

10th Student Research Symposium: Research Topics and Intercultural Learning in International Context

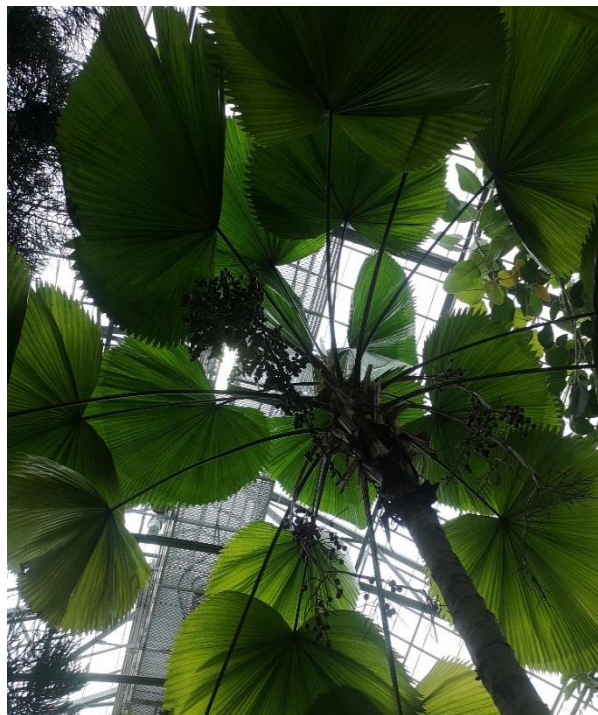
An unforgettable trip filled with science, cooperation, culture, food, but above all new friendships and good people.

Day 2. Wednesday – Introduction to University of Cincinnati and first presentations (July 6, 2022.)

The second day started with an excellent breakfast, after which we headed to the UC campus. After the initial presentation and getting to know each other, everyone presented their research, and it was interesting to see the ways of presenting and approach to the research of our American colleagues.



Then we started walking towards a local restaurant where we enjoyed getting to know each other and trying local specialties. In the afternoon, we headed to the Krohn Conservatory park, which is actually a botanical garden with flora that includes plants from the desert to the rainforest.



Day 4. Friday – The Game (July 8, 2022)

Another day and a nice breakfast and we were ready for a cultural day. Today was exclusively reserved for visiting, sightseeing and getting to know the culture of Cincinnati. We begin our tour with a visit to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, where we had the opportunity to learn about the history and struggle of African Americans for freedom in the USA. Also, the center contains a rich collection of exhibits that includes a model of the house where slave owners kept emaciated African Americans.



At the end of the day, we went to a baseball game between the local Cincinnati Reds and the Tampa Bay Rays at the Great American Ball Park stadium, which can accommodate as many as 40,000 fans. The match ended with a victory for the home team and a big fireworks display.

Day 6 Sunday – Exploring Pittsburgh (July 10, 2022)



We start the morning with a walk along the banks of the Ohio River with a view of the famous Duquesne incline, which we had the opportunity to try right after the walk.

One of the largest museums dedicated to the great and popular Andy Warhol is located in his hometown of Pittsburgh. The museum spans 7 floors full of well-known and lesser-known works of the mentioned artist.



We complete the adventure by sailing the Ohio River and its tributaries Monongahela and Allegheny with beautiful views of Pittsburgh and interesting historical facts. Pittsburgh has more than 430

bridges, and it is famous as a city of steel that made the construction of New York possible with its supply of steel.



Day 8. Tuesday – Return to Cincinnati (July 12, 2022)

Another trip and a lot of fatigue, but also a tour of Cincy with Nikki, who generously showed us the charms of the city and hidden places. Thus, we had the opportunity to see various neighborhoods deeply changed by gentrification, as well as the local Findley market square.



We sat down for coffee after the tour, and we drank it for as long as 40 minutes, which is a lot for American context, and we were glad that we could even drink coffee sitting down.

Day 10. Thursday – Return to Europe (July 14, 2022)

A last nice breakfast prepared by wonderful hostess Nancy, a few nice brownies, greetings and hugs and we head to the airport, where an overnight trip to Europe awaits us with a few layovers, a lot of sleep and inevitable jet-lag



Acknowledgments

I would like to thank the Management Board of the Faculty of Organization and Informatics, University of Zagreb Student Union, Varaždin Student Center, FOI Student Union, Varaždin County, City of Varaždin, Gornji Kneginec Municipality and Student Support and Career Development Centre of FOI for help and support in the realization of this project.

Also, I thank the University of Cincinnati, OH – McNair UC, UC International Strategic Partnerships UC, Clermont College and Carlow University Pittsburgh, PA, US.

Individual acknowledgments

FOI Management Board: Full Prof. Nina Begičević Ređep, PhD; Full Prof. Marina Klačmer Čalopa, PhD; Assoc. Prof. Igor Balaban, PhD; Full Prof. Sandra Lovrenčić, PhD; Full Prof. Dragutin Kermek, PhD.

The project leader Full Prof. Violeta Vidaček Hainš.

University of Cincinnati: Director McNair Program Dr. Cheri Westmoreland, EdD; Director of Strategic Partnerships Jenni Kim Suttmoller, Assistant Director Stephanie M. Davis, MS; Vice President for Student Affairs Debra Merchant, JD.

UC Clermont College: Dean Jeffrey C. Bauer, PhD; Full Prof. Victoria S. Appatova, PhD; Asst Director Matthew Sauer, PhD; Exec Dir Accessibility Heidi Pettyjohn; Assoc. Prof. Sharon Burns, PhD.

-Carlow University Pittsburgh, PA - Provost Sibdas Ghosh, PhD; Prof. Enrique Mu, PhD; Assistant Prof. Jessica Huber, PhD., Nicole Ravas Provost Admin, Assistant and Faculty, Angelica Bondy President's Admin Assistant , Laurie Petty i Cara Kassabov

Croatian Fraternal Union: Ivan Begg, co-editor of news "Zajedničar".

And to all student participants of symposium, thank you all!

An unforgettable experience and a slice of American life and culture is the guarantee of this symposium, and I wish all future generations a good time at the upcoming symposia.