

 URBANA18



Global Students Track

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# WELCOME

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Welcome to the Urbana 18 Global Students Track (GST)! We are so excited that you are joining our family here at Urbana, and we look forward to seeing God powerfully meet us all this week. As we hear about every nation gathered in worship before the throne of the Lamb, we pray that you will discover new ways to be faithful witnesses wherever you are. Our team is here to serve you, so please talk to any of the staff whenever you need. Prayer ministers, coaches, and other staff are here to help you with any issues throughout the week. Culture shock is real at Urbana, so take care of yourself and prepare to hear what God has for you.

Together in God's global mission,

The GST Leadership Team

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# SCHEDULE

	THURSDAY, DEC 27	FRIDAY, DEC 28
8:45 AM		<b>BREAKFAST</b> ↑
10:15 AM		LOOK! HERE HE IS: BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM		MORNING SESSION
12:30 PM		<b>LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)</b> (12:30-2:00)
1:00 PM		EXHIBIT HALL, BOOKSTORE, PRAYER ROOMS, & COACHING ROOM OPEN
2:00 PM		LOUNGES OPEN
3:00 PM		SESSION 1: WHERE DO I FIT IN GOD'S PLAN?
3:30 PM		SEMINARS
4:30 PM		
5:00 PM		
5:30 PM		DINNER
6:30 PM		
7:00 PM		
7:30 PM	WELCOME EVENING SESSION	EVENING SESSION
9:30 PM		
10:15 PM	WELCOME & COUNTRY OR REGIONAL PRAYER GROUP	COUNTRY OR REGIONAL PRAYER GROUP
11:00 PM		

SATURDAY, DEC 29

SUNDAY, DEC 30

MONDAY, DEC 31

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SESSION 2:  
WHERE DO I  
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CELEBRATION  
& WELCOMING OF  
THE NEW YEAR  
(TO 12:15 AM)

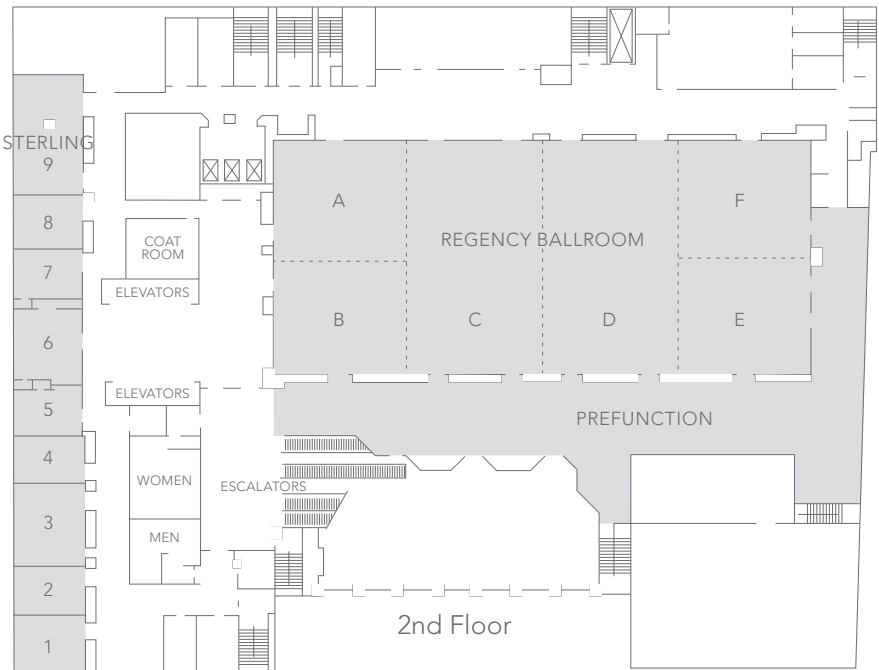
# ARE YOU READY FOR URBANA?

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- Check in to your room at the hotel.
- Check in for Urbana at America's Center.
- Visit the Global Students Lounge (Hyatt Regency Hotel at The Arch, 2nd Floor, Regency Ballroom EF Prefunction) to meet other global students.
- Get dinner downtown with your new friends.
- Be at America's Center for the first session by 7:30 p.m.
- Before breaking out into Country or Regional Prayer Groups, meet in Hyatt Regency at The Arch, Regency Ballroom DEF at 10:15 p.m.

## HOTEL MAP

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# DAY BY DAY

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## **WELCOME TO THE GST!**

*Dec 27 | 10:15 PM*

*Hyatt Regency at The Arch, Regency Ballroom DEF*

We want to welcome you to the track and give a short introduction to the week before sending you off into your first Country or Regional Prayer Group (see page 8 for more information).

## **LOOK! HERE HE IS: BIBLE STUDY**

*Dec 28–31 | 8:45–10:15 AM*

*Hyatt Regency at The Arch, Regency Ballroom DEF*

We will be studying passages from the book of Revelation each morning. This style of Bible study encourages you to ask your own questions about what the Scripture means to you and how it applies to your life.

## **GST PRAYER MINISTRY**

*Dec 28–31 | 1:00–6:00 PM*

*Hyatt Regency at The Arch, Sterling 9 Foyer*

Prayer is an important part of the track and your Urbana experience. You will hear many messages during this conference, but the most important ones are those that come directly from God to you. Staff members are already praying for you, and they are available to pray with you every afternoon in the track prayer room. If you would like to have someone help you listen and connect with God in prayer, we invite you to come.

## **WHERE DO I FIT IN GOD'S PLAN? GST SESSION 1**

*Dec 28 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*Hyatt Regency at The Arch, Regency Ballroom DEF*

A panel of speakers will share about their experiences following God's call in cross-cultural situations. Urbana's expositor, René Breuel, will open our time together.

## **WHERE DO I FIT IN GOD'S PLAN? GST SESSION 2**

*Dec 31 | 2:00–3:30 PM*

*America's Center, Rooms 103–105*

You will have the opportunity to consider your next steps after Urbana. Meet with other track participants and staff or take time to silently reflect on how God has been calling you this week.

## COUNTRY OR REGIONAL PRAYER GROUPS

Dec 27–30 | 10:15–11:00 PM | Hyatt Regency at The Arch Hotel

- **CANZUS (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, U.S.)** Regency Ballroom C
- **China** Regency Ballroom F
- **Europe** Sterling 4
- **Hong Kong (Cantonese)** Regency Ballroom E
- **India** Sterling 1
- **Indonesia** Sterling 7
- **Japan** Sterling 7
- **Korea** Sterling 6
- **Latin America & Caribbean** Sterling 8
- **Middle East, North Africa, & Central Asia** Sterling 5
- **South & Southeast Asia and Pacific Islands** Regency Ballroom F
- **Sub-Saharan Africa** Sterling 2
- **Taiwan** Regency Ballroom E
- **Third Culture Kid** Sterling 3

After the first four evening sessions, join others from your country or region of origin (the Urbana 18 Handbook and App call this time “Daily Debrief”). Make new connections, talk about what you have learned during the day, and pray in your own language. Each group will have facilitators to help you process and pray. **We ask that you only attend the prayer group that corresponds with your country or region of origin.**



## **GLOBAL STUDENTS LOUNGE**

*Dec 27–31 | Open anytime, but staff and snacks are available during:*

- *Dec 27–30 | 1:00–5:30 PM & 11:00 PM–12:00 AM  
Hyatt Regency at The Arch, Regency Ballroom EF Prefunction*
- *Dec 31 | 1:00–5:30 PM  
America's Center, Rooms 103–105*

The Global Students Lounge is a place where Urbana participants can grab a cup of tea, snack, relax, connect with other participants, and engage in meaningful conversation. We invite all international students and scholars and those with an interest in international ministry to join us to process what you are hearing or simply take a break. Third culture kids have extra space in Sterling 3, except on December 31, when the lounge will be hosted in America's Center. Coaches will be available in the lounge for you to debrief and process what you are hearing at the conference. You can find them at the info table or by looking for staff wearing coaching buttons.

# START SOMETHING NEW

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As you listen to what God is saying to you this week, we encourage you to think about this question: What is one step I can take to be a faithful witness in my cross-cultural relationships?

Your answers will likely vary from other track participants and could range anywhere from wanting to start a friendship with someone from a different country to planning an event where you share the gospel with your classmates.

All throughout this week, there will be people around to help you think through these ideas. Look for **International Student Ministry (ISM) Coaches** in the Global Students Lounge or at the ISM Booth in the exhibit hall. Sign up for coaching at [tiny.cc/gst-ism](http://tiny.cc/gst-ism) or use the QR code below.



Use the blackboard in the hotel to brainstorm ideas or connect with other participants who are thinking about similar things. And make sure you come to session two on December 31 to get extra time to plan practical next steps.

# TRACK SPEAKERS

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## **MANOHAR JAMES**

*Founder, Serving Alongside International*

Manohar grew up in south India. After meeting God in a dramatic way as a young man, he began planting and pastoring churches. He currently lives and teaches in the U.S. and frequently travels back to India to train pastors.

## **RACHEL KUHN**

*Campus Ministry Team Leader, InterVarsity/USA*

Although she was born in the U.S., Rachel grew up traveling around East Asia and attending international schools. Her life experiences led her to feel out of place when she returned to the U.S. for college, but God has used this to reveal his global heart and love for all cultures.

## **RENÉ BREUEL**

*Urbana 18 Expositor, Pastor, Hopera Church*

René was raised in Brazil and has served in IFES student ministry movements in Brazil, Germany, Canada, and Italy. Currently, he pastors a church in Italy. He came to Urbana 06 as a student, dreaming of making a difference for God.

## **WANFANG WANG**

*Student Leader, InterVarsity/USA*

Wanfang is a current student leader on campus and in her church. She came to the U.S. from China as an international student and became a Christian after attending Urbana 15.

# RECOMMENDED SEMINARS

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The Urbana 18 Handbook and App have the full list of our many excellent seminars. Feel free to attend any that interest you. Below are some seminars specifically related to themes that most GST participants experience.

## **FOLLOWING JESUS AS DIRECT COMMUNICATORS IN INDIRECT CULTURES I**

**BRIAN & CHIOMA CHUKWU-SMITH**

*Dec 28 | 3:30–4:30 PM*

*America's Center, Room 103*

Learn how to follow Jesus and share the gospel in indirect cultures. We'll cover strategies and practical ways to come alongside people from indirect cultures and share Jesus in a way that they will understand.

## **JESUS IN EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS: SPONTANEOUS BIBLE STUDY WITH MUSLIMS I** HOLLY THOMAS & WILLIAM GRAYMOND

*Dec 28 | 3:30–4:30 PM*

*Hyatt Regency at The Arch, Regency Ballroom C*

Do you wish you could get into more spiritual conversations with Muslim friends? One of the best ways is through sharing gospel stories. We will find relevant Bible passages and practice connecting them to the topics that arise naturally in daily conversation. These quick oral Bible studies can be a helpful stepping stone to deeper studies.

## **LIVING OUT THE GOOD NEWS IN HONOR & SHAME CULTURES I** EVA LIU GLICK & PAUL FORRESTER

*Dec 28 | 3:30–4:30 PM*

*America's Center, Rooms 260 & 267*

Original sin led to shame, fear, and guilt. So how does the Father's unconditional love meet us in these conditions? How can we read the Bible with an honor and shame lens? Discover how to minister and share the gospel effectively in cultures with a predominantly honor and shame worldview.

## **THRIVING AS A THIRD CULTURE FAMILY I** KURT & LAURA THIEL, KRIS & MIKE YORK

*Dec 28 | 3:30–4:30 PM*

*America's Center, Rooms 121–122*

Explore the joys, challenges, risks, and benefits of raising a family in another country. Discover how families can thrive in cross-cultural settings while pursuing God's global mission.

### **COULD GOD REALLY USE SOMEONE LIKE ME? | SPEAKER K\***

*Dec 29 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*America's Center, Rooms 121–122*

Have you ever hesitated to respond to God's call, wondering what you could possibly do for his kingdom? Discern what it means to trust God despite our perceived shortcomings and see how he works in extraordinary ways through the lives of ordinary people.

### **IMMIGRATION & FEAR: PRACTICAL WAYS TO LOVE OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS |**

**PAUL FORRESTER & WILLIAM GRAYMOND**

*Dec 29 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*America's Center, Room 120*

In an era with strong viewpoints on all sides and frequent misunderstandings, how can we look like Christ to Muslims? We'll discuss how to befriend Muslims, tips for building trust in relationships and partnerships, and events you and your Christian group or church can organize with and for Muslims.

### **REACHING YOUR HINDU NEIGHBOR | MANOHAR JAMES**

*Dec 29 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*America's Center, Rooms 100–101*

Hindus are generally loving, hospitable, religious, and culturally diverse. However, it is not easy to reach them with the gospel. Their pantheistic and inclusive belief system can make it hard for them to understand the Christian view of God. Come and explore the sociocultural methods and approaches to share your Christian faith with Hindus.

### **YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S GLOBAL MISSION AS AN ADULT THIRD CULTURE KID |**

**MICHAEL POLLOCK**

*Dec 29 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*Hyatt Regency at The Arch, Regency Ballroom C*

We will explore the challenges and benefits of being an adult third culture kid as we seek our unique role in the kingdom of God. Examining Revelation will give us key insights concerning identity, and we will consider biblical patterns for service and mission.

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**WITNESSING TO MUSLIMS THROUGH THE QUR'AN | PAUL FORRESTER**

*Dec 29 | 3:30–4:30 PM*

*America's Center, Room 275*

What do you need to know about the Qur'an to help you interact with Muslim friends? Are there ways the Qur'an can help start witnessing conversations? Understand more of Islam's holy book and what it says about Jesus.

**BUILDING BRIDGES FOR LASTING GLOBAL IMPACT | MICHAEL POLLOCK & RACHEL KUHN**

*Dec 30 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*America's Center, Room 240*

"For such a time as this," Christ-honoring, adult third culture kids are poised to cross deepening social, political, educational, economic, and religious divides. We will seek to connect people and communities, explore our realms of influence and cultural capital, and turn multiple perspectives into empathy and compassion under God's leadership.

**DEMYSTIFYING SPIRITUAL WARFARE | TAMMY GONZAGA**

*Dec 30 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*America's Center, Room 274*

We will talk about the existence of spiritual warfare and how chains are broken by healing the whole heart and exercising the authority Jesus has given us. Because we have a God who does not worry, we can rest in the eye of the storm and join his work making all things new.

**THE GOSPEL FROM DIFFERENT WORLDVIEWS | SPEAKER K\***

*Dec 30 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*Drury Plaza at The Arch, Clark/York*

We often learn languages to share the gospel with different cultures. But while we speak so the ears can hear, do we miss speaking in a way the heart can understand? Learn to share the gospel through the lens of four major worldviews: guilt and innocence, shame and honor, fear and power, and unclean and clean.

**REACHING JAPANESE COLLEGE STUDENTS | ARIEL LEE**

*Dec 30 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*America's Center, Rooms 121–122*

Learn effective strategies and how to share the gospel through the lens of reaching Japanese university students. Many of the conversational guidelines we cover will apply to sharing with nonreligious and religiously confused international students.

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**REACHING MUSLIM WOMEN | COREY PARKS & HOLLY THOMAS**

*Dec 30 | 2:00–3:00 PM*

*America's Center, Rooms 241–242*

Muslim women on campus are a diverse group, coming from different countries with different longings, needs, and understandings of their faith. Learn practical information, ideas for activities, and Scripture studies to help you befriend and minister to Muslim women.

**DEVELOPING & SENDING GLOBAL CHRISTIAN LEADERS FROM EVERY NATION |**

**MARC PAPA**

*Dec 30 | 3:30–4:30 PM*

*America's Center, Room 227*

The need for leaders who love God and his mission in the world is greater than ever. We will focus on a model to spiritually, culturally, and vocationally prepare international students to be sent as global disciples and leaders.

**DISCIPLING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REENTERING CREATIVE ACCESS COUNTRIES | PAUL FORRESTER & WILLIAM GRAYMOND**

*Dec 30 | 3:30–4:30 PM*

*Drury Plaza at The Arch, Clark/York*

International student ministry must begin with the end in mind: preparing students to successfully reenter their home country and continue to grow in their faith in Christ. But sensitive and closed countries can present many challenges. We'll discuss step-by-step plans for preparing people to return home, including discipleship topics, in-country connections, and how to communicate safely.

**THE STORY OF NOW: DISCOVERING THE STORY YOU WERE MEANT TO TELL |**

**JESSICA FICK**

*Dec 30 | 3:30–4:30 PM*

*Marriott St. Louis Grand, Landmark 4–7*

Everyday conversations are the foundational unit of evangelism. Join us to grow in your ability to share Jesus in the off-the-cuff, spontaneous interactions of your daily life.

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

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The Urbana Bookstore has hundreds of books for you to browse, including an International Student Ministry section. Also, stop by the free table in the Global Students Lounge and pick up extra resources like 3x3s or *Glad News!* books for Muslim-background friends.

Find the following resources for starting Bible studies or cross-cultural outreach at the Urbana Bookstore.

Akutagawa, Sarah, and Lillie Wong. *Starting International Small Groups*. Madison, WI: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, 2016.

- This booklet has steps for gathering friends into an international Bible study and gives you a few studies as well.

Chinn, Lisa Espineli. *I-GIG: A Guide for International Groups Investigating God*. Madison, WI: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, 2005.

- The *I-GIG* helps you lead a four-week study for international friends who are interested in learning about Jesus.

Chinn, Lisa Espineli, and Brian Hart. *Friendships with International Students*. Madison, WI: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, 2017.

- *Friendships* is an introduction to cross-cultural friendships.

Rawson, Katie J. *Crossing Cultures with Jesus: Sharing Good News with Sensitivity and Grace*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2015.

- This Urbana Book of the Day helps you navigate cultural differences when stepping into cross-cultural ministry.

Rawson, Katie, ed. *I-DIG: International Disciples Group*. Madison, WI: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, 2013.

- The *I-DIG* is meant for a group of Christians to gather in a cross-cultural Bible study and grow as disciples together.

Smith, Terrell, ed. *Exploring the Bible: An Introduction to the Bible for International Students and Scholars*. Madison, WI: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA, 2015.

- Use this Bible study tool to lead a group through the whole story of the Bible.