# OREGON BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG EXCHANGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE



Delegates from the State of Oregon



### **CAINE FRANCIS**

### Director, Office of Global Opportunities (OSU GO) and IE3 Global



As Director of OSU GO and IE3 Global, Caine Francis leads efforts to increase access to education abroad for all students. He first joined OSU GO in 2015 as the Senior International Programs Consultant, leading the team of International Program Consultants in supporting academic advisors, faculty, and international coordinators at the college and department level to increase student participation in education abroad. He develops

systems, policies, and procedures to improve best practices in curriculum integration and outbound program development. Prior to joining OSU GO, Caine served as the International Programs Coordinator in both the OSU College of Engineering (2011-2015) and the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland College Park (2008-2011). He has significant experience in outbound program development, faculty training and support, and systems for curriculum integration. With an MS in Applied Anthropology, he brings cultural perspectives and methodology to the work of creating processes and systems to internationalize higher education.

### **KEVIN BAILEY**

### Program Coordinator, Office of Global Opportunities (OSU GO) and IE3 Global



Since Kevin Bailey joined OSU GO and IE3 Global in 2016, he works vigorously to promote and administer the Baden-Württemberg Exchange. The positive collaboration between Kevin and faculty/staff at Oregon universities has led to increasing enrollments in the Exchange. Kevin developed the "Exploregon" Orientation Program for incoming German students, to showcase Oregon's unique, diverse beauty. Incoming students from BW

who study in Oregon enjoy a week of beach camping, waterfalls, and white water rafting on Oregon's rivers. Kevin also coordinates OSU/IE3 Global programs in Australia, Ireland, and the UK. Before his work with OSU and IE3 Global, Kevin lived in Salzburg and worked as Vice Director of an American study abroad program, for which he managed pedagogy, faculty, a renaissance Schlößl, and countless students. Kevin holds two Master's Degrees, in University Administration and in Teaching. Looking forward, Kevin is eager to strategize and seek ways to maintain the strong relationship between Oregon and Baden-Württemberg, for at least another 50 years.

### Recognizing 50 years of successful partnership...

### DEAR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS IN BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG,

On behalf of the Oregon delegation we offer our gratitude for 50 years of fruitful partnership and collaboration as part of the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg Exchange Program.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to share this celebration with our friends and colleagues in Baden-Württemberg during the week of June 24-30. To have the opportunity to visit several of your universities and the beautiful locations in which they reside is an experience we will remember for years to come.

This anniversary is an ideal time to celebrate our oldest and closest international partnership and explore new opportunities for scholarly and economic collaboration. It is also a time to address some of the challenges we face in the state of Oregon and how this partnership could provide ways to tackle those challenges in the years to come. We are hopeful that in another 50 years there will be a joyful 100th year Jubilee Celebration of our continued connection and exchange.

Let me express our deepest gratitude to our German partners for organizing and hosting us for this celebration. We look forward to hosting you in a few years in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Ray, President Oregon State University



### **SUMMARY**

The Oregon/BW exchange program is a statewide, cooperative exchange program that in the last 50 years has provided more than 1,600 Oregon students access to a transformative education abroad experience in Germany. Based on the reciprocal nature of the program, OSU estimates that more than 3,200 students in total have participated in the program.

The Oregon-BW agreement was the first "state to state" agreement for BW (there are now others with the Cal State System, Massachusetts, etc.) and remains a hallmark of their world-renowned internationalization efforts. The reciprocal nature of the program has been foundational to the collaboration, with BW students receiving tuition remission scholarships and exchange students from Oregon benefitting from monthly stipends provided by the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts.

### **HISTORY**

The first cooperation and exchange between Oregon and Baden-Württemberg institutions of higher education began in 1968 on the initiative of Professor Fritz Leonhardt (Rector, Stuttgart University, 1967-69) and Professor Gordon Gilkey (former Art Department Chair and Dean of Liberal Arts Program at Oregon State University). A bilateral partnership between Stuttgart University and Oregon State University was founded. Partnerships with Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen and other Baden-Württemberg universities followed as well as negotiations with University of Oregon and Portland State University

as additional partners in Oregon. During the following years the smaller Oregon universities (Eastern Oregon University, Western Oregon University and Southern Oregon University) were added as partners in the exchange program.

The Oregon Study Center (OSCG) was established to coordinate the exchange program in Baden-Württemberg and provides support to Oregon and BW students. It was located and hosted at Stuttgart University until 2002, and then moved to Eberhard-Karls-University Tübingen where it is still currently located. The Oregon Study Center is currently staffed by Resident Director Silvia Kunze-Ritter.

### **AWARDS**

In 2002, the Oregon/BW exchange program was awarded the Cooperation Prize from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The program was honored as a "flagship of state to state cooperation."

### DR. SUSAN CAPALBO

Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Interim Senior International Officer



Susan Capalbo is Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, member of the Provost's Executive Committee, and Professor of Applied Economics. She is charged with advancing the University's goal to attract, retain and support an academically outstanding and diverse faculty. In that capacity, she oversees the development of academic policies and procedures, University-level promotion and tenure review, faculty awards

and recognition programs, diverse faculty and dual career hiring programs, faculty leadership development programs, and faculty personnel matters that rise to the University level. She is also currently responsible for the University's accreditation, is serving as the University's interim Senior International Officer, and coordinates with the deans and other colleagues in the recruitment of reputational faculty. In her role as Senior Vice Provost, Susan assists the Provost in developing and executing the shared work plan of the Provost's Executive Committee, chairs the Provost's Executive Committee and Provost's Council of Deans in the Provost's absence, represents the Provost at the Faculty Senate when necessary, and leads the development of the University's next strategic plan. Susan earned her PhD in agricultural economics at the University of California-Davis, her BS and MS in resource economics at the University of Rhode Island. She is a former Head of the Department of Applied Economics at OSU and has held appointments at Montana State University and Columbia University.

## **GIGI BRUCE**Special Assistant to the Provost



In her role as Special Assistant to the Provost and member of the Provost's Executive Committee and the Provost's Senior Leadership Team, Gigi Bruce supports the Provost on major strategic and administrative initiatives, works with senior university administrators and other colleagues across the University to make effective use of the Provost's time, coordinates the Provost's office work plan and agendas and oversees project management to advance the Provost's

priorities. She manages senior leadership searches, serves as administrative and business manager of the Office of the Provost, and oversees engagement and communications. She serves as Secretary to the INTO OSU Joint Venture Board and as part of the Senior International Officer's team to advance the internationalization goals of the University. Gigi has a nearly 30 year career in higher education, serving three provosts and a president, and over fifteen years as a Faculty Senator.

### **OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY**

### DR. EDWARD J. RAY

President, Oregon State University



Under the leadership of President Edward Ray, OSU has completed and updated a visionary campus-wide strategic plan that has served as the framework for the university's development in profound and historic ways. Annual research awards and contracts have increased substantially and totaled \$441 million in fiscal year 2017, reaching the highest level ever at OSU. President Ray partnered with the OSU Foundation to

launch the university's first comprehensive fundraising campaign. The public phase launched in October 2007 with an initial goal of \$625 million. By the end of the Campaign for OSU on December 31, 2014, its total reached \$1.14 billion, including nearly \$189 million for scholarships and fellowships, 79 newly endowed faculty positions, and funding for key scientific and learning facilities.

Mindful of OSU's commitment to the people of Oregon, Dr. Ray has overseen the expansion of dual-enrollment agreements to all 17 of the state's community colleges, making it easier for students to complete four-year degrees. He has also taken a leadership role in fostering a more seamless P-20 system, working with area school superintendents, community college leaders and university colleagues to strengthen institutional connections and enhance the student experience. Dr. Ray has also helped to usher in a new era of cooperation between Oregon's public universities.

### DR. JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Chief Assistant to the President & Assistant Secretary to the Board



Jennifer Almquist is Chief Assistant to the President and Assistant Secretary of the Board at Oregon State University. She facilitates the work of the Office of the President, including interacting with the broad university community and serving as a key interface between the office and external constituents. In this role, Jennifer also provides strategic advice and support to the President to advance presidential priorities and university

goals. In her role as Assistant Board Secretary, she works as a member of the Office of the Board of Trustees to provide operational assistance in support of the work of the board and its committees. Since 2007, Jennifer has held a number of positions at the university, including project manager on a \$3.5 million grant funded as part of the National Science Foundation's ADVANCE program and Associate Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion. She received her undergraduate degree, MA, and PhD from Oregon State University.

### MEMBERS OF THE EXCHANGE CONSORTIA

### **OREGON UNIVERSITIES**

Eastern Oregon University

Oregon Institute of Technology

Oregon State University

Portland State University

Southern Oregon University

University of Oregon

Western Oregon University

Pacific University (private)

Willamette University (private)

### BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG UNIVERSITIES

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg

Universität Hohenheim

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Universität Konstanz

Universität Mannheim

Universität Stuttgart

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

Universität Ulm





# OREGON STUDENTS TO BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG BY INSTITUTION: 1968 - PRESENT

# HOME UNIVERSITY NUMBER OF STUDENTS 1968 TO PRESENT Eastern Oregon University Oregon Institute of Technology 1

Oregon State University 431 Pacific University 16 Portland State University 288 Reed College 2 Southern Oregon University 65 University of Oregon 748 Western Oregon University 41 Willamette University 33

Grand Total 1,655

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### **EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY**

### **DR. PETER GEISSINGER**

Dean, College of Science Technology Mathematics and Health Science Oregon/Baden-Württemberg Exchange Alumnus



Dr. Peter Geissinger is dean of EOU's newly created College of Science, Technology, Mathematics and Health Sciences. He brings experience as a tenured faculty member and department chair. He contributes to establishing EOU as a leader and partner in rural communities through interdisciplinary projects. Projects will incorporate a range of disciplines to promote prosperity and resilience in the region. He believes that as programs work more closely with one another, students will

have greater opportunity to engage in high-impact, experiential learning activities. Fusing curriculums through meaningful internships, research projects or service-learning programs encourages students to solve real-world problems with diverse teams.

Peter fell head-over-heels for Oregon and the Grande Ronde Valley when he was a 24-year-old exchange student, through the Oregon/Baden-Württemberg Program. While on the Program, he met his wife, to whom he has been married for 28 years.

### **UNIVERSITY OF OREGON**

### DR. DOROTHEE OSTMEIER

Professor and Department Head, Department of German and Scandinavian



Dorothee Ostmeier is Head of the Department of German and Scandinavian and a professor of German and Folklore. She also serves as Affiliated Faculty of Comparative Literature, Women and Gender Studies, and the Center for the Studies of Women in Society (CSWS). Ostmeier's research and teaching focuses on the borders between German literatures, culture, and philosophies of the 18th to the 21st centuries. From Fall 2002 to

2012, Ostmeier acted as Director of Graduate Studies, and from 2012-2014, she was elected as College of Arts' and Sciences' representative on UO's Graduate Council. She has served as a member of the Advisory Board of the Oregon Humanities Center, and as Humanities Representative on Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committees. Ostmeier has initiated, and for many years co-organized the German outreach program to public schools, the manifold activities of the Healing Arts Research Interest Group at CSWS, GERSCAN's SAIL summer program, and engaged in the manifold discussions of the UO Language Councils (CAS and OIA). As Head of GERSCAN she has collaborated across campus on revitalizing the language studies and cross-disciplinary lecture and exhibition events.

### PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

### DR. RAHMAT SHOURESHI

President, Portland State University



Dr. Rahmat Shoureshi (pronounced Shoe-re-she) is an experienced administrator and innovative academic who considers his work with students his greatest accomplishment. Shoureshi brings to PSU nearly four decades of academic experience, a record of expanding research opportunities, and a history of inspiring faculty collaboration. Shoureshi is a mechanical engineer who earned a master's degree and

a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is an expert in automation, control systems design, and artificial intelligence; holds nine U.S. patents for biomedical and engineering systems, sensors and devices; and has authored more than 250 technical publications. Shoureshi says PSU's commitment to diversity, civic engagement and innovation persuaded him to join PSU after six years as provost and interim president of the New York Institute of Technology.

### **JENNIFER HAMLOW**

Director, Education Abroad



As Director of Education Abroad, Jen works with PSU faculty looking to develop short-term international programming, as well as with the entire advising staff to ensure quality international education abroad opportunities for the PSU community. Jen began her love of international education in high school, where she participated in the German American Partnership Program exchange. During her undergraduate

studies, Jen studied in Freiburg, Germany, focusing on German language acquisition and intercultural communication studies. Later, she received a Fulbright Scholarship to study Intercultural Communications in Salzburg, Austria for the year, then taught English in Vienna. After returning to the States, Jen worked at the Institute for the International Education of Students in Chicago before returning to her native city of Portland, eventually joining PSU.