ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATORS (AIEA) PRESENTS 2013 CHARLES KLASEK AWARD

The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) presented its annual Charles Klasek Award for outstanding service to the field of international education administration at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 19 in New Orleans, LA during its annual conference. The award was given to Dr. William Brustein, Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs and Professor of Sociology, Political Science and History at The Ohio State University.

"AIEA is honored to present this prestigious award to William, who continues to give so much to the field of international education through his leadership, vision and scholarship," said AIEA Executive Director Dr. Darla Deardorff.

Before joining The Ohio State University, Dr. Brustein was Associate Provost for International Affairs and Director of International Programs and Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. At Illinois, he also was the Alumni Professor of International Studies and a professor of sociology, political science, and history.

Earlier administrative appointments included his service as Director of the University Center for International Studies at the University of Pittsburgh and, at the University of Minnesota, as Chair of the Department of Sociology and Director of the Center for European Studies.

The author of four books and numerous articles, book chapters, and essays, Vice Provost Brustein is a well-regarded expert on international education and a recent past president of AIEA. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Association for Studies in International Education, and he serves on the executive committee of the Commission on International Programs of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU).

As one of his nominators notes, “William lives the creed of internationalization in all its dimensions, and this enthusiasm inspires his collaborators to come along and deliver what it takes for the enterprise to succeed.”

Vice Provost Brustein received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Connecticut and a master’s degree in international studies from the Johns
Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He earned both master’s and Ph.D. degrees in sociology at the University of Washington.

His primary responsibilities at The Ohio State University include development of Ohio State’s evolving global strategies; leadership of the Office of International Affairs; and leadership of the President’s and Provost’s Council on Strategic Internationalization.

His plans for a global university are to increase the percentage of international faculty and students; promote scholarship on the major global issues; create international dual degree programs; promote collaboration with Ohio’s international business ventures; develop an international physical presence; and increase the international experience for undergraduate, graduate and professional students.

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 200 institutions engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education. AIEA provides opportunities for members to join forces, exchange ideas, share institutional strategies, and provide an effective voice on matters of public policy through various means including workshops, meetings and a scholarly journal.

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