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Board Votes Unanimously to Grow the Endowment

Russell and Sessions: First Elected Officials

Members of the Center's Professional Advisory Board have unanimously voted to grow the endowment, and to also require all members of the Board to contribute annually. The endowment, funded by the Victoria Ann and Gerald H. Read's generous gifts, provided adequate support for the Center's previous work. However, with the growth of importance of internationalization of Kent State and to increase opportunity for meaningful global impact, the Board sees the need to increase the endowment in support of the Center's new mission, *"We serve as a catalyst for the advancement of international and intercultural education."*

For the past decade, the Center has been served informally by a Professional Advisory Board, an external board of international educators and representatives from strategic partners from around the world. Now the Board has adopted formal by-laws, structure, and elected officials. Congratulations are extended to **Valdez Russell**, Chair, and **Doug Session**, Vice Chair. **Russell** is an independent consultant from The Bahamas, and **Sessions** is the Executive Director of International Studies School Network for the Asia Society.

Board Members and their affiliations contribute wider vision to the Center, increase our network throughout the world, and deepens our understanding of the best practices and challenges in internationalization of education globally at all levels.

International Board members include **Mary Jean Gallagher**; former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Student Achievement, Ontario (Canada) Ministry of Education; **Shonal Agarwal**, Chapters India (teacher development workshops worldwide), **Christine Arabin Ozarlan**, President, Bridges Academy Istanbul; and **Batt Burns**, professional story teller and travel professional.



Experts from across the United States include **Dr. J. James Jacob**, Professor at University of Pittsburg and Historian for the world Council of Comparative Educational Societies; **Dr. William Hiller**, Executive to the President, Lakeland Community College; **Kate Kuhn**, Teacher Education of International Baccalaureate (IB); **Dr. Bahira Trask**, Professor of Human Development at the University of Delaware; **Dr. Sharon Brennan**, Professor at the University of Kentucky also the official representative from the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching.

Faculty Advisory Council Provides Communication Link to Schools

In addition to awarding graduate students and faculty travel awards, determining themes for the Gerald H. Read Distinguished Lecture Series, holding book reads and discussions about global problems like poverty, the Faculty Advisory Council's most important role is to serve as a communication link to the various programs and schools in EHHS. Your representative to this Faculty Advisory Council can share your ideas or concerns to the group as well. Different schools name the representatives differently—some are volunteers, some are elected, some are appointed. However, the Center is grateful for the services of the following as the 2015-2016 FAC members:

TLC: **Marty Lash & Monica Miller Marsh**

FLA: **Jay lee, Brian Yim & Vilma Seeberg**

LDES: **Marty Jencius, Chia Ling Kuo &**

Maureen Blankemeyer

HS: **Anna Schmidt, Lisa Audet & Kele Ding,**

Serving You



Refugee: Journey from Despair to HOPE drew large crowd during International Education Week. Maureen BLANKEMEYER studies one of the 30 panels. Did this installation peak your interest in refugees? This year's National Teacher of the Year is **Shanna Peebles**, and she teaches refugee children in Amarillo TX. Peebles delivers a READ Distinguished Lecture on February 17th.

Mark you calendar's now.

\$500 CIIE TRAVEL AWARDS:

Graduate Student and Faculty

Fall 2015 awards, **Mayagul Satlykgylyjova** was awarded \$100 for support to dissertation research on Central Asian women's identity transformation, and \$400 was awarded to **Shujuan Lu** for her dissertation research on young migrant women in Western China.

Tim Rasinski was awarded the \$500 travel award to help offset costs for his work with the Reading Association of The Philippines at the Philippines Normal University.

Each semester CIIE awards one \$500 travel award to a graduate student and a faculty. To apply send an email to lfrobert@kent.edu describing your international project, the budget needed to accomplish it, other means of funding the project, and how this international activity fits into your line of inquiry/research interests.

