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CURRENT PAGE: Bahia Lopez Bay in Nahuel Huapi Lake near Bariloche, Argentina

# THE ROUKEMA CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION



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 Big Ben  
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# Alumni Profile



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 Cooking Class  
 Seoul, South  
 Korea & South  
 Africa, Titiskarma  
 program road  
 trip



After my commencement from Ramapo, the post-graduation plan for graduate school or to step into the workforce was not immediately clear. I thought, I opted to leave home to teach English at a high school, making friends across the tip of Africa, led to a year of teaching English to adorable Kindergarten students in South Africa. These friends, across the tip of Africa, led to a year of teaching English to adorable Kindergarten students in South Africa. I thought, I opted to leave home to teach English at a high school, making friends across the tip of Africa, led to a year of teaching English to adorable Kindergarten students in South Africa.

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# Reflections from Abroad



It is a myth that science students cannot study abroad due to their lack of enough planning and motivation to do so. You and even pursue a program in the United States.

I am majoring in chemistry to obtain a career in teaching and researching. In my class or program, I decided to take the Roukema Center of International Studies.

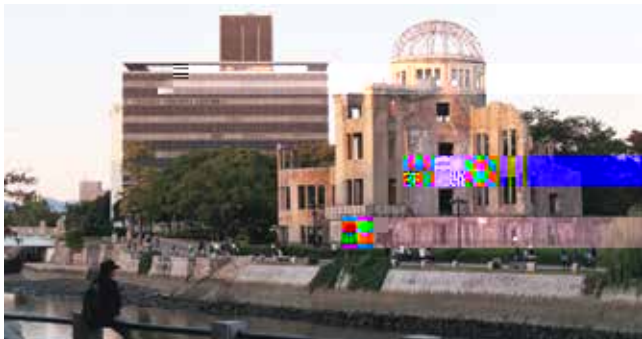
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the Turks and Caicos Islands to pursue Marine Research Techniques Program. I earned the 2015 Arcadia University and Garmelle Le Vin Memorial Research

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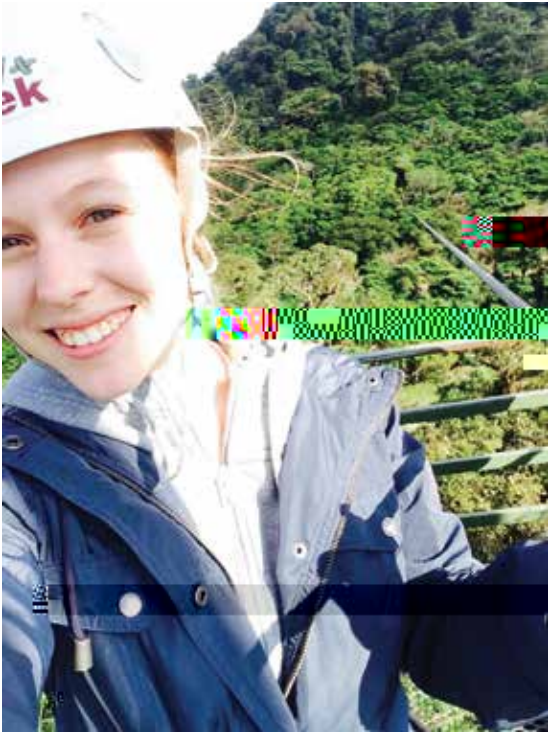
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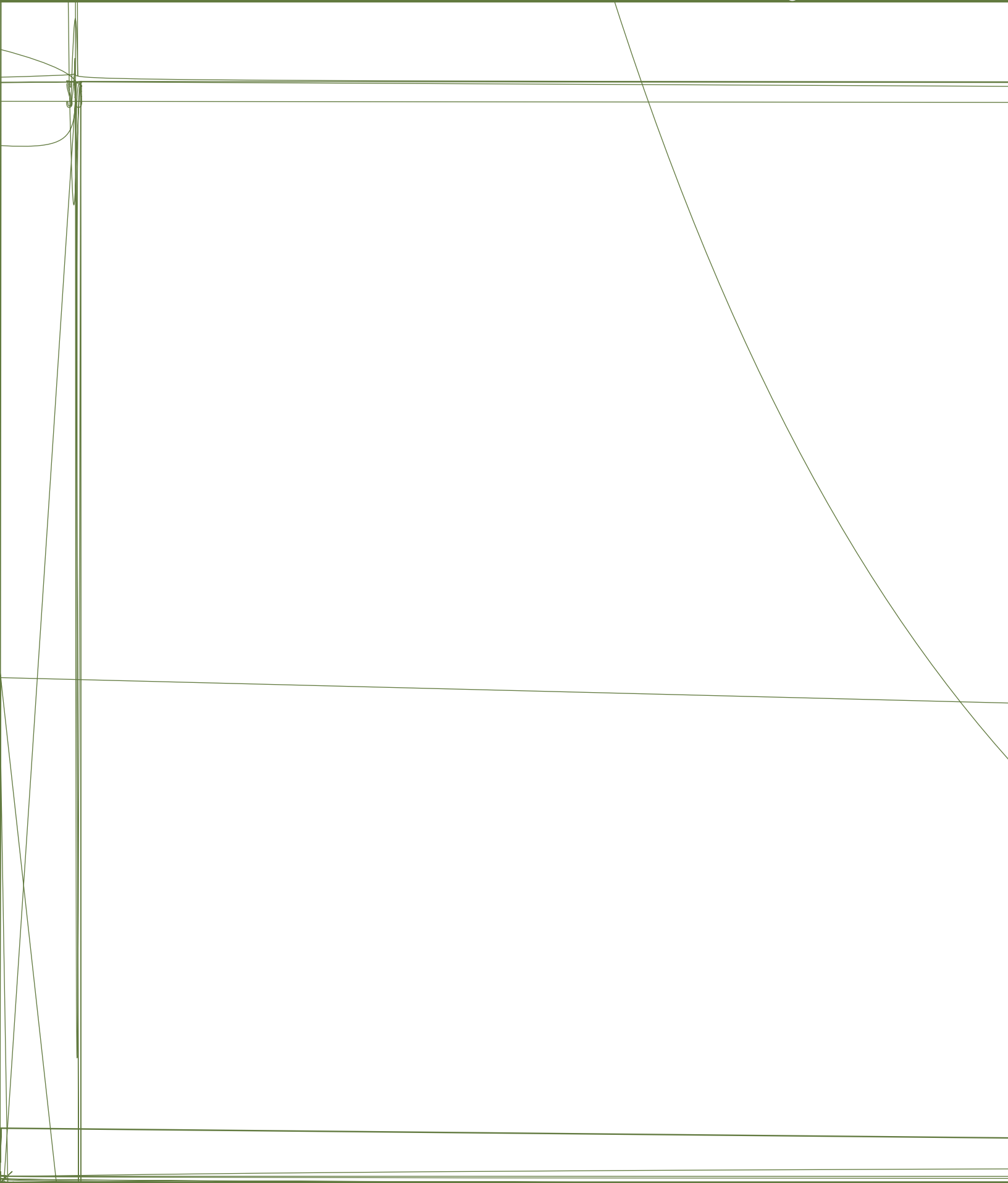
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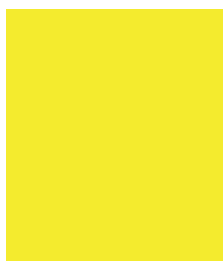
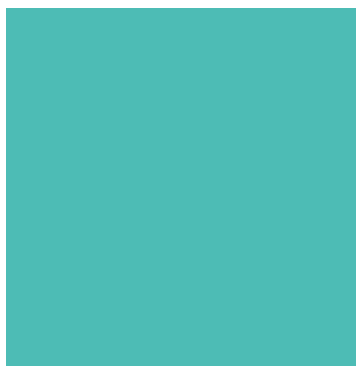
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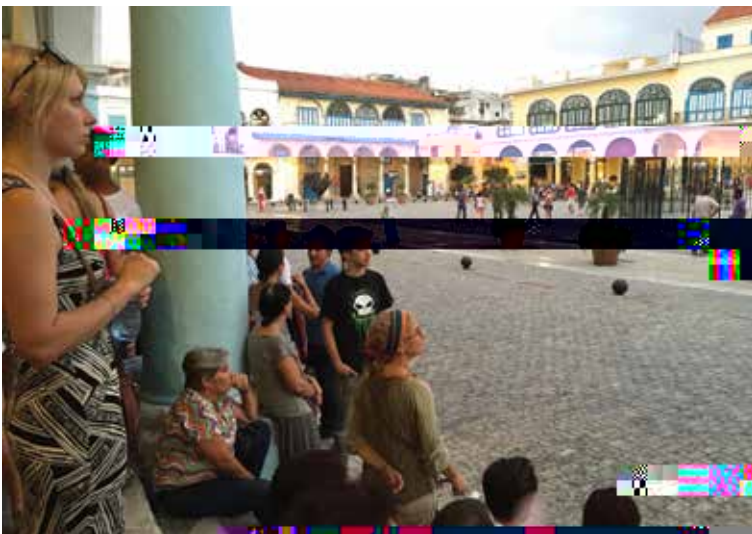
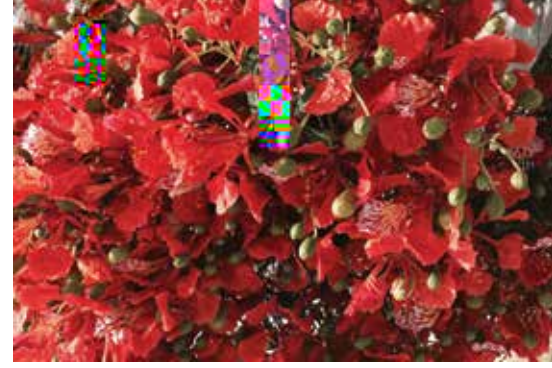






# Cuba:





# Reflections from Abroad

**BRIANNE BISHOP '16**

SCHOOL FOR FIELD STUDIES -  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDIES  
ATENAS, COSTA RICA

FALL 2015

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**Rikki Abzug | Professor of Management**

**COSTA RICA | MARCH 2016**

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**Renata Gangemi | Professor of Communication Arts**  
**BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA | MAY 2015**

I attended a conference titled "Stories of Courage: Argentinean Political Women" presented in several venues in Buenos Aires, Rosario, and Cordoba. I presented recently in the Museo de la Memoria and in the Museo de la Plata. The conference was organized by the Argentinean Women's Movement and the Argentinean Women's Human Rights Movement.

**Amruth Kumar | Professor of Computer Science**  
**PERU | JULY 2016**

I am serving as the Poster Chair on the organizing committee for the conference "Innovation and Technology in Computer Science" held in Lima, Peru. I am presenting a paper at the conference on "The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Computer Science".

**Iraida Lopez | Professor of Spanish Language and Literature**

**CUBA | OCTOBER 2015**

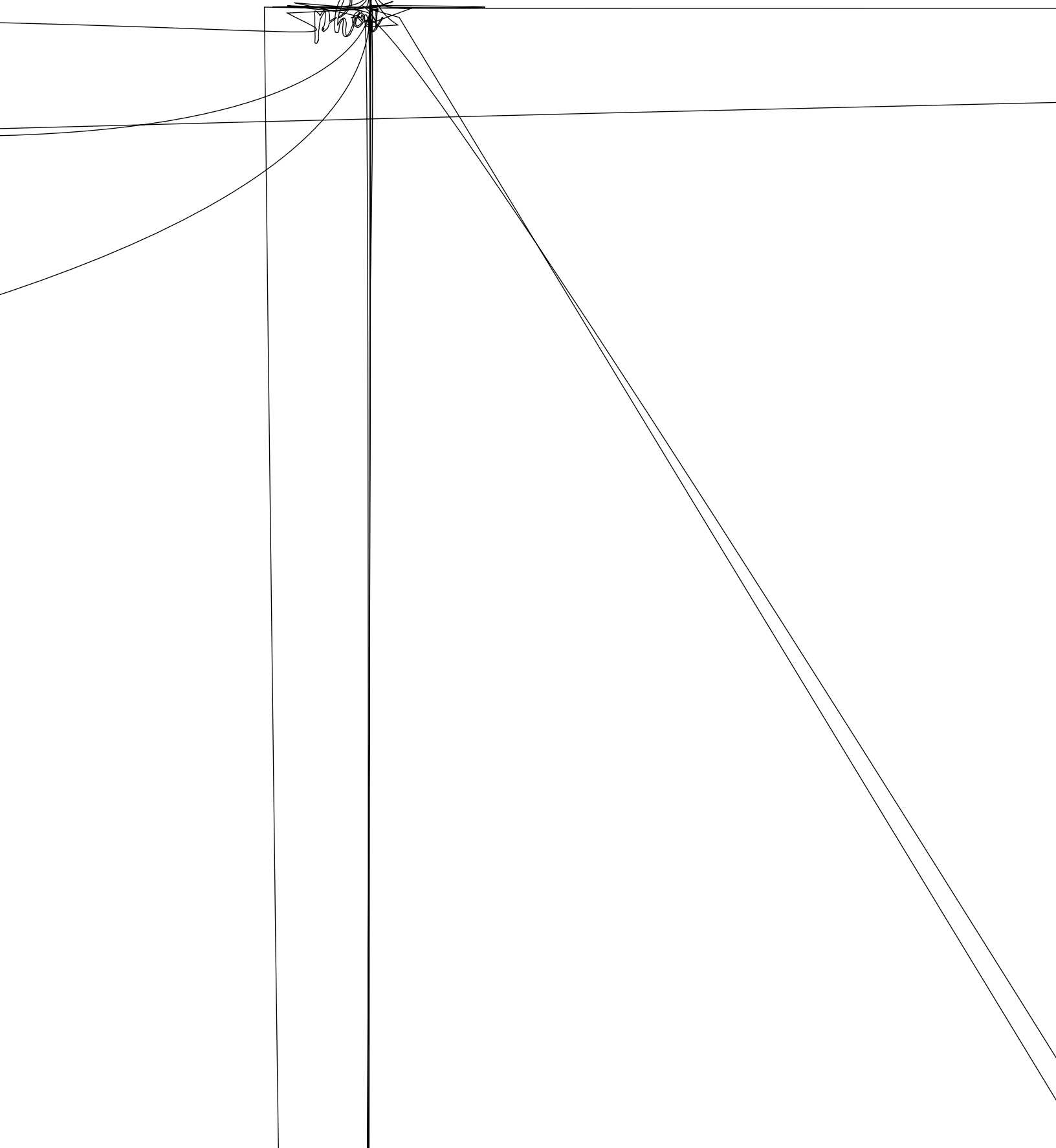
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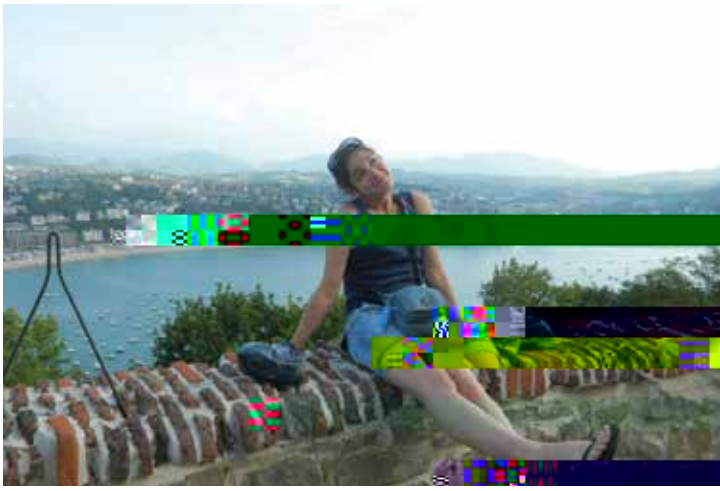


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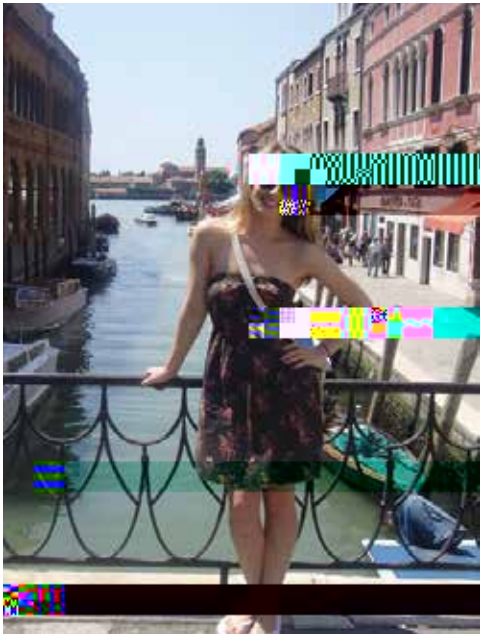
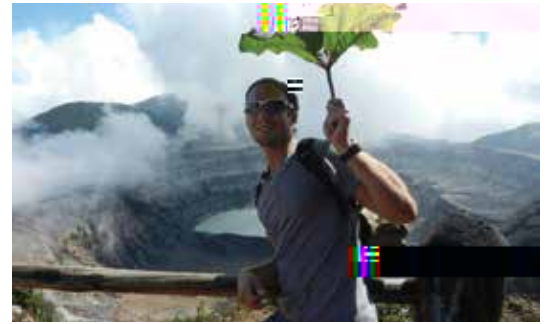








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