



ISRC

Welcome to the
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE (ISRC)
at WEST FAIRCHILD

Class of 2027 and
Transfer Students!

Message from the Faculty Chair

Dear incoming ISRC Residents,

Welcome to your new home at Northwestern University! As the **Faculty Chair** of the **International Studies Residential College**, I am excited for your arrival and look forward to meeting you in person soon! It goes without saying Northwestern has amazing students; what ISRC offers is a small dorm environment with many of our residents coming from across the US and the globe with broad interests ranging from international studies to communications to engineering to psychology to French literature! My personal background is geographically, New York, and academically, Anthropology.

ISRC has so much to offer including: weekly munchies, cultural excursions, international film and game/trivia nights, philanthropic events, in-building classes/seminars, and fireside chats with esteemed faculty members. We are fortunate to have many faculty members who serve as Fellows, participating in the intellectual and social life of ISRC. **Faculty Fellows** give you the unique opportunity to get one-on-one time with faculty outside of the classroom through a bus trip to a play in Chicago, dining hall discussions on the news of the day, or just a sympathetic ear for complaining about midterms!

My hope is that your time at ISRC will be filled with opportunities to learn about others—and yourselves—while at home in a residential college just moments from Lake Michigan and downtown Evanston. On behalf of all the returning ISRC students, Faculty Fellows, and College Staff, please accept my warm wishes for a great year ahead! Please feel free to contact me ANY time if you have ANY questions at (e-waxenbaum@northwestern.edu).

Sincerely,

Erin Waxenbaum
ISRC Faculty Chair
Professor of Instruction, Department of Anthropology



Message from the President

Dear incoming Pineapples,

Welcome to **the International Studies Residential College!** As your **ISRC President**, I am thrilled to welcome you to your new home and community. Now, I'm sure you're wondering "what's the deal with all of the pineapple motifs in this newsletter?" Adopted as the ISRC "mascot" during the 2013-2014 academic year, **the pineapple is the international fruit of welcome & hospitality**, two things you will always find here at ISRC. Our residential college hosts weekly social events (usually with free food!), opportunities to interact with professors outside of the classroom, and, occasionally, cross-residential college events that allow you to experience the best of Evanston & Chicago's cultural and culinary offerings, from theatre to professional sports to museums and more!

If you're like me, the beginning of your Northwestern experience will bring up a mixture of fear and excitement about beginning your time at college (for me, it was mostly fear). It was thanks to the friends and support I was able to immediately make at ISRC that helped me feel ready to tackle this new era in my life. The next few years of your life are whatever you make of them, so I welcome you to try and get the most out of your experience at Northwestern and specifically West Fairchild. Year and year again we have proven to have one of the most passionate, welcoming groups of students on campus and we can't wait to add you to that legacy!

We are going to get the ball rolling fall quarter with Wildcat Welcome programming, events, and res college competitions, so stay tuned! I also encourage you all to follow our Instagram account ([@isrcnorthwestern](https://www.instagram.com/isrcnorthwestern)) for updates regarding events and programming. Please also reach out to me at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding ISRC, Northwestern, or life as a college student in general. I'd be happy to help. (My email is jeremyfredricks2026@u.northwestern.edu.)

The great thing about residential colleges, especially ISRC, is that you are coming into a place where you have a whole executive board of people who want to be there for you. We will help you in any way we can with academics, research, or extracurriculars. As you meet your officer team in this letter, I urge you to reach out to us!

Go 'Cats! Go Pineapples!

Jeremy Fredricks
ISRC President



Meet Your 2023-2024 Executive Board!

Jeremy Fredricks, President (he/him/his)

Major: Journalism

Hometown: Potomac, Maryland

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Hey everyone! I'm Jeremy and am serving as the President of ISRC. At Northwestern, I report for the Northwestern News Network, our campus' broadcast news station! Welcome to ISRC! I'm excited to meet you guys and get to know you all! ISRC is a wonderful community full of amazing people who come from all different majors, schools, and backgrounds. ISRC will provide you with all the resources you'll need to have an amazing year and residential experience. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or just need someone to relate and chat/talk to, please feel free to reach out to me!

Meet Your 2023-2024 Executive Board!

Nico Reyes, VP of Finance (he/him/his)

Major: Psychology

Hometown: Bethesda, Maryland

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My name is Nico and I'm the VP of Finance at West Fairchild (aka certified money handler). I'm also studying Psychology and I love cats, listening to music, as well as skating.

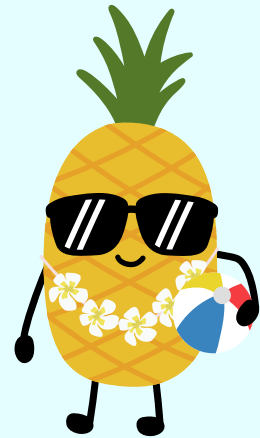
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Carter Sampson, VP of Internal Programming (he/him/his)

Major: Sociology & Mathematics

Hometown: West Orange, New Jersey

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Hello, my name is Carter (he/him) and I am the VP of internal programming. I'm planning on double majoring in sociology and math. One of my favorite things to do is read by the lakefill! Looking forward to meeting you all soon :)

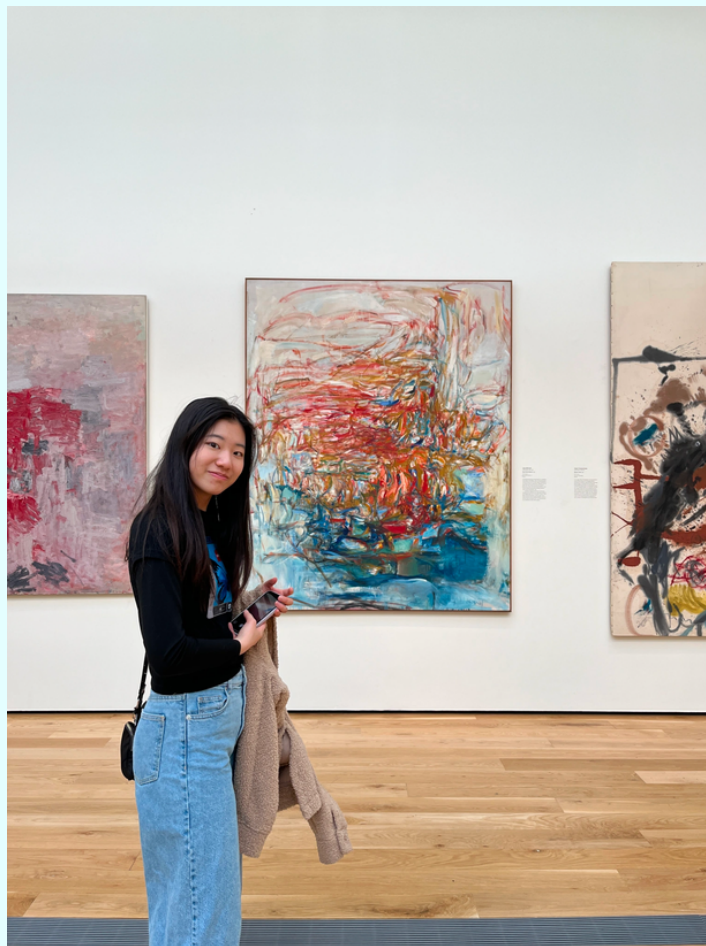
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Aileen Bai Yang, VP of External Programming
(she/her/hers)

Major: Physics & Astronomy, Economics

Hometown: Hong Kong, China

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Hello everyone! My name is Aileen Bai Yang, I am from Hong Kong and I am so happy to be VP of external programming for ISRC! Fun fact, I was born in Spain, immigrated to Hong Kong, and now I'm here at Northwestern. Fun fact 2: I have a robot cat in my dorm.

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Mariam Aljuboory, VP of Wellness
(she/her/hers)

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois

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Hi everyone! My name is Mariam Aljuboory, I'm the VP of wellness. I'm a biomedical engineering major, and on the exec for the society of women engineers. I will be hosting several events throughout the year for self care and community buildings. Adjusting to a new environment can be challenging, I have office hours weekly, please drop if you need someone to talk to! So excited to meet you all!

Meet Your 2023-2024 Executive Board!

Ilya Baker, VP of Residential Experience
(he/him/she/her)

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Hometown: Chino Valley, Arizona

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Hi! My name is Iyla Baker and I'm the VP of residential experience. I'm in Weinberg studying neuroscience, and some of my hobbies include Dungeons & Dragons, juggling, and playing board games!

Meet Your 2023-2024 Executive Board!

Zenobia Jordan, VP of Social Action
(she/her/ella)

Major: Sociology & African American Studies, Legal Studies (minor)

Hometown: Fort Wayne, Indiana

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Hello all, my name is Zenobia and I'm the social action exec. I'm double majoring in sociology and Black studies with a minor in legal studies. If you ever need me, I'll probably be up north on the tennis courts. I can't wait to meet you all ❤️

Meet Your ISRC Faculty Staff!

Erin Waxenbaum, Faculty Chair (she/her/hers)

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Erin is a physical anthropologist specializing in human variation, forensics and human growth and development. She teaches courses concerning human origins, human biology, osteology and forensic anthropology. Outside Northwestern she serves as the Forensic Anthropologist for most of Illinois and as a Research Associate at the Field Museum of Natural History. Her research is focused in skeletal biology and spans the world with a particular focus in Native North America. She has projects investigating eco-geographic variation in Native American populations, forensic implications of sex assessment of the pelvis and methodological reassessment of the human knee. Additionally, she is working in collaboration with a colleague at Northwestern's Medical School looking into pygmy variation in Africa and throughout South Asia. In her spare time she is frequently spotted chasing her 2 kiddos around all the Evanston hot spots including ISRC!

Meet Your ISRC Faculty Staff!

Margaret Dempster, Associate Chair (she/her/hers)

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I served as Chair of ISRC from 2008-12 and I am thrilled to be Associate Chair! About me: I have been teaching French at Northwestern since 2002. My responsibilities include teaching first through third-year French (and French Commerce and Industry), coordinating first-year Intensive French, and serving as Study Abroad adviser. I also serve on the University Study Abroad Committee (USAC) and I am an active member of the Council on Language Instruction (CLI) at Northwestern. I completed my B.S. at the University of Wisconsin, my Masters in French literature at the University of Illinois, and my Ph.D. in French literature at Indiana University. Some of my research interests are eighteenth- and twentieth-century French literature, twentieth-century women writers, autobiography and identity. I have traveled extensively in France, studied at the Sorbonne and taught at a French High school in Paris as well as a French University in the Southwest of France. When I am not speaking French, I love running marathons all over the world, walking along Lake Michigan, attending live concerts, having coffee with friends, discovering new restaurants, playing with my nephew, and, of course, traveling, traveling, traveling!

Meet Your ISRC Faculty Staff!

Nathan Lamp, Assistant Chair (they/she)

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Hi Pineapples! My name is Nathan Lamp and I am a writer, educator, and theatre artist from Toledo, OH. West Fairchild holds a special place in my heart because, as an undergrad, I lived in the building and served as the ISRC President (2013-2014). I graduated from Northwestern in 2015 with a BS in Communication, double-majoring in performance studies & biological anthropology and minoring in Slavic studies. In 2019, I earned my MA in Theatre & Performance Studies from Washington University in St. Louis. Currently, I am a rising fourth-year PhD student in performance studies at Northwestern, where I'm also pursuing graduate certificates in gender & sexuality studies and critical theory. Outside of Northwestern, I freelance as a theatre director & dramaturg. Currently, I am the resident dramaturg at Music Theatre Works, an Evanston-based musical theatre company, but I've worked with a number of local arts organizations, including the Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf, the MCA, and Broadway in Chicago. In my spare time, I love attending live theatre & music events, doing crossword puzzles, studying Jewish texts, singing, drawing, reading sci-fi & fantasy literature, spending time with friends, and, most of all, snuggling with my cat, Maafi.

ISRC Amenities & Locations

Suites: While the first floor has four single-gender suites, the second and third floors of ISRC are divided into four mixed-gender suites, including some inclusive, all-gender housing. ISRC residents spend a lot of time in their respective lounges doing homework, playing games, and just hanging out. In the middle of each floor is a kitchen with an oven, stove, microwave, toaster, sink, and refrigerator. Kitchens may have some pots and pans, but no plates or silverware, so make sure to bring your own!

The Main Lounge: When you walk into ISRC, this is the main communal area right off the main lobby. Every week we have social events in the lounge, including munchies, faculty firesides, or arts & crafts nights. There is a kitchen, a bathroom, a grand piano, chairs, couches, and a big TV. The main lounge is a great place to do homework, hang out, watch a movie, or play a game from ISRC's board game collection!

Laundry Room: ISRC has washers and dryers for all your laundry needs - plus the machines are free to use! We have brand-new high-efficiency washers. Don't forget to bring your own detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, and any other laundry supplies you may need!

Library: Right off the main lounge, the ISRC library has an upright piano, a large table with chairs for holding meetings or accommodating a study group. There are a number of books available for use by residents, just remember to bring them back when you're done with them! We also have a printer which is free to use. (Nathan has a second printer in their office and they'll let you use it if you ask nicely!)



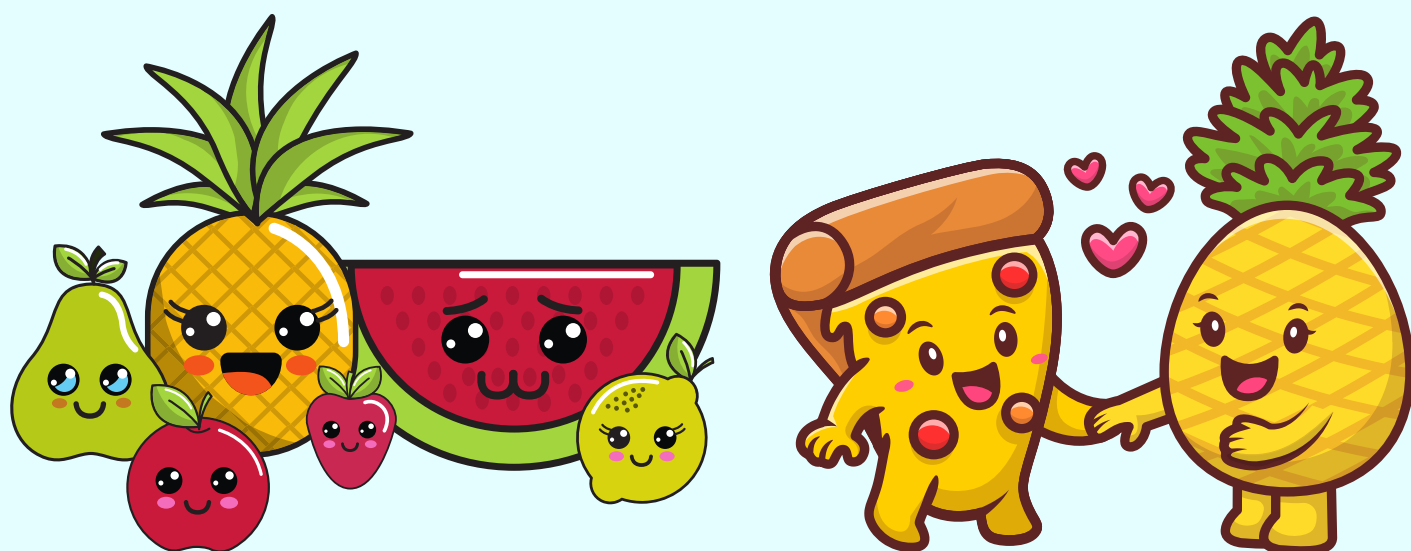
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Study Lounge: Located in the basement, this room offers a variety of seating, outlets, and writing surfaces, giving a comfortable, quiet place to get some work done and keep your computer & phone charged.

Workout Room: ISRC has its own miniature gym in the basement! The room has a treadmill, an elliptical, and a small set of free weights. Too cold to make it to one of the NU gyms? We've got you covered.

TV Room & Game Lounge: Located in the basement, this area features a large HDTV for all of your screening needs and it's also the place where we host International Film Night. There are also ping-pong & air hockey tables and an arcade machine that has a host of classic games, such as Pac-Man and Donkey Kong.

Music Practice Room: Whether you're a Bienen student or just want a dedicated place to practice your violin, ISRC has a small music practice room in the basement.



Northwestern Lingo to Know!

Allison: The dining hall that we frequently go to for meals since our beloved Hinman Dining Hall is currently closed (😞). Allison is a popular dining hall on South Campus, and we have our own section with other residential colleges!

CAESAR: A website where you can find upcoming course listings, register for classes, access financial information, and view your grades. Prepare to be frustrated by its lack of functionality (www.caesar.northwestern.edu)

Canvas: A website where professors post syllabi, upload class readings, post grades, and set up discussion boards (canvas.northwestern.edu).

CTECs: An evaluation of a class and its instruction. Students fill them out at the end of each quarter, and it's a really helpful way to hear what students have to say about a class. You need to fill them out at the end of each quarter to access them in the future. Be nice to your TAs in these – they use them to get a job!

Distros: Distribution requirements. These are required classes in departments outside of your major.

DM: Dance Marathon. This annual 30-hour dance party is the largest student-run fundraiser in the nation.

Firesides: These events are organized by ISRC's exec board. We get cool people (such as faculty fellows, college staff, or ISRC alumni) to come talk to us about interesting subjects. Firesides at ISRC have covered diverse topics such as forensic anthropology and the history of the banjo, and we've also had cooking demonstrations and karaoke! There's something for everyone and there's always free food!

IM Sports: Play sports and win glory for the Best Fairchild! In the past, we have played dodgeball, flag football, volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, softball, ultimate frisbee, and soccer.

Listserv: An email group that allows you to send emails to everyone in the dorm at once. You will be added to ISRC's Listserv a few days before you get here! It's useful if you need to borrow something or promote an event. The listserv is where you'll find out about ISRC events, as well as get notified of opportunities to participate in cross-college events in Chicago!

Northwestern Lingo to Know!

MCC: The Multicultural Center, home to the Multicultural Student Affairs. This is a great place to meet with friends or find resources for students of color, first-generation, low-income (FGLI) students, and LGBTQ+ students.

Munchies: Building-wide offerings of free food. Yes, you read that right. Free. Food. (!!!)

Non-Res: Someone who doesn't live in ISRC but participates in our events & community because of how utterly fantastic ISRC is. Most non-res members are former ISRC residents.

Norbucks: The Starbucks in Norris.

Norris: The student center with a food court, game room, U.S. Bank, NU bookstore, and lots of spaces for meetings and events.

Plex: The Foster-Walker Complex where you can go to pick-up packages or eat in one of two dining halls.

Prospie: Prospective Northwestern students. They generally come in large flocks that stop and stare at buildings, preventing you from getting to class in a timely fashion.

RA: Resident Assistant. They are the link between you and the residence director, there to help with your social transition into Northwestern. They also keep everything in order and make cute decorations to put on your door! RAs are a great resource for any problem you may be having within ISRC, so get to know them!

RCB: Residential College Board. They host events like dances, field days, and more that bring the res colleges together.

Sherbucks: The Starbucks in downtown Evanston on Sherman Ave. Always a little overcrowded, but a favorite spot for studying.

Tech: The largest building on campus, home to science classes and courses requiring a large lecture hall. It's really easy to get lost in there, so beware.

Things to Bring

Highly Recommended:

- Additional storage, shelving, or drawers
- Bedding (twin XL) and pillows
- Chargers
- Laundry hamper or bag
- Detergent (No quarters needed because laundry is free!)
- Shower shoes and shower caddy
- Towels
- Hangers
- School supplies
- Medical supplies (especially cold medicine)
- Winter Gear (winter coat, hats, scarves, gloves, wool socks, snow boots—anything you think you'll need to stay warm throughout the winter). If you're from a warmer climate and have questions about this, let us know! And for FGLI students, you can get free gear from Student Enrichment Services (SES).



Suggested:

- Hooks (either over the door or the kind that stick to the wall) for hanging clothes, towels, etc.
- Microwavable dishes, silverware, glasses, and mugs
- Boots and an umbrella
- Mini-fridge
- Whiteboard
- Athletic equipment
- Formal wear (for interviews & various formal events, like the Residential College Board formal)
- Cleaning supplies (small broom & dustpan, small vacuum, Lysol wipes, etc.)
- Posters, decorations, and/or pictures
- Batteries
- Bike, bike lock, and helmet
- Paper towels and dish rags
- Flashdrive



Remember: This is going to be your home for a while, so bring the stuff you'll need to have a good time and feel comfortable. Like reading? Bring books and magazine subscriptions. Have some movies you really love? Bring the DVDs. Love old video games? Bring them. Play an instrument? Bring it, and some music. Play sports? Bring your gear. Finally, stuff runs out quicker than you'd expect, so be sure to pack extras!

Questions?

If you have any general questions about ISRC, such as what our dorms look like, how to contact executive board members, college staff, or what to bring when you move in, go check out our website! It will provide you with tons of information about college activities, our facilities and anything else you need to know.

Link: <https://isrcnorthwestern.wordpress.com>

Check us out on **Instagram** as well! @isrcnorthwestern

West Fairchild, Best Fairchild!

