

# EUASA

European Association of Study Abroad

The special Seminar **“Facing the ‘New Normal’ in Safety Abroad”** sponsored by AACUPI and EUASA (European Association of Study Abroad), will be held on **Friday, October 18, 2019**. All representatives of member institutions are cordially invited to attend, as are members of their administration and staff:

## Place:

College of Design Rome Program, Iowa State University

- Piazza delle Cinque Scole, 23, 00186, Rome, through the kind courtesy of Pia

## Program:

- 9:30 am Coffee
- 10:00-13:00 Presentation
- 13:00 Discussion
- 14:00 Light Lunch (buffet) 10 Euro.

## Content:

The workshop will address matters of Safety and Crisis Management specifically related to the (unlikely) event of a terrorist attack.

The presenters are two of our EUASA colleagues from APUAF, France, Alexandra Mitchell, CEA France, and Loren Ringer, Parsons Paris.

They will share how their emergency protocol developed after the Paris attacks of 2015. From receiving the news and setting into motion the team’s first response measures, ensuring student safety, communicating with home campuses and providing necessary follow-up, this 3.5-hour workshop maps out practical methods to implement standards of best practice in preparing program directors, staff and students in case of terrorist incidents.

## Presenters:

As the Director of International Programs for France and Director for the CEA Paris Center, **Alexandra Mitchell**, is responsible for overall programming and operations for CEA sites in France, maintaining CEA standards across all educational programs. President of APUAF, the Association of American University Programs in France, in 2013, and Executive Board Member from 2008-2013, she plays an active role in the French association and in the field of study abroad, in general. A native of Nova Scotia, Canada, Alexandra lived in the United States for many years, and in France, Italy and Greece. She holds an M.A. and DEA from the Sorbonne University in art history.

**Loren Ringer**, Parsons Paris, a co-founder of APUAF and President from 2015-2018, Loren has been an active member of the study abroad community for over twenty years. He frequently attends study abroad conferences and is a board member of EUASA. Most recently, he co-facilitated the Critical Dialogue event at the Forum for Education Abroad conference in Prague, “Transatlantic Relationships and Maintaining Faith in the Field.” A native of the Midwest, Loren holds a Ph.D in French literature from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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