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Quick Facts

- The AIEA Neal Presidential Fellows program offers mentorship opportunities for new senior international officers, pairing them with a seasoned professional in the area.
- Poole joined Winthrop's International Center in August 2013.



Leigh Poole

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — The [Association of International Education Administrators \(AIEA\)](#) has selected Winthrop University's **Leigh Poole** as one of its four **2014-15 class of Neal Presidential Fellows**.

As director of [Winthrop's International Center](#), Poole's prestigious fellowship brings national recognition to the university's commitment to global education and learning, which she called an honor.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with Dr. Susan Buck Sutton as my mentor and to use this experience to further support the internationalization of Winthrop University," she said.

The AIEA Neal Presidential Fellows program offers mentorship opportunities for new senior international officers, pairing them with a seasoned professional in the area. Poole's mentor is Susan Buck Sutton, senior advisor for international initiatives in the Office of the President at Bryn Mawr College and emerita associate vice president of international affairs as well as emerita chancellor's professor of anthropology for Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

During the year-long fellowship, Poole will continue her role at Winthrop as well as spend a week at Bryn Mawr, where she will:

- Explore effective philosophies and methods related to leadership in higher education;
- Research and assess various internationalization strategies; and
- Investigate successful policies related to international partnerships with overseas institutions and organizations.

Before her visit to Bryn Mawr she will work with Sutton to outline a plan of action with targeted objectives and areas of observation related to serving as Winthrop's senior international officer and comprehensive internationalization. The year's work will also focus on the impact of national and international issues on higher education institutions—all in order to better serve and support the Winthrop campus.

Other AIEA winners this year are Sharon Nagy from Clemson University; Barbara Simmons from William V.S. Tubman University; and Hong Yang from Bryan University.

Poole joined Winthrop's International Center in August 2013. She also serves as an assistant professor in University College and received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

For more information on the International Center, visit the website or e-mail Poole at poolela@winthrop.edu.

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