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Dr. Darla K. Deardorff, Executive Director of the Association of International Education Administrators and Duke Research Scholar Receives Martha Fitch Trigonis Individual Award at 2017 N.C. Association for International Educators (NCAIE) Annual Conference

Durham, NC: Dr. Darla K. Deardorff, Executive Director of the Association of International Education Administrators and Duke Research Scholar received the Martha Fitch Trigonis Individual Award at Recent N.C. Association for International Educators (NCAIE) Annual Conference earlier this month.

The Martha Fitch Trigonis Individual Award is presented annually to an individual who has shown remarkable excellence in the field of international education. Those who have received the award in the past have made contributions at the state level and beyond.

Allegra Laing, current NCAIE Chair, said “We are pleased to present the Martha Fitch Trigonis Individual Award to Dr. Deardorff. Darla is worthy of this award not just because of her status as an expert in this field, but because through both her work and her interactions with others, she constantly brings to the forefront the ‘why’ of international education. Her work serves to bring the core values of the field to the center of our work.”

Among Deardorff’s accomplishments recognized at the awards include her numerous books and publications that have become seminal works in the field of international education, along with her leadership at multiple levels in the international education field including elected national leadership positions at NAFSA (the largest professional development organization in the field); her previous service on the NCAIE board; and her current leadership as Executive Director of the Association of International Education Administrators. She is also the founder of ICC Global, a research network on intercultural competence.

Under her leadership of the Association of International Education Administrators, the membership as well as conference attendance has more than tripled, and since AIEA’s arrival at Duke University, Duke has been honored for its internationalization by awards from the Institute for International Education, NAFSA--The International Education Association, and the North Carolina Association of International Educators.



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Beyond what can be enumerated on her extensive CV, Deardorff embodies the wider goals of international education through bringing her expertise on intercultural competence both to the field of international education, as well as expanding the values and knowledge to the wider community outside of higher education through advising organizations such as the U.S. Peace Corps, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the United Nations.

While Deardorff promotes international education as an invited speaker at conferences around the world, she remains committed to the state of North Carolina. She contributes her expertise to Duke University through her involvement with Duke's Bass Connections, her leadership of the Intercultural Learner Initiative, and her guest lectures and talks in numerous venues throughout Duke and beyond. Whether teaching at colleges and universities; presenting at local, national, or international conferences; or teaching and consulting on internationalization, intercultural competence, and assessment, she exemplifies the criteria for this award.

Many congratulations to Dr. Darla K. Deardorff on this well-deserved honor.

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. AIEA is currently hosted by Duke University's Center for International and Global Studies. To find out more, please visit www.aieaworld.org

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