COIL Engagement by Robert Carolin, Associate Dean, Global Programs & Services

As efforts to combat COVID-19 continue to progress, a discussion surrounding future international engagement is taking place on many campuses. Collaborative Online International Engagement is a term coined in 2006 by SUNY to codify the many aspects of engagement in an online format. Since last year, CSUSM has been proud to launch a number of activities that pay tribute to this effort. Below are just a few examples of how faculty are continuing to remain engaged with colleagues abroad.

School of Education: Professors Ana Hernandez, Ingrid Flores, Christiane Wood, Xochitl Archey and their teacher candidates worked with K-12 educators in Paraguay, Guatemala and Belarus to offer resources, teaching strategies, and best practices through Zoom. The projects’ outcomes were enormously popular and provided “virtual” hands-on learning for everyone involved.

CHABSS: In Fall 2020, Dr. Kimber Quinney in History received a faculty fellowship from the American Higher Education Alliance (AHEA) to collaborate on and co-teach a Virtual Exchange module in Spring 2021. Quinney was paired with Prof. Alessandro Quarenghi at the Università Cattolica de Sacro Cuore in Milan to develop a ten-week Virtual Exchange Module titled “The International System and the Transformation of Democracy in the 21st Century.” Their virtual exchange brought together approximately 90 students from their respective courses in the United States (History of U.S. Foreign Policy) and Italy (International Relations).

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Faculty News

Elvis Nshom, Assistant Professor of Communications in CHABSS has worked with colleagues in calling together our faculty who identify themselves as international. Elvis and others saw a need to help new international faculty tap into the various resources that CSUSM has on offer and to provide support for their particular needs. From their suggestions and feedback, GPS put together a Visiting Scholar and International Faculty Handbook to help those individuals with their basic questions upon arrival.

Elvis coordinates the International Faculty Working Group (IFWG) which has as aims: (1) To support the university to better support international faculty (2) To create an opportunity for international faculty to socialize, network and support each other and (3) To showcase and highlight the diversity international faculty represent in the University.

For additional information please contact Elvis Nshom (enshom@csusm.edu) for further information and events.

Funding


The Institute of International Education (IIE) is sponsoring funding opportunities for faculty grants, student mobility to/from China through May 2022. Award details can be found at: https://www.iie.org/CUSP

ERASMUS Plus Funding (Spain)

In partnership with Universidad de Valladolid in Spain, CSUSM has been selected to participate in collaborative grant funding for student/faculty mobility awards. Four grants for CSUSM and four for Valladolid will be offered in the 2021-22 academic year. Details on areas of interest can be found by contacting GPS.

Council of American Overseas Research Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

CAORC offers two fellowship programs, the NEH Senior Research Fellowship and Multi-Country Research Fellowship, which enable fellows to visit and carry out research within CAORC’s network of Overseas Research Centers (ORCs).

In addition, each ORC offers fellowships and grant opportunities specific to its region. Visit the ORC Fellowships & Grants page for more information on opportunities within the ORC network.

Department of Education Funding Opportunities

Deadline: Varies

DOE offers ongoing funding opportunities for faculty to enhance their teaching and research efforts. As the grant awards continually change, it is best to bookmark the following and check back frequently.

https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps/index.html#programs

Articles

How The Education Industry Can Make Global Experiences Accessible To Students (Forbes Magazine)

A Time for Innovation in International HE post-COVID-19, by Roger Chao Jr.

Teaching Across Borders, by various authors, The Times Higher Education

UNESCO’s Sustainable Development Goals and Int’l University Presidents’ Commitments - University World News - Brendan O’Malley

EVENTS CALENDAR Cont’d

• Ongoing: Winning Contracts with the World Bank Presentation (Contact GPS for details)

• Ongoing: Hosting Visiting Faculty Fulbrighters

Have something to share?

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