

# Global Education Office

## FALL 2025

### GLOBAL INITIATIVES MASTER CLASS SERIES: International Student Success



#### Holistic and Collaborative Approaches to International Student Support

December 4, 2025

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Student Commons - Richmond Salon IV

As universities expand their global reach, providing intentional, inclusive support for international students is not just a service; it's a mission-aligned imperative. This two-hour session introduces a holistic framework for international student support that integrates immigration services, transition programming, and student engagement under a unified, cross-campus model. Participants will explore how coordinated efforts across academic and student affairs can cultivate belonging, support personal and academic transitions, and prepare students to thrive across cultures and communities. The workshop will highlight a suite of collaborative initiatives, and will share strategies for assessment and continuous improvement, including the use of dashboards, surveys, and feedback to inform program design.

#### Sherif Barsoum

*Senior Associate Vice President for Global Services  
New York University*

##### About the facilitator:

Sherif Barsoum has been in the field of international education for more than 30 years. He has served as the Director of International Student and Scholar Services at Vanderbilt University for eight years and spent thirteen years as Assistant Director at the International Office at Ohio State University. He is an Adjunct Faculty at the Steinhardt International Education Program in the College of Education at NYU, teaching master's students. Originally from Cairo, Egypt, Barsoum received his BA in political science and master's degree in higher education administration from the Ohio State University. He completed coursework in the Ed.D. program at the University of Alabama (ABD).

Barsoum regularly conducts training in intercultural programming and is engaged in public policy work on immigration. He has served on the NAFSA, CEA, Diversity Abroad, One to World, and AIEA boards. He is a passionate advocate for study abroad and international exchange, leading groups of students on short-term programs to Egypt, Morocco, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

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