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Seeing Europe through the Lens of Information Technology - August 2014

The completion of my bachelor's degree at SIU ended on a high note as I participated in a Global Seminar in Augsburg, Germany, and toured other parts of Europe. The focus of the trip was on "Information Technology Ethics and Information Privacy: A Study of European and U.S. Practices". We attended The University of Applied Sciences each Friday and Saturday in the company of students who attend the university.

The overall experience of reflecting on each individual's ethics and combining them with educated research made the study more worthwhile as I listened to a variety of beliefs and opinions. During my free time, backpacking and relocating to a new place every 24 hours became the norm. While there, I traveled to Munich to see Hitler's concentration camp there, to Berlin to see Chuck Point Charlie and to Amsterdam to visit and walk through Anne Frank's home and hear her story. My final destination, Paris, was my favorite. In Paris I was able to see the Eiffel Tower and the famous Leonardo Da Vinci painting of Mona Lisa at the Louvre. I was able to form a friendship with one of the students back in Germany and we talk often. This trip was a bittersweet moment as I spent my last days with (Associate) Professor Belle Woodward and (Associate) Professor Nancy Martin, along with other students I miss already. This experience gave me the exposure and starting foundation for the later research I plan to do in my field. I hope that the SIU Information Systems technologies department is able to continue to offer this College of Applied Sciences and Arts trip and that more students are able to gain the experience I received. Leaving SIU with this type of exposure will never be forgotten.

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