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## Families in Global Transition

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Families in Global Transition leads the worldwide community in empowering families and those who serve them in global transition. FIGT is the premier advocate and educational resource for families, organizations and service providers.

### 2012 FIGT CONFERENCE

March 29-31, 2012 | The Westin Alexandria, Alexandria, VA

The 2012 Families in Global Transition Conference will be held, for the second year in a row, in Washington, DC.



The 2012 FIGT Conference brings together members of internationally mobile families with those who assist them. A forum is created for presenting new research, exchanging ideas, meeting old friends and making new friends from across all sectors. Together, strategies are developed for dealing with challenges of cross-cultural living.

[Click here](#) to register today!

### 2012 FIGT CONFERENCE | HIGHLIGHTS

#### Pre-Keynote Sessions:

Who is Going to Tell Your Story?

With Jo Parfitt and Elske van Holk

Learn about the Expatriate Archive Centre in the Netherlands, and why it is so important to share your life story and make it accessible for historical researchers and social scientists worldwide.

Distinct Perspectives to Repatriation: The Corporate-Sponsored Family vs. TCK Student Approach

With Isabelle Min and Jennifer Rowe

This discussion will look at the differences encountered by Westerners repatriating to the West vs. Asians repatriating to Asia, including challenges repatriating to a homogenous Asian country where English is not the native language compared to repatriating to a multi-cultural English-speaking nation.

Please visit the FIGT website [here](#) for full descriptions of all sessions!

### COOKBOOK CALL-OUT

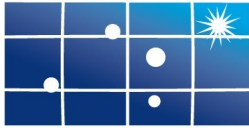
#### Thursday Evening Reception

Among the best bonuses of attending the annual FIGT Conference, are the opportunities to meet new friends, to share new





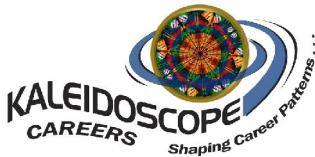
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ideas and to dine together. This year's conference has an added bonus of focusing on food and cultural diversity. FIGT Associates are among the best chefs in expatriate communities, worldwide and we want to celebrate our chefs and their recipes. FIGT is publishing our own cookbook, entitled *Where is Home?*, filled with amazing recipes from friends of FIGT. We would love to have your favorite recipes included in *Where is Home?* You can contribute by going to our "Type n Save" link. To submit your recipes yourself, go to [www.morriscookbooks.com](http://www.morriscookbooks.com) then to "typensave". The Group Login is: figtcb and your password is: xp44t.

OR, if you would like to bring your recipe to the conference, there will be special prize drawings for attendees who contribute recipes at the Conference. We will have a recipe entry station where you can type your recipe into our format, OR a volunteer will type it for you. What could be easier?

And, because food is ever present in our minds, and maybe yours, too, our Thursday night cocktail party will feature a few recipes of dishes that have already been submitted to *Where is Home?* You will be able to sample some yummy munchies, enjoy our cash bar and while doing so, you will also play FIGT Fabulous Food Trivia. What better way to make new friends, share new ideas and dine together?

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 POLLOCK SCHOLARS!

### Pollock Scholars for 2012

Each year it is our mission to bring new faces, fresh perspectives and rich bodies of knowledge to FIGT. The [David C. Pollock Scholarship](#) enables outstanding first-time attendees to join the conference from around the world and across disciplines. Allow us to introduce to you this year's cohort of Pollock Scholars:



Emma Ryan Yamazaki is an NYU student-filmmaker, who directed *Neither Here Nor There*, a film about Third Culture Kids and their search for belonging. (We'll be showing the film during our [Movie Night](#) at the conference!) Yamazaki grew up in Japan, England and the U.S.

Debra Miller brings to FIGT her expert knowledge on applying quantitative, qualitative, and psychometric research methods to multicultural settings. A Graduate Teaching Assistant at the [University of Nebraska](#), she's currently collecting data for a paper titled "ATCK's: Conceptualizing and Measuring Transculturation." Miller grew up in Indiana, Swaziland and South Africa.

Cerine Nicole Jin joins us from Seoul, where she is an undergraduate fiction writing major. She has written several novelettes and is currently compiling a book about TCKs for a Korean audience. Jin grew up in Hawaii, Poland and Korea and will be attending the conference with founder of the [FIGT](#)

[Korea Affiliate](#), Isabelle Min.

Sophie Syed is a third-year student and founding member of the [TCK Club at the University of Virginia](#), as well as a Resident Advisor for transfer and upper-class students. Syed was born in New Delhi, and grew up in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Mary Margaret Herman is an international educator who has taught in France and the U.S. She recently graduated with an M.A. in International Communication at American University's School of International Service right here in Washington, DC. Hailing from New Jersey, Herman is also the Program Coordinator for the [Intercultural Management Institute](#).

## 2012 FIGT CONFERENCE | VOLUNTEER REQUEST

### Conference Volunteers

Are you looking for a way to support FIGT and to get more involved in this dynamic organization? FIGT is a non-profit organization and we thrive on the hard work of our volunteers. There are many volunteer opportunities at the 2012 FIGT Conference. If you have already registered for the conference and would like to be part of the exciting behind-the-scenes action of the Conference please contact Dottie Byers at [DByers@iprconsulting.com](mailto:DByers@iprconsulting.com). We would love to have your support!

### Social Media Volunteers

Do you have an interest in social media, photography or videography and are already registered for the conference? Judy Rickatson is soliciting volunteers for the 2012 FIGT Conference to assist with our social media needs. Please contact Judy Rickatson if any of the following positions interest you, [ricketson@gmail.com](mailto:ricketson@gmail.com).

Videographers: Volunteers will be loaned a VERY SIMPLE point-and-shoot video camera to take short interview clips (1-2 mins max) of participants in between sessions. No prior experience necessary, just a friendly personality! This is a great way to network and strike up conversations with people you'd like to meet. See our YouTube channel for examples: <http://www.youtube.com/user/FIGTorg>

Photographers: Bring your own camera, take still photos of the conference and upload them to a photo sharing website after the conference. A great way to meet people.

Tweeters: Tweet the conference, as yourself, using the #FIGT12 hashtag. You'll need to provide your own laptop/tablet/smartphone. In particular we will be live tweeting the plenary sessions as this created a lot of excitement online last year. Increase you online profile and your Klout score!

## 2012 CONFERENCE | SPONSOR HIGHLIGHTS



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