

**Meet Your New ISI Colleagues**  
**— 2022 NSO Participants —**  
*Video Training*  
*May 23-27*

***Ruth Hartunian-Alumbaugh – Ministry Rep – Storrs, CT***



Ruth and her husband Jon are co-heads of the ISI ministry at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT. They share over 60 years of service to the local ministry. Their desire is to share the love of God in all its fullness, facets, and amazingness. Committed to biblical living, they have affected the lives of internationals in over 40 countries through hospitality, giving, teaching, counsel, and worship. Ruth has served as a Ministry Rep with ISI since 2006 and is moving into a staff position.

Ruth is also a registered, board-certified music therapist, who is self-employed, teaches music lessons, and enjoys a variety of other endeavors. Jon is partially retired from his employment at Carriage House Mercedes Benz in New London, CT.

***Lewis Hu – Campus Staff Intern – Arlington, TX***



“My name is Lewis Hu, and I’m originally from Shanghai, China. I’m currently studying at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and I’ve been serving as a Campus Staff Intern with ISI. Coming from a completely different cultural background, I’m always passionate about food, sports, and playing video games! A few years ago, the Lord clearly called me to do cross-cultural missions and to reach the international community on the University of Texas/Arlington (UTA) campus. I’m excited to be a part of the ISI family and use my gifts and background to reach those international students as a Campus Staff here in the DFW area.”

***Betsy and Ron Manila – Contingent Ministry Reps – Durham, NC***



**Betsy**—“I am a native North Carolinian. I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where I was involved in IVCF. An English major, I taught briefly in Charlotte, NC before getting my Master of Religious Education at Gordon-Conwell. I worked in a couple of churches before meeting my husband, Ron. Together we have served in central Asia with YWAM doing community development work for 23 years. We have three children—Daniel and Faith are in college, and Joy is in middle school.”

**Ron**— “I was born in Philadelphia and grew up in the suburbs in a practicing Catholic family. I went to Carnegie-Mellon in Pittsburgh where I took my first steps toward the Lord. I fully surrendered my life to

the Lord while in grad school at Duke University in North Carolina. I also volunteered with ISI at that time. I worked as an environmental engineer in NC, during which time I met my wife, Betsy.”

### ***Amarildo Moreira – Contingent Ministry Rep – Annandale, VA***



Amarildo was born and raised in Brazil, where he played basketball in high school and once considered playing professionally (which of course, he says was a terrible idea due to his lack of ability). He and his wife, Laura, have one daughter, Serena.

Amarildo served in ABU (Brazilian “Intervarsity”) during his undergraduate studies in college. He was awarded a scholarship to study abroad and came to the US as an international student in 2014/15 to study civil engineering. During that time, he was involved as a student in the ministry of International Friends. He facilitated discussion groups and Bible discussions with groups of international students, and attended some ISI training opportunities, including the TRUE Leadership Conference where he was a “life coach.”

In 2021, Amarildo and his wife returned to the US and began to serve as volunteers with International Friends in Northern Virginia, coordinating activities and spending time cultivating relationships with international students, when God called him and his family into full-time ministry. Amarildo desires to love Christ with all his heart.

### ***Leah Raczova – Contingent Ministry Rep – Phoenix, AZ***



Leah has had an interest in all things international from a young age. In 2008, she studied as an exchange student in the Netherlands. After that experience, she couldn’t get enough of international living! After graduating from Northern Arizona University (NAU), she moved to Bratislava, Slovakia, where she met her husband, Erik. They married and started a family and enjoyed many years calling Slovakia home.

In 2019, Leah was hired to teach kindergarten in mainland China, so they packed up their lives and moved to the city of Hefei. Currently, Leah and Erik live in Phoenix, AZ with their two children.

The whole family is looking forward to showing Christ’s love to international students through hospitality and friendship.

### ***Joey Sforza – Contingent Ministry Rep – Hoboken, NJ***



“Although my wife, Jenn, and I were raised less than one mile apart, our paths did not collide until our sophomore year in high school, where we met one another through mutual friends and the humble “Bible Club.” After engaging years of unhurried pursuit, we were married in May of 2010. Throughout our relationship, the Lord dropped several hints confirming our joint, full-time call to New Jersey college missions with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ), which lasted 12 years! During COVID, God showed us another door through a Hindu immigrant student named Roman. For two years, we engaged in

lifestyle evangelism with him until he professed faith in Christ. This was so encouraging, we could not help but be drawn to ISI, so we're making the jump this summer!

We have three kids now—two boys, Gianluca and Gabriel, who are wildly energetic and lovely gifts of God, and our little happy princess, Lana! Our little Mestizos!”

***Mark Zeigler – Contingent Ministry Rep – Dallas, TX***



“My name is Mark Zeigler, and I am a native Texan! I attended Texas A&M University and received a bachelor’s degree in Speech Communication. I have lived and worked in Dallas, TX for the past 25 years and have been a volunteer with ISI for the past 6 years at the University of Texas at Dallas. My passion is to see international students come to know and love Jesus Christ and then in turn, to go and reach others with the Good News of the Gospel. I enjoy running, doing anything outdoors, traveling, time with friends, and good coffee!”