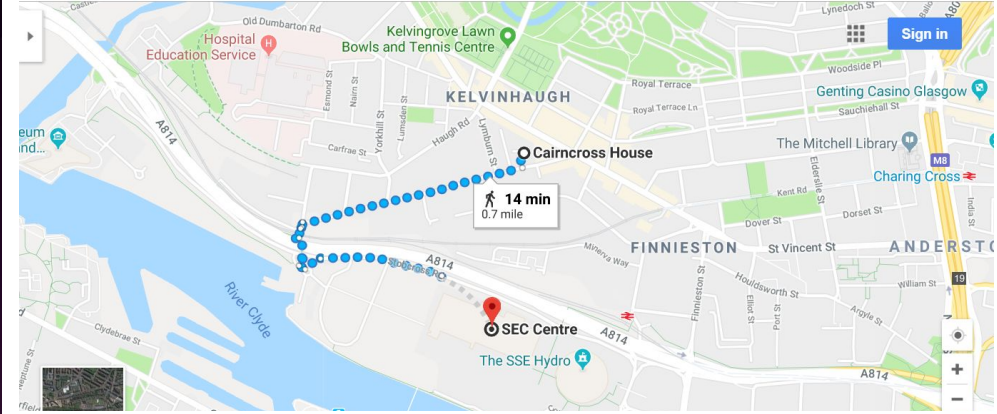
Two Weeks in Scotland: August 3-17, 2019

- Arrive before noon on August 3
- Glasgow: August 3-10
- Edinburgh: August 10-17
- Depart August 17

- Flights
 - You book your own
 - You are free to come early or stay late (on your own)



Glasgow: August 3-10



Accommodations: Glasgow

- Cairncross House, University of Glasgow
- Individual bedrooms, shared bathrooms
- Shared computer rooms, laundry, kitchen



Conference: International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- Dates: August 6-9
- Location: Scottish Events Campus
- Activities: Lectures, Posters, Roundtables, and Receptions



IASSIDD

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



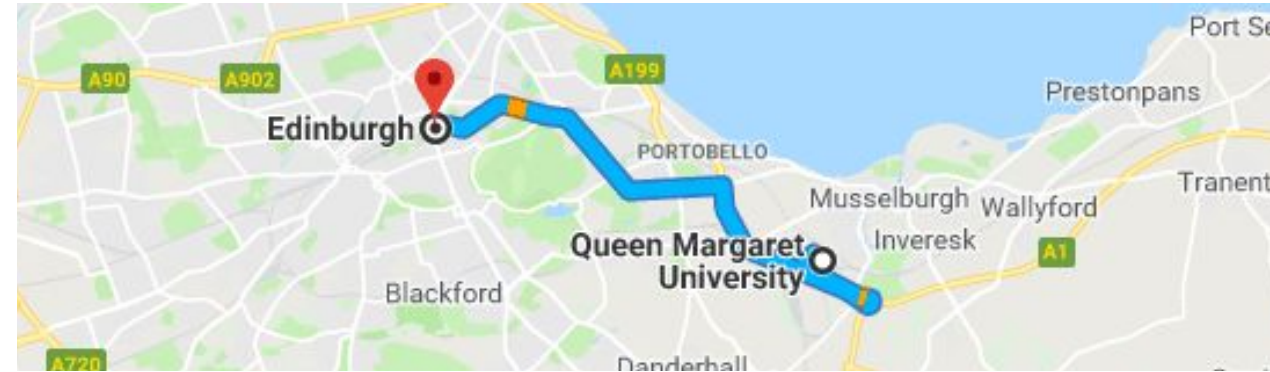
IASSIDD's mission is to promote the development of new knowledge, research and other scholarly activities, as well as the application of knowledge, to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and those who support them. The aims are first to enable international collaboration and leadership in research; second, to encourage a perspective that takes into account the interests, human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and those who support them throughout the world; third, to stimulate high quality and innovative research encompassing interdisciplinary interests and methodological diversity and to fourth, to engage in worldwide exchange of evidence-based knowledge with relevant stakeholders. Through IASSIDD's international standing and capacity, the organisation is ideally placed to achieve this aim.

Site Visit: Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living

“Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living is run by disabled people for disabled people. We believe that barriers disable people, not impairments. Our support, payroll, training, housing, employment and consultancy services enable disabled people to assert more control over their lives as equal citizens.”



Edinburgh: August 10-17



Accommodations: Edinburgh

- Queen Margaret University
- Individual bedrooms with ensuite bathroom
- Suites with shared living area and kitchen



Site Visit: Napier University

- School of Health and Social Care
- Focus on health care access for people with learning disabilities



Dr Natasha Spassiani

Lecturer



Site Visit:



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH

- Disability Services: Autism Transition Event
- Kathy Smith, Disability Advisor, Event Leader



Site Visit: Queen Margaret

The Centre for Applied Social Sciences (CASS)

- Psychology, Sociology and Education
- Occupational Therapy and Arts Therapies
- Speech and Hearing Sciences



Cost

- \$2,850 plus airfare, additional meals and your choice of activities
- What's covered?
 - Ground transportation (to and from the airport, from Glasgow to Edinburgh)
 - Lunch during the conference
 - Two group dinners
 - Accommodations



Applications

- Eligibility
 - Open to all majors
 - Sophomore standing or higher, freshman may be considered
 - Graduating seniors are eligible to participate
 - Experience with disability preferred, but not required
- Applications
 - Review of applications begins December 1st
 - Program limited to 20 students, so apply early
 - Apply through ipo.umass.edu
 - Interview required



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Let's Make Some Memories!