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**ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS (AIEA) PRESENTS 2016  
JOSEPHSON AWARDS TO SVETLANA FILIATREAU AND LEANNA JENKINS**

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) presented its annual Harold Josephson Award for Professional Promise in International Education at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, February 23 in Montreal, Canada during its annual conference. The award, which recognizes an emerging leader who is making a significant contribution to International Education is awarded to two recipients this year for the first time since its inception, to Svetlana Filiatreau of George Mason University and Leanna Jenkins of California Polytechnic State University.

Svetlana Filiatreau is the Manager for Global Learning Integration in the Office of Global Strategy at George Mason. Her research expertise is in university leadership and education for engaged citizenship, comprehensive internationalization, and development of academic cross-border partnerships.

The role of university leadership in student ethical and civic development in Ukraine was the topic of her doctoral research. Dr. Filiatreau has more than twenty years of combined experience in building cross-border partnerships in higher education, coalition building and community-based development, and teaching in school and community settings. She holds a Master's degree in Applied Theology with the focus in community-based development from Regent College (Vancouver, Canada), and a PhD in International Education from George Mason University.

Leanna Jenkins is an International Student Advisor and a graduate student at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly). In her short time at Cal Poly, she has coordinated numerous international student support programs, and has served on the International Student Retention & Success Task Force. She continually seeks out new initiatives to facilitate international student success, and recently implemented a cross-cultural program that connects international students with the local community. Jenkins will graduate in June 2016 with a Counseling & Guidance Master's degree in education.



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The Association of International Education Administrators shares the enthusiasm for Dr. Filiatreau's and Ms. Jenkins' contributions to the field, and congratulates them as the 2016 recipients of the Josephson Award. AIEA Executive Director Dr. Darla Deardorff said "AIEA congratulates Svetlana and Leanna on their achievements and research and is so pleased to recognize Svetlana and Leanna as rising leaders in the field of international higher education through this award."

*Founded in 1982, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), hosted at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, is a professional membership organization composed of institutional leaders representing over 300 institutions engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education.*

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