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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.

2 DAYS LEFT TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR DAVID C. POLLOCK SCHOLARSHIP!



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The David C. Pollock Scholarship Fund pays tribute to international educator, sociologist and co-author of *Third Culture Kids*, David C. Pollock, whose tireless support, vision and dedication to families in global transition impacted countless people in every corner of the globe. Building on Pollock's legacy, FIGT aims to attract, involve and educate emerging, global-minded, intercultural leaders.

Become an FIGT Member Today!

In March 2012, FIGT launched a new membership program, [click here](#) to learn more or join today!

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The David C. Pollock Scholarship provides highly motivated individuals working or studying in the intercultural field the opportunity to attend the FIGT conference. The ideal Scholarship applicant will demonstrate how attending the FIGT conference will help jumpstart a project, profession and/or entrepreneurial endeavor that contributes to others in global transition.

Each Scholarship recipient will have the opportunity to establish life-long professional connections and contribute his or her unique gifts to FIGT during and beyond the conference.

The Pollock Scholarship Application is available now for the 2014 FIGT Annual Conference. Applications are due at 11:59pm PST on December 15th, 2013.

For details, visit: http://www.figt.org/pollock_scholarship

To apply, go here: <http://www.figt.org/pollockscholarshipapplication>



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Keynote Speaker Announced!

The FIGT Program committee is delighted to announce **Dr. Fanta Aw** as one of the featured Keynote speakers at the upcoming 2014 Annual Conference to be held on March 21-23 in Tyson's Corner, VA.

She will be speaking on: *Global Families and Intersections of Identities: The New Normal*

Dr. Fanta Aw is Assistant Vice President of Campus Life and Hurst Senior Professorial Lecturer in the School of International Service in Washington D.C. She teaches graduate courses related to immigration, internationalization of higher education, and international higher education policy and was the 2013 recipient of the University Award for Outstanding Teaching, in an Adjunct position.

Dr. Aw is also President and Chair of the Board of Directors of NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

She holds a PhD in Sociology with concentrations in International Education, Transnational Migration, and Social Stratification and a Masters' in Public Administration with a focus on Organizational Development both from American University.

She is a Global Nomad from Mali and has lived in Liberia, Kenya, Rwanda, Senegal and the United States.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS NOW OPEN!

We are excited to announce that registration for the upcoming [Families in Global Transition](#) Conference to be held in Tyson's Corner, DC on March 21-23 is now open.

This year's theme is "The Global Family: Redefined".

Highlights of this year's conference include;

- Inspiring Keynote speakers including [Dr. Fanta Aw](#).
- Over 30 renowned speakers representing all aspects of the expat experience.
- Thought provoking concurrent sessions.
- Dynamic, interactive kitchen table conversations.
- Ignite sessions to spark new ideas!
- Networking with some of the most respected names in expat research, service providers, & cross cultural educators.
- Forums & workshops with successful expat innovators and writers.
- Expertise exchange for academic researchers.
- A uniquely welcoming and supportive community.

- Expert plenary panels.
- A bookstore brimming with expat centric literature and an opportunity to meet many of the authors.

Come and join us to be inspired, informed, empowered, connected, and embraced!

5 REASONS TO APPLY FOR A DAVID C POLLOCK SCHOLARSHIP

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It provides highly motivated individuals working or studying in the intercultural or global family support field the opportunity to attend the FIGT conference. Attending the Families in Global Transition conference can be both career- and life-changing. The scholarship can help you get there financially and it can open even more doors for you.

Here are 5 reasons why you might want to apply.

1. The FIGT community members are quick to take you under their wing, offer assistance, engage in thought-provoking discussion, as well as recognize what you bring to the (kitchen) table (discussions)- I even got an FIGT joke in there! ;)
2. If you want to network, the FIGT conference is the place! This is the network that keeps on going. There is no stopping their willingness to reach out to their contacts in order to help you in your career path.
3. Conference attendance can be amazing, but being a part of it's success through volunteering makes it an extra special experience. It is the best way to really feel connected.
4. Often times, we go into an experience with one idea of what we will get out of it. My experience as a Pollock Scholar opened up a world of possibilities beyond what I had imagined. It was magical.
5. As cliché as it may sound, the opportunity to make new friends. Even when I am super busy with life, the warmth and passion of my FIGT friends takes me back to an empowered part of myself.

More information at http://figt.org/pollock_scholarship. Applications are due at 11:59pm PST on December 15

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DC DECEMBER NETWORKING NIGHT: A HUGE SUCCESS!

Last week, current and prospective FIGT members in the Washington, DC area met up for food, drinks and networking.

Our networking events are focused around themes relevant to the global citizen, and provide a great opportunity to meet and connect with other expats locally.

The aim of these events is to create more networking opportunities under the FIGT umbrella, giving you and your expat friends an opportunity to learn more about FIGT and the wider global community. If you would like to hold an event in your city get in touch with us!

Stay tuned for more events around the United States and other parts of the world in the coming year.

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