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Dr. Neal King Appointed to Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace
President of Antioch University Los Angeles invited to join prestigious IAUP/UN commission

CULVER CITY, CA – November 6, 2009 – Antioch University Los Angeles today announced President Neal King, Ph.D has been invited to become a commission member of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) and United Nation’s Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace.

The IAUP/UN Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace was founded in 1990 as a joint commission between the International Association of University Presidents and the United Nations Department of Disarmament Affairs. The Commission cites its overall mission is to ‘promote peace in our global society; to promote a more equal distribution of wealth and social conditions; and to promote tolerance, mutual understanding, and respect.’ Commission members consist of representatives from colleges and universities from around the globe.

Of the commission’s work, Chair Sister Francesca Onley, CSFN, PhD has stated “It is crucial that the IAUP/UN Commission continue to promote the participation of peace in higher education and across the globe. Given the world situation, the escalating conflicts around the globe, education for peace is essential for the future.”

Dr. Neal King has been President of Antioch University Los Angeles since 2007. He originally joined the Antioch University system in the fall of 2004 and has served the institution in a variety of different capacities including Dean and interim President of Antioch University New England, as well as Dean and Provost of Antioch University Los Angeles.

A psychologist by training and a pacifist by nature, Dr. King completed his graduate study at UC Berkeley, and was a psychologist in private practice in Northern California for fourteen years. Prior to joining the Antioch family, he served in a variety of faculty and administrative positions in non-profit, public and private for-profit and state settings. He has previously been a high school English teacher and counselor in Northern California, London, Laos and Algeria.

On his appointment, Dr. King stated “I’m deeply honored to be asked to join this commission, whose work is very consistent with my personal values as a life-long pacifist and with the values of Antioch University which seeks to prepare our graduates as global citizens affecting social change both locally and internationally.”

Antioch University Los Angeles provides rigorous progressive education to prepare students for the complexities of today’s diverse societies. Combining dynamic scholarship and creative endeavor with experiential learning and reflective practice, AULA fosters personal and collective agency, global citizenship, and socially conscious leadership.

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Additional information on Antioch University Los Angeles can be found online at www.AntiochLA.edu.

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Antioch University is founded on the principles of a rigorous liberal arts education, innovative experiential learning and socially engaged citizenship. These campuses all nurture in their students the knowledge, skills and habits of reflection to act as lifelong learners, democratic leaders and global citizens who live lives of meaning and purpose. Antioch University is comprised of five nonresidential campuses in Keene, NH; Yellow Springs, OH; Seattle, WA and Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, CA.

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 Higher Learning Commission and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. More information can be found online at www.AntiochLA.edu