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Antioch University Los Angeles Faculty Member Receives Fulbright Award

J. Cynthia McDermott, Ed.D., to teach and train on civic engagement in Bosnia and Herzegovina

CULVER CITY, CA – March 30, 2010 – Antioch University Los Angeles is exceptionally proud to announce that Education program chair J. Cynthia McDermott, Ed.D. has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to do research in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the 2010/2011 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Dr. McDermott will be teaching courses designed to demonstrate civic skills and practices, create “train the trainer” models to help strengthen existing expertise in democratic processes, and work in partnership with in-country participants to develop curriculum and encourage writing related to civic engagement.

“My goal throughout my career has been to encourage educators to create democratic classrooms which support civic engagement” adds Dr. McDermott. “Democratic teaching processes are the heart of civic education, which has as its goal to teach learning activities that encourage involvement in the community in order to enhance the quality of civic life.”

Dr. McDermott is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has provided approximately 294,000 people - 108,160 Americans who have studied, taught or researched abroad and 178,340 students, scholars and teachers from other countries who have engaged in similar activities in the United States - with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

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For over 35 years, Antioch University Los Angeles (AULA) has proudly and consistently challenged educational conventions to inspire learning and leadership that promotes service to community and positive social change. In addition to a liberal arts undergraduate degree completion program, AULA offers graduate degree programs in clinical psychology, creative writing, teacher credentialing, education and organizational management. Antioch University Los Angeles was recently named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. More information can be found online at www.AntiochLA.edu