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**Four Senior International Officers Selected as 2014-2015 AIEA Neal Presidential Fellows**

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DURHAM, NC- September 12, 2014 – The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is pleased to announce the four senior international officers who have been selected as the sixth cohort of AIEA Neal Presidential Fellows: Sharon Nagy, Vice Provost for Global Engagement at Clemson University; Leigh A. Poole, Director of the International Center and Assistant Professor at Winthrop University; Barbara A. Simmons, the Inaugural Dean for International Education and Associate Professor at William V.S. Tubman University in Liberia, West Africa; and Hong Yang, Vice President for International Affairs at Bryant University.

The AIEA Neal Presidential Fellows Program is a highly prestigious program of mentorship for new Senior International Officers (SIO). Each Fellow is matched with an experienced SIO who will serve as their Mentor. During the 2014-2015 academic year, each Fellow will spend several days visiting the Mentor's campus, shadowing the Mentor, and learning about the policies, politics, and procedures of the Mentor's institution. Throughout the academic year, the Mentor will be available for consultation and advice as requested by the Fellow. This program provides participants with the opportunity to observe how an experienced SIO and his/her institution address international education challenges and solve problems, learn about national and international issues and how they affect individual campuses, and become a member of a national network of Fellows who serve as resources throughout one's career.

The 2014-2015 Mentors bring extensive knowledge, experience, and expertise to the program. The Mentors include William I. Brustein, Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs and Professor of Sociology, Political Science, and History at The Ohio State University; Nicolette DeVille Christensen, President of Arcadia University; Andrew Gillespie, Assistant Provost for International Programs at Auburn University; and Susan Buck Sutton is Senior Advisor for International Initiatives in the Office of the President at Bryn Mawr College.

"We are delighted to offer this unique professional development opportunity for promising new/early career Senior International Officers. The 2014-2015 cohort of AIEA Neal Presidential Fellows represents the diversity of SIOs, and we are especially delighted to have our first Fellow based outside the US," said Dr. Darla Dearnorff, AIEA Executive Director.



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Applications for the 2015-2016 cohort of Neal Presidential Fellows will be available in the spring of 2015.

*About AIEA*

*The Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA), a membership organization formed in November 1982, is composed of institutional leaders engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education. AIEA brings together international education leaders with their counterparts from around the world who are furthering institutional internationalization. To find out more, please visit [www.aieaworld.org](http://www.aieaworld.org)*

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