

The Global Studies Posterboard – suggested format

We expect all graduating certificate students to participate in our Global Studies Poster Session. The broad purpose of this event is to afford *you* the opportunity to bring your certificate experience together and showcase your great work to a larger audience of Global Studies faculty, staff, and students. While there are general criteria for this posterboard (outlined below) please be as creative as you like. Put some photos on your board, an article you wrote for a student newspaper, or something else you think would be eye-catching as well as representative of your formal and informal experiences here at Pitt in the Global Studies certificate program and beyond.

The posterboard consists of three separate (but related) elements:

1. **A summary of your formal coursework and curricular experiences at Pitt or abroad** (we suggest you use the far left section of your trifold to highlight, for example):
 - Your Global Studies concentration and courses taken;
 - Your regional focus and courses taken (including language/s);
 - Any formal experiences abroad or in the US related to your interests in global studies;
 - Relevant lectures or conferences you have attended while at Pitt.
2. **An abstract of your Global Studies capstone paper or summary of a global issue of concern to you** (we ask that you use the large middle section of your trifold for this since it is a highlight of your Global Studies certificate experience). For this section, you should either:
 - Provide a 300 – 500 word abstract from your Global Studies capstone paper (with a title of the paper as well as the name of the course for which the paper was written); or
 - Provide a 300 – 500 word summary of a global issue that concerns you (you should include not only the global issue itself, but articulate root causes for this issue/problem, why it matters to you, alternative perspectives on this issue, recommendations concerning this issues and data to support your recommendations).
3. **A summary of your co-curricular experiences related to global studies, including awards/scholarships, as well as a statement regarding your future plans.** We suggest you use the far right section of your posterboard to highlight:
 - Internships
 - Employment
 - First Year Research
 - Living Learning Communities
 - Awards/fellowships/scholarships
 - Future plans if relevant to global issue or your current plan of study (a simple statement will suffice)
 - Acknowledgements (any thanks you would like to offer to a professor, advisor, employer, or mentor).

Please don't forget to clearly mark your name, global concentration, region, and language specializations somewhere on your posterboard! And have fun with this...