

1993 Education Abroad Student Deaths

Death date/ Day	Name (age) Home state	Home university/ Study abroad program/ Student status, Program type, Timing of incident/ Country of study	Location of death/ Cause of death/ Details	About this student
4/19/93	Brett Crawford (21) California	University of Colorado/ Semester at Sea/ Undergraduate, Third party program, Interim travel/ Multiple countries	Taiwan/ Fall/ Brett was hiking with two other students in the Taroka Gorge National Park. Two students fell. Brett's sweatshirt and backpack were found three miles downriver. He was presumed dead. The other student sustained a fractured skull and broken ankle. https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1993-04-29-gl-29044-story.html https://advocatefororphans.wordpress.com/2009/10/21/they-just-fell-through-the-cracks/ https://www.facebook.com/bbcff/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LREVQrrTYF!	Brett was an environmental biology major.
8/8/93	Peter Sun (age was not reported, presumably high school) California	Taipei Economic and Cultural Exchange/ K-12, Academic, During course/ Taiwan	Ken-Ting National Park, Taiwan/ Drowned/ Starting in 1967, Taiwan sponsored a summer-long youth tour program, the Overseas Chinese Youth Language Training and Study Tour. This program is designated for ethnically Taiwanese students who were born elsewhere; most of these students are American. Peter was enrolled	Unable to find any personal information about Peter.

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			<p>in this course. Peter drowned during the final sightseeing event. A wrongful death lawsuit was filed by Peter’s parents. In Sun v. Taiwan, plaintiffs maintained that the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO), the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission (OCAC), and the China Youth Corps (CYC) failed to provide adequate supervision to Peter and his peers and failed to provide adequate warnings about dangerous swimming conditions at that beach. Peter’s parents filed three times, amending their complaint each time. However, in the end, the 9th Circuit Appeals Court issued a summary judgment, dismissing the case “with prejudice,” meaning that the case could not be brought again. The main issue for the court appears to have been technical aspects, including appropriate jurisdiction.</p> <p>https://www.casemine.com/judgement/us/59147ea9add7b04934454026</p> <p>https://casetext.com/case/sun-v-the-governmental-authorities-on-taiwan</p> <p>https://caselaw.findlaw.com/us-9th-circuit/1153499.html</p>	
8/23/93	Amy Biehl (26) New Mexico	University of Western Cape/ Fulbright Scholar/ Graduate, Direct enroll, During course/	<p>Gugulethu (outside of Capetown), South Africa/ Homicide, Civil Unrest/ Amy was in South Africa as a Fulbright Scholar. On the day of her death, she was traveling by car. A mob, estimated as over 100 youths, attacked the vehicle, stoning it and then</p>	Amy Biehl was a graduate of Stanford University. In reportage about her death, media described her as an “exchange student”; however, she was a Fulbright

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		South Africa	<p>removing Amy, then stoning and stabbing her to death. Those who knew Amy believed that she would have understood the mob, that she was killed not by their hatred of her but by their longstanding frustration with apartheid. In the aftermath of Amy’s death, her parents worked with and forgave the accused.</p> <p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amy_Biehl https://myhero.com/amy-biehl-her-legacy https://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-amy21-2008oct21-story.html https://www.sahistory.org.za/dated-event/amy-biehl-murdered-cape-town https://www.oeregister.com/2016/05/03/telling-amy-biehls-story-nearly-23-years-after-her-death-thanks-to-tyler-perry/ https://www.sowetanlive.co.za/entertainment/2018-12-06-tyler-perry-open-to-casting-local-actors-in-upcoming-amy-biehl-biopic/</p>	<p>Fellow. As such, Amy was doing research specifically focused on racism and how to end apartheid. Amy was described as influential because she was deeply understanding and forgiving. After Amy’s death, her parents continued her work. Amy’s father died in 2002, but her mother continues Amy’s legacy in the name of peace through understanding. When Nelson Mandella won the Congressional Gold Medal in 1998, he said, “Amy Biehl made our aspirations her own and lost her life in the turmoil of our transition.” Over the years, there have been repeated news reports about Amy’s life being optioned as a film.</p>

Non-lethal student safety incidents in 1993:
 Severe burns, fall-related injuries, serious parasitic disease (leishmaniasis)