

# Terra Dotta Newsletter, February 2012

## TDU 2012

Have you registered for our Annual User Conference yet? If so, [click here](#) to see what exciting workshops are in store for you. If not, what are you waiting for? [Register](#) today and don't miss out on this great opportunity.

## SAVE THE DATE Pre-NAFSA Mini-Workshops Monday, May 28

Make plans now to join us for free Terra Dotta mini-workshops before NAFSA begins. To register, [click here](#).

- 1) Roundtable Discussion - This session is for experienced users of Terra Dotta software.
- 2) New User Orientation - This session is for new staff members to introduce them to using the software.
- 3) Version 11 - This session is an introduction to the new features introduced in the next software update.



## Welcome New Clients:

- ▶ Association of American Medical Colleges
- ▶ Columbia School of English
- ▶ Lewis University
- ▶ University of Michigan -



## Getting to Know Us

### Garrett Christian, CTO & Co-founder

Garrett is the Chief Technology Officer for Terra Dotta. His responsibilities include product development strategy, systems analysis, project management and software architecture. Prior to the formation of Terra Dotta, Garrett gained his database- and software-engineering experience

in the Credit Card Provisioning Division of AT&T.

Garrett pursued doctoral studies in the history of Romance languages at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As a doctoral candidate in 1999, Garrett obtained a research fellowship to study in Pamplona, Spain, and spent a year at the Universidad de Navarra. He has also studied abroad in Granada, Spain.

In 1996, Garrett met Brandon Lee at UNC where they established a new assistantship for Technology Coordinators in the Department of Romance Languages. This collaboration led them to create a database website system for the Study Abroad Office that was launched in 1999 and is still in use today - a model that served as the proof of concept for what eventually became Terra Dotta software.

## WEBINARS: Learn what Terra Dotta Software can do for you

### Risk Management Offices

- ▶ [February 15, 2012](#)
- ▶ [March 27, 2012](#)

Find out how your institution can track all faculty, staff and student travel to ensure their safety and reduce your liability. Learn how you can use this data most effectively, as well as how you can have direct communication with travelers before, during, and after their trip.

### ISSS Offices

- ▶ [February 23, 2012](#)
- ▶ [March 13, 2012](#)

Attend an i3s product information webinar to learn how i3s can benefit your International Student and Scholar Services office.

### Study Abroad Offices

- ▶ [February 23, 2012](#)
- ▶ [March 13, 2012](#)

Learn more about what StudioAbroad can do for your Education Abroad office. Register to attend a product information webinar.

### ESL Offices

- ▶ [February 15, 2012](#)
- ▶ [March 27, 2012](#)

- Career Services  
▶ University of Nebraska - Lincoln
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#### Newly Launched Clients:

- ▶ Augustana College - IL
  - ▶ New Mexico State University
  - ▶ Norwich University
  - ▶ Ramapo University
  - ▶ St. Cloud State University
  - ▶ St. Lawrence University
  - ▶ University of Arizona
  - ▶ University of Montclair
  - ▶ University of Tulsa
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#### New Directory Providers:

- ▶ Syracuse University Abroad

*This provider is a new StudioAbroad provider - their programs may not yet be ready for use.*

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Discover how to modernize the administration of your ESL Office with i3s by attending this webinar.

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#### Free Training Webinar for Clients

- ▶ **Directory**  
Feb 23, 4 pm EST

Learn how to take full advantage of this bountiful resource - how to search for programs, how to import them, and how to keep them current. [Click here](#) to register for the next webinar in our continuing series.

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#### Meet with Terra Dotta

Terra Dotta will be attending the following conferences in the New Year.

Stop by our booth to say hello and learn more about our software. [Click here](#) to make an appointment with one of our sales representatives.

- AIEA** - Feb 19-22, Washington, DC
  - CCID** - Feb 24-27, New Orleans, LA
  - IIE** - March 9, New York, NY
  - Forum** - March 21-23, Denver, CO
  - TESOL** - March 28-31, Philadelphia, PA
  - NAFSA** - May 27-June 1, Houston, TX
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#### People Are Talking

*When WSU purchased Terra Dotta's StudioAbroad in 2007 I had no idea of the functionality that we were purchasing, nor the fact that the software would continue to evolve providing ever greater functionality. Compared to the Access database that we had been using, Terra Dotta was like driving a Lamborghini Diablo! It was overwhelming at first, but slowly we've come to recognize and appreciate all that Terra Dotta gives us the power to do. Now we couldn't imagine sending students abroad without it.*

- Candace Chenoweth, Washington State University

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