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Duke Scholar Receives Fulbright Specialist Award

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DURHAM, NC-- Darla K. Deardorff, Executive Director of the Association of International Education Administrators, a national professional organization based at Duke University, and Research Scholar in the Program in Education, has been selected for the Fulbright Specialist Program. Deardorff will work with students and faculty at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) in Port Elizabeth, South Africa from August 3 through August 22.

At NMMU, Deardorff will give lectures and conduct research through the Research Unit of the International Education Division. She will work with faculty across the university in integrating intercultural competence into a variety of courses. Her project will focus on exploring South African perspectives on intercultural competence in a post-conflict society, as well as understanding the state of international higher education in South Africa.

The Fulbright Specialist Program was created in 2000 to as a complement to the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program. The program awards short-term grants for collaborative projects, and Specialists serve as expert consultants on curriculum, faculty development and institutional planning at post-secondary institutions in over 140 countries. The program promotes relationships between U.S. scholars and professionals and their overseas counterparts. Shorter grant lengths give Specialists flexibility to pursue projects that work with their current academic or professional commitments.

To be considered for the Fulbright Specialist Program, the U.S. scholar must possess advanced academic expertise beyond teaching and research. Applications are reviewed by peers in the applicant's discipline and by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB), who then make their recommendation.

"I am honored to represent Duke University and the Association of International Education Administrators as a Fulbright Specialist. In fully embracing the goals of the Fulbright program, I look forward to developing lasting ties with scholars at NMMU as we collaborate together on current and future projects," said Deardorff.

Darla K. Deardorff has over 20 years of experience in international education. Editor of *The Sage Handbook of Intercultural Competence* (Sage, 2009), she has published widely on international education and cross-cultural issues. She is also lead editor of the *SAGE Handbook of International Higher Education* (Sage, 2012) along with co-editors Hans de Wit, John Heyl



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and Tony Adams. Other recent books include *Building Cultural Competence* (Stylus, 2012) and *Demystifying Outcomes Assessment for International Educators* (Stylus 2015). Deardorff is on the faculty of Harvard University's Future of Learning Institute, The Summer Institute of Intercultural Communication in Portland, OR, is research associate at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (S. Africa), Meiji University (Japan), Shanghai International Studies University (China) and adjunct faculty at the Middlebury Institute for International Studies (formerly Monterey Institute). The intercultural competence models developed from her research are being used in numerous countries and she is recipient of several awards related to her work. She received her master's and doctorate degrees from North Carolina State University.

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

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