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Sharon Nagy is Vice Provost of Global Engagement at Clemson University. Nagy holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania and a BA in Political Economy from UC Berkeley. Nagy's ethnographic research on urbanization and migration in the Arabian Gulf is recognized as pioneering in the field. She has previously taught at DePaul University, University of Bahrain and American University of Cairo; and, led study abroad programs in Morocco, Oman and the UAE.



Leigh Poole is the Director of the International Center and an Assistant Professor at Winthrop University. As Winthrop's senior international officer, Leigh is responsible for leading campus-wide internationalization as well as overseeing education abroad and international student/immigration services. She was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to both Germany and South Korea and has studied overseas in the Dominican Republic and Mexico. Leigh holds a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia, a M.Ed. from the University of South Carolina, and a B.A. from Wofford College.



Barbara A. Simmons is Inaugural Dean and Associate Professor of International Education at William V.S. Tubman University in Liberia. She is active in AIEA, International Economic Development Council, National Bar Association focusing on alternative dispute and conflict resolution, and Greater Monrovia Lions Club. She previously held faculty and administrative positions at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland State University, Community College of Philadelphia, Cheyney University and Temple University. She holds a MSSA from Case Western Reserve University and a juris doctorate from Temple University.



Hong Yang is Bryant University's inaugural Vice President for International Affairs. He was the founding director of Bryant University's U.S.-China Institute and Confucius Institute. Yang is also the Charles J. Smiley Chair Professor of Environmental Sciences and has published three edited books and more than 70 peer reviewed articles. The National Committee on U.S.-China Relations selected him as a national Public Intellectual Fellow. He holds a doctorate in geosciences from University of Idaho.

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William I. Brustein is Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs and Professor of Sociology, Political Science, and History at The Ohio State University. His work at Ohio State is dedicated to fully integrating international and multicultural experiences to the academic units within the university and expanding and enhancing its global reach. Before coming to Ohio State in 2009, he was the Associate Provost for International Affairs and Director of International Programs and Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is currently Chair of the Senior International Officers of the Committee for Institutional Cooperation, and serves on the Boards of the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities, the Columbus Council on World Affairs and the Columbus Sister Cities International. Dr. Brustein is the recipient of the 2013 [Charles Klasek Award](#).



Nicolette DeVille Christensen, the twenty-first President of Arcadia University is a globally recognized scholar and leader in international education. She has two decades of higher education experience in executive, administrative, and faculty positions at Arcadia, New York University, and Guilford College in Greensboro, and her vision has led to groundbreaking initiatives and has expanded Arcadia's global footprint. She has served on several national and international committees and professional boards, including the United Nations Task Force on Education.



Andrew Gillespie serves as the senior international officer for Auburn University, overseeing programs in international student and scholar services, study abroad, English as a Second Language instruction, and international recruitment, development, research and outreach. He is a Professor of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, a Fulbright Scholar, and has conducted research and published over 100 refereed journal articles, book chapters, and proceedings papers in alternative food and fiber production systems in developed and developing countries, focusing on sustainability and the knowledge systems of indigenous peoples. He received a joint B.S. degree from the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and Syracuse University, an M.S. degree from the University of New Hampshire, and his Ph.D. degree from Purdue University.



Susan Buck Sutton is Senior Advisor for International Initiatives in the Office of the President at Bryn Mawr College, charged with guiding the institution's strategic planning with regard to international matters. She is also Emerita Associate Vice President of International Affairs and Emerita Chancellor's Professor of Anthropology for Indiana University -Purdue University Indianapolis. Past President of AIEA and active in the American Council of Education, NAFSA, and IIE, Sutton has given numerous presentations on the changing nature of internationalization, institutional partnerships, curriculum internationalization, and international service learning. Sutton has published five books and 60+ articles.