

Stockton Professor Earns Fulbright Award

Dr. Robert Nichols Wins 4th Fulbright; Will Work With University in Pakistan

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Galloway, NJ – Dr. Robert Nichols, professor of Historical Studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, has been awarded a Fulbright grant – his fourth - to help Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad, Pakistan develop an American studies graduate degree program.

"Dr. Nichols exemplifies the College's commitment to global perspectives, which are one of the cornerstones of a Stockton education and a hallmark of the Stockton faculty," said President Herman J. Saatkamp.

"We congratulate Rob on his fourth Fulbright, which just shows how distinctive he is," President Saatkamp said.

Dr. Nichols, a Stockton professor since 2000, is a specialist in the political, social, economic and cultural histories of Pakistan, South Asia and Afghanistan. His 30-day Fulbright Specialist grant in Pakistan will run from mid-August to mid-September 2013.

"I have been invited by the Area Studies Center of Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan to meet with the faculty and students of their long-established American Studies graduate degree program to discuss American Studies as taught at Stockton, to compare American Studies courses as taught in the United States and at their Center, and to confer about curriculum development opportunities as they expand and diversify their course offerings," Dr. Nichols said Friday.

"I have previously done research and lectured in Islamabad and around Pakistan and have specifically worked with colleagues at the Area Studies Center. These connections have led to the current grant."

Other Stockton faculty members have won Fulbrights over the years, including most recently, Dr. Joseph Lema, associate professor of Hospitality & Tourism Management. Dr. Lema's Fulbright took him to the Republic of the Maldives in 2012, where he worked in cooperation with the Maldives College of Higher Education, the Ministry of Human Resources, the Ministry of Tourism Arts and Culture, and various stakeholders in the resort industry.

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