

“I think it’s a wonderful thing they’re doing. Higher Education as Humanitarian Aid is an affordable, doable program that could be replicated on every campus in America.”

William Jefferson Clinton – 42nd President of the United States

Higher Education as Humanitarian Aid Lecture Tour

Speaker Joseph Quinnell

Biography Joseph Quinnell is a photographer, activist, and co-founder of The Thailand Project. He uses creative concepts, strategic planning, and innovative solutions to fight against statelessness: the highest risk factor for human trafficking in Thailand.



Statelessness is the condition of lacking citizenship from any country. Worldwide, there are roughly 12-15 million people who are stateless. It is estimated that there are over 2 million such people within Thailand alone. Without citizenship, stateless individuals are denied the right to have rights. They have limited or no access to education, healthcare, work, or freedom of movement.

As an undergraduate art student, Quinnell began photojournalistic research inside the child sex trade/prostitution industry of Thailand. Quinnell gathered undercover intelligence in the attempted rescue of children being sold within a brothel, interviewed numerous adult sex workers and American sex tourists, and began a relationship with two-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sompop Jantraka and the at-risk children of the Myanmar-Thai border region.

When he returned to school as a junior, Quinnell worked with his partner, graphic design student - Susan Perri, to create a unique credit-earning study abroad international program focused on service-learning, a traveling photography exhibit/lecture tour, and the groundbreaking scholarship program for stateless individuals: *Higher Education as Humanitarian Aid*.

Before completing their undergraduate studies, Quinnell and Perri worked on the ground overseas to negotiate an unprecedented international agreement between two governments, gaining citizenship and travel documents for their pilot program's two stateless scholarship recipients.

Photo Lecture Quinnell’s presentation shares the project from its initial concept to its ultimate execution, challenging students to become more active global citizens, explore innovative social-entrepreneurial ideas, and use their gifts and abilities to tackle some of the world’s most difficult issues.

Equipment Digital projector/screen, wireless microphone, and dim to dark lighting needed

Price **1 Day** Two hour evening lecture (including Q&A): \$750*
2 Days Campus visit - workshops/brainstorm sessions, and evening lecture: \$1,500*

*Plus room, meals, and travel
(Discounts are available when multiple bookings are arranged in-state)

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