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News from the Dean for International & Border Programs

International Education: the Neglected Dimension of Public Diplomacy

NAFSA: Association of International Educators, with well over 10,000 members, is the largest and most comprehensive and diverse association of international educators worldwide. Among its myriad responsibilities as a professional association is national-level advocacy on behalf of issues central to international education. This past month, on August 12th, NAFSA made public its recommendations to the next President of the United States regarding issues central to international education. As NAFSA President, on numerous occasions and in several speeches, I described my “vision” of where NAFSA should stand in relation to many issues germane to international education, among these the importance of public diplomacy and non-violent means to international conflict resolution.

The policy recommendations included in the report entitled, *International Education: the Neglected Dimension of Public Diplomacy*, are consistent with my vision and are aimed at influencing the next U.S. administration. The report argues that international education is central to public diplomacy and asks the next president to assume a leadership role in advocating for a U.S. international education policy. The report has been endorsed by leaders from both political parties, including such internationally-focused luminaries as Joe Nye, former Dean of the Kennedy School at Harvard; Lee Hamilton, director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Doris Meissner, former Commissioner of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service; Carol Bellamy, former Director of the Peace Corps and Executive Director of the United Nations Children Fund; and James Carafano, the leading expert in defense affairs, military operations and strategy, and homeland security at The Heritage Foundation.



A central tenet of the report is mutual understanding among the nations of the world. In its introduction, NAFSA states: “At the heart of public diplomacy, in our view—and essential to the success of the rest of it—is the critical task of building, conducting, and sustaining the long-term relationships through which the world most fundamentally knows Americans and forms its core assumptions about what America is.” The report sets out specific policy recommendations in the following areas:

- Attracting international students and scholars to the U.S.;
- Internationalizing U.S. education, especially but not exclusively through study abroad;
- Bolstering educational exchanges and volunteer-service programs.

Among the priorities outlined in the report are:

- Passage and implementation of the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act;
- Security and immigration policies that strike a better balance between control and openness;
- A proactive approach to attracting the world's talented students and scholars to the United States;
- Expanding support for time-tested educational exchanges and the Peace Corps.

Central to the recommendations is NAFSA's call for robust presidential leadership in support of "a major international education initiative designed explicitly to foster an America that knows, understands, and is able to communicate with the world, and to strengthen the relationships through which the American people and the world's people can relate to, interact with, and understand each other."

The report may be accessed in its entirety on the World Wide Web at http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/public_diplomacy_intro.

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Twenty-Fifth Annual World Food Day Teleconference, October 16, 2008

The title of this year's annual World Food Day Teleconference is "Choices for a Warm and Hungry Planet." This year's teleconference will examine the issues affected, the challenges posed and diversity of approaches what will be required to respond. As one expert has said the "catastrophes are not democratic." The multifaceted ripple effects are being felt from main street to the UN and are inspiring urgent searches for new civil society partnerships including the academic community. Three experts from very different backgrounds will be the guest speakers. Dr. Nancy Birdsall, founding president of the Center for Global Development; Dr. Siwa Msangi, from the International Food Policy Research Institute; and Mark Ritchie, Minnesota's Secretary of State will discuss the many cross-cutting issues and consider ways to encourage col-

laborative efforts by concerned citizens in every sector of society. In addition to the guest panelists there will be a live uplink from the World Food Prize ceremonies in Iowa.

The live broadcast will be shown locally from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the PSL Auditorium. If anyone is interested in participating in this year's broadcast, please call Bertha at 646-4528. Faculty interested in taking their classes, please contact Bertha so that she can provide you with the necessary information and study guides.

International Travel

Christopher Brown, Department of Geography, will be presenting an invited paper at the Center for Canadian-American Studies at Western Washington University. The Center is one of only two National Resource Centers for the study of Canada in the United States, and funding is provided by U.S. Department of Education. Through his work with the Association of Borderland Studies, he have worked to build a means to drive comparative research of US-Canada and US-Mexico border issues, and Don Alpers, the Director of the Center at Western Washington, has asked him to present a paper that examines the intersection of security and environment in the North American Context.

Dr. Brown will travel to Western Washington on October 29th to present the paper, and also to meet and network with researchers at the University.



A delegation of Sichuan University personnel visited NMSU on July 28th. The group was lead by Dr. Shi Jian, Vice President of Sichuan University. This fall approximately 30 students from Sichuan University were admitted as transfer students to NMSU.

Visitor Exchange Program

Effective immediately, Paul E. Huntsberger is the Responsible Officer who manages the U.S. State Department's Exchange Visitor J-1 Visa Program.

The J-1 Exchange Visitor category was developed to implement the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (Fulbright-Hayes Act) of 1961. The overall purpose of that Act, and the objective of the Exchange Visitor category, is **“to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges.”** The Department of State (DOS) designates exchange visitor program sponsors, and creates and administers federal regulations and policies governing the Exchange Visitor Program.

NMSU, as an exchange visitor program sponsor, has been authorized by DOS to conduct an exchange visitor program for Professor, Research Scholar, Short-Term Scholar, Specialist, and Student (degree and non-degree) categories. NMSU has appointed a Responsible Officer (RO) and Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO-Mary Jaspers, who will handle degree seeking international students) to perform the duties set forth in regulations and to represent NMSU's exchange visitor program.

Exchange visitors are aliens who have been selected by NMSU to participate in the NMSU sponsored exchange visitor program in the J-1 visa classification.

Duration of stay of an exchange visitor is determined by the category designated on the DS-2019 document prepared by an RO or ARO to allow the exchange visitor to obtain the J-1 visa. A Professor or Research Scholar may stay from 3 weeks to 5 years; a Specialist from 3 weeks to one year; a Short-term Scholar for six months. Degree students may stay for the time needed to complete degree requirements, and non-degree students may stay a maximum of 24 months. Location of the exchange visitor's site of activity may be anywhere within the NMSU system. Funding for the exchange visitor's expenses to carry out the proposed activity may be from NMSU, the U.S. Government, an International Organization, Visitor's Home Government, or from other organizations that guarantee in writing the support being provided. A U.S. Consular Officer presented a DS-2019 by an alien to obtain the J-1 visa will determine that the applicant has sufficient funds to cover expenses, knowledge

of English to undertake the particular program, no intention to immigrate to the U.S., and whether the alien is subject to the 212(e) regulation that requires the visiting scholar to return home for two-years and disbars them from changing their status to another non-immigrant visa while in the U.S.

Exchange visitors who sign their DS-2019 form verify that the visitor, and all dependents, are required to have medical insurance in effect for the duration of the exchange program, by obtaining an approved insurance policy that covers at a minimum \$50,000 medical benefit per person per accident and illness, \$7,500 repatriation of remains, and \$10,000 medical evacuation. Exchange visitors receiving NMSU's employee health insurance meet this requirement except for the medical evacuation, which has to be purchased from International Programs. Departments requesting to hire exchange visitors to fill a position at NMSU must verify that the position offered is not a tenure track position for which the applicant will apply for tenure. Only the RO or ARO may approve employment and this must be done in writing.

Departments inviting exchange visitor Professor, Research Scholar, Specialist, and Short-Term Scholar must agree to assist the incoming scholar to find housing and to provide the scholar with appropriate office or lab space to fulfill the purpose of the activity. The Exchange Visitor must report within three days of arrival to the RO for review of documents, verification of arrival in the SEVIS immigration reporting system, verification of insurance, and completion of a mandatory orientation conducted by the RO.

All immigration, employment, and insurance matters related to an Exchange Visitor must be handled by the RO (or the ARO in the ROs absence). Any matters not discussed above are to be referred to the RO for consideration. For more information on this program, please contact Dr. Paul Huntsberger at phuntsbe@nmsu.edu.

Globalization Awards

The Office of International and Border Programs (OIBP) is now accepting Globalization Award nominations. OIBP provides up to three awards per academic year to NMSU faculty, staff, students, and individuals from the community. The award recognizes individuals whose actions and deeds promote international understanding, cooperation involvement, and development. For more information about the awards call 646-4528 or to submit nominations, please contact Ida Baca at MSC 3567 or at ibaca@nmsu.edu, indicating who you want to nominate and describing in one or two pages what the person has done and/or is doing internationally to warrant the award and include a copy of their CV. Nominations will be accepted through March 15, 2009. If you would like to review the list of past recipients, please go to our web site at: <http://www.nmsu.edu/~ip/pages/GlobalizationAward.html>

Funding Opportunities through the Office of International Science and Engineering

Jessica Robin, Program Coordinator, Office of International Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation will be on campus on September 11. Dr. Robin will be on campus to specifically talk about NSF's Office of International Science and Engineering (OISE) funding for related international programs. OISE works closely with other NSF directories and offices to co-fund innovative, catalytic awards and promote research excellence through true intellectual collaboration with foreign partners and actively engaged U.S. students and junior faculty at foreign sites.

Some specific programs which she will discuss among other will be:

- 1) Developing Global Scientists and Engineers
 - International Research Experience for Students
 - Doctoral Dissertation Enhancement Projects (at foreign sites)
- 2) International Research Fellowship Programs- Support for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a recent Ph.D. to conduct research at institutions outside the U.S.
- 3) Pan-American Advanced Studies Institutes – Short courses in engineering or biological, mathematic or physical sciences for advanced graduate and post-doctoral students in the Americas.
- 4) Partnership for International Research and Education (PIRE) – PIRE funds institution to institution, cutting-edge research conducted by U.S. universities in collaboration with foreign counterparts.
- 5) International Planning Visits and Workshops
 - International Planning Visits – Travel to plan collaborative research with prospective foreign partners.
 - International Workshops – Meetings to identify common priorities and approaches for collaboration on specific well-defined research areas (funding for international conferences is not allowed).

Dr. Robin will give a public lecture on Sept. 11th titled “Supporting International Collaborations for U.S. Researchers at the National Science Foundation” from 3:00-4:00 pm in the San Juan room in Corbett. If you cannot make the public lecture, individual or group appointments can be made by calling Bertha at 646-4528.

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS RELEASED THE BEGINNING OF EACH MONTH. THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF NEWS ITEMS IS THE 25TH OF EACH MONTH. PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS WHICH ARE PLANNED AND/OR ARE SCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. THIS NEWSLETTER IS INTENDED TO SHARE INFORMATION AND TO INFORM OTHERS ON CAMPUS OF UPCOMING AND PENDING ACTIVITIES, TRAVEL, VISITORS ON CAMPUS, ETC. FOR THIS REASON, ITEMS WHICH ARE SUBMITTED FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE WILL ONLY BE UTILIZED IF THEY HAVE SOME RELEVANCE TO FUTURE ACTIVITIES. PLEASE MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO CIP-ADM@NMSU.EDU. IF YOU WISH TO REVIEW OLD ISSUES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS ISSUES FOR THE LAST 12 MONTHS CAN BE FOUND ON THIS SITE.

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