

2018-2019 AIEA Presidential Fellows



Dafna Kariv is Vice President for Global Initiatives at the College of Management COLMAN, Israel; the Chair of Novus Entrepreneurship Center; and co-chair of Social Investments center. Kariv is the author of many research publications; her three books have been published with Routledge NY and UK. Her research focuses on entrepreneurship, education and gender. She is a recipient of several European Commission prized funds; involved in academic boards, affiliate professor at HEC, Montreal; and German-Israeli-Startup-Exchange Program ambassador.



Tim Lewis is Associate Vice Provost for Global Learning and Strategy and Senior International Officer at the University of St. Thomas. He recently completed the AIEA Leadership Academy for new SIOs. Previously he held campus and professional society leadership positions. Most of his career has been as a biology faculty member at two institutions teaching and conducting research related to international conservation issues. His doctorate is in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Gale Lynch is Senior Director for Global Engagement and International Support Services at The New School in New York City. She oversees International Student and Scholar Services and International Programs, and works to strengthen comprehensive internationalization across campus. Lynch is active in both AIEA and NAFSA and has presented on various topics related to international education. She previously held faculty and administrative positions at Monroe Community College and Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, New York.



James Lynch is Interim Director of International Education and Director of Institutional Effectiveness at the College of Coastal Georgia, where he leads global initiatives to advance campus internationalization. His institutional effectiveness portfolio has contributed significantly in helping build the academic infrastructure to provide access to global opportunities, intercultural collaboration, and international partnerships. Lynch completed a Fulbright Scholarship Program in the United Kingdom. He holds an MFA from Columbia University and a doctorate from the College of William & Mary.

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Woody Pelton has been the Dean of Global Education at Elon University since 2009. Previously, Woody was Senior International Officer at Winthrop University (2006-09) and Saginaw Valley State University (1992-2006). Before entering Higher Education, Woody was an attorney in Washington, D.C., an education advisor for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in a refugee camp in Malaysia, and a Peace Corps Volunteer in Morocco. A NAFSA member since 1992, Woody also and serves on CIEE's Academic Consortium Board.



Joanna Regulska is Vice Provost and Associate Chancellor, Global Affairs, and professor of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, University of California, Davis. With over thirty years of international experience in higher education, she has led diverse educational and research projects, and partnerships. In 2010-11, she was selected as AIEA Presidential Fellow, and in 2013, she was awarded the Fulbright US-Korea International Education Administrator Award. In 2011, she was awarded Doctor Honoris Causa from the Tbilisi State University, Georgia.



Amir Reza is Vice Provost for International & Multicultural Education at Babson College. He has served on regional leadership boards for NAFSA and is on the AIEA Board. He has presented at numerous national and international conferences on international education. His research focus is on internationalization, and intercultural development. He holds a B.A. and M.Ed. from the University of Maine, and a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Boston College's Center for International Higher Education.



Pia Wood is the Vice Provost and Dean of International Affairs at the University of North Texas. Her responsibilities include Study Abroad, International Student and Scholar Programs, Sponsored Students, International Partnerships, Intensive English Language Program, and International Recruitment. She is a past president of AIEA and AIRC and regularly conducts workshops on International Recruitment and Enrollment Management. Her Ph.D. is in Political Science from the University of Geneva in Switzerland.