

**Best Practices: Building Successful Orientation Programs  
A BCCIE Professional Development Event**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012**

**1:30 PM- 4:00 PM (PST)**

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY (SFU) - HARBOUR CENTRE, ROOM 1600  
VANCOUVER, BC**

Support for international students is critical to their success as they transition to living and studying in Canada. It is a constant challenge for school districts and institutions small and large to provide international students the information they need. In addition, it is essential that students know that a support system of counsellors, teachers and multicultural workers exists for them to access any time during their studies. Through effective orientation programs, new overseas students become aware of these complementary services available to them and gain the tools to thrive in a new study environment. Participants in this afternoon workshop will explore different case studies and learn best practices for building successful orientation programs from three international education programs in BC.

Since 2004 **Brian Leacock** has been the Associate Director of Gustavson School of Business International at the University of Victoria. Leading a dedicated International Office staff, he supports the internationalization of the faculty, including management of an exchange program (74 partnerships in 34 countries – one of the largest in Canada), international student recruitment and integration, and dual degree development at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

**Michelle Kangro** is an international student advisor, and has worked at Simon Fraser University since 2008. She is also an SFU alumnus, having completed the professional teaching certification program on Burnaby Mountain. She has previously taught with the Burnaby School District, working with international and domestic students in the sciences and languages. She is also the coordinator of the International, Exchange and Study Abroad Orientation at SFU.

*UBC Co-Presenters*

**Caroline Rueckert** is the Program Director for UBC Jump Start, the orientation and first year transition program for incoming undergraduate international and Aboriginal students at the University of British Columbia. She has extensive experience working within the field of international education, and has held a variety of positions within universities and colleges, including writing instructor, advisor, program developer and instructor.

**Tanja Bergen** works as a Coordinator for UBC Jump Start. She holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of British Columbia, with a major in General Life Sciences and a minor in International Relations. Before working with Jump Start, Tanja Bergen worked as a researcher with the Africa Canada Accountability Coalition at UBC's Liu Institute for Global Issues.

This is a paid BCCIE event open to all educators outside of BC as well as BC public school districts, recognized independent K-12 schools and EQA-designated post-secondary institutions and language schools.

To attend this event, please register online at <http://ow.ly/75ciF> by Tuesday, March 13.

For more information, please contact BCCIE at [events@bccie.bc.ca](mailto:events@bccie.bc.ca).